

# Christ the King Community Church

An ecumenical congregation within  
Walton Churches Partnership

CtK WEBSITE  
[christthekingmk.co.uk](http://christthekingmk.co.uk)

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## CtK Connect

Friday 8th January 2021

### Sunday Services at Christ the King Church

The Stewards and Ruth have agreed that we will pause holding Sunday services in the building for now. This isn't a decision we have taken lightly, but we think it is right to be cautious about holding services in the building at the moment. This will give us chance to re-look at how we can safely manage services in the light of the new COVID strain, and the numbers of people who have COVID in MK at the moment.

Our online services will continue each week at 10.30am. Please let Ruth know if you would like some help in accessing them (I might not be able to help you, but I know a few people who can!)

We hope it will not be too long before we can restart meeting at the building again – let us continue to pray that cases and infection rates start to go down, not just here in MK but throughout our country and world.

And, by the way, thanks to Liz and Jenny Doyle for clearing away all the Christmas decorations (and to Mike for doing the hoovering!).

### Rev Ruth on leave

Please note that Rev Ruth is on leave next week (January 11th–17th). If you have anything urgent then please contact Ros Bird or another of the Stewards.

### Congregational Meeting

Our next Zoom Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday 31st January at 11.15am (after the online service). At this we will be particularly considering what other activities and things we might organise now we are in another period of lockdown. Please think and pray about this and do contact the Stewards with any ideas you have.

### CtK Connect

*CtK Connect* is both to provide information about CtK Community Church activities and to allow us to share news and encourage each other. **Do let me know if you want to be added to the mailing list and send me anything that you would like to share with others in our church.** Each edition will be e-mailed ahead of the online Sunday message and prayers. Send any contribution to: [stephen.potter@open.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.potter@open.ac.uk)

### Services and Events

#### Online Sunday message



10.30am this Sunday. To view, go to:

[www.facebook.com/CtKKentsHill](https://www.facebook.com/CtKKentsHill)

where you can also view previous messages. This is separate to our general Facebook site so that all can access it.

#### Coffee Morning



There will be a Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.15am after the morning services.

Ruth will have sent out a separate invite for this by email.

If you would be willing read the Bible passage for the Sunday message or record some intercessions, then please let Ruth know. If you don't want to come up with your own intercessions, Ruth will even give you some to read out!

Pictures to use in the service would also be most welcome.

## Conundrum time

The answer to Stephanie's conundrum was that the man knew it was the same bowl of soup as he had sprinkled some pepper on the soup before spotting the floating fly and the pepper was still there.

**This week's is from Dan:**

**Complete the last three in each Sequence**

**J,F,M,A,M,J,J,A,S,?,?,?**

**T,N,E,S,S,F,F,?,?,?**

**P,T,F,C,G,G,S,M,L,?,?,?**

## Church matters

### Walton Churches Partnership

There was a Walton Churches Partnership meeting on Thursday. It was encouraging to hear from our other congregations how people are contributing to the online services and activities.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is coming up soon (January 18th –25th) and we will need to do things differently this year (last year we had a dance and live band!!). There will be daily online prayers made available to all congregations and a quiz night is planned for the evening of 29th January. More details to follow.

### CtK Finances

Ros Bateman has reported that our finances are in a much better state than thought earlier. This is largely due to a number of people who have given special gifts, for which we are very thankful indeed. More details will be provided at the Congregational Meeting at the end of January.

A number of those who had previously given through cash into the collection bag at services and have contacted our Treasurer, Ros Bateman, to give in another way.

If you also wish to do this, please contact Ros. Her email is: [rosalind.bateman@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalind.bateman@btinternet.com)

## What shall we tell the kids?

In February, MK Mission Partnership is running one of its Compass Courses on the subject of how we share our faith with our children. This is run by Carolyn Sanderson from All Saints' Church in our partnership.

For details see:

[coMPass | Milton Keynes Mission Partnership](#)

## Pastoral and practical help

Remember that during lockdown (or at any time), if anyone has a pressing pastoral need, please get in touch with Rev Ruth or Ros Bird.

The church also has a Fellowship Fund for anyone facing financial difficulties of any sort. This is ringfenced separate from our other finances and funds are available. If you wish to speak confidentially about this please contact Rev. Ruth.

We also have helpers who can run errands for others. Drop Lynn an email or call and she will find someone to help you.

## New Year Thought

Here's a New Year thought from Gavin Calver at the Evangelical Alliance:

*Happy New Year! Together, may we step forward into 2021 with an attitude of prayer, realism and hope.*

*It's a tough season for each one of us as all nations of the UK have either continued in or re-entered a lockdown. But, right now, why not choose to remember the examples in your life, including in the last year, when you have experienced God's faithfulness, and make a resolution to talk about these in your witness to others?*

*There are so many questions, challenges and hurdles ahead. I'm reminded of what the Lord requires of me, and indeed all Christians in Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

*In God's strength, remembering God's faithfulness, we can do this friends.*

## Zoom Kids and Youth

Online Kids and Youth activities recommenced this week. If you want to find out more about these, contact Dan Jenkins or Rev Matt Trendall - [matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com](mailto:matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com)

