

# CtK Connect

Thursday 1st January 2026

## This week at Christ the King

### FRIDAY

2.00-3.30pm: New Year social afternoon gathering in the Narthex

7.00pm: Our online Alpha course meets

The Zoom link is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957901307?  
pwd=bjhndkliOG0rNW9wMHc5VHYYUC84Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957901307?pwd=bjhndkliOG0rNW9wMHc5VHYYUC84Zz09)

Meeting ID: 889 5790 1307 Passcode: 675101

### SUNDAY

Pastor Ian will lead our communion and Methodist Covenant service at 9.30am, drawing upon Matthew 2: 13-18

At 8.15pm on Zoom there is the **Pastor's Chat and Pray**. The Zoom Meeting ID is 889 5790 1307 and the passcode: 675101.

### TUESDAY

Our **Renew Café** meets in the Community Centre Hall from 9.30—11.30am. Free refreshments, chat, magazines and the odd jigsaw puzzle to amuse.



### WEDNESDAY

Our **Life Groups** meets in the Narthex at 10.00am and 7.00pm

### FRIDAY

**Relax Teens** meet in the Narthex from 7.00-9.00pm



### NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Ian will start a new sermon series, exploring the book of Ezekiel. This week it will be Ezekiel 15—*The useless vine*. There will also be a Prayer Half-Hour at 11.00 in the Community Centre Hall.

## Taking down the Christmas decorations

We will be taking down to Christmas decorations this Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm. If anyone can come along to help, please do so.

## New to Christ the King?

Are you new to CtK? If you want to know more about us and how to get more involved in the life of our congregation, please speak to the service leader or welcoming people and give us a way to contact you. Otherwise email [christthekingmk@live.co.uk](mailto:christthekingmk@live.co.uk) and one of our Stewards will be in touch.

## Sunday Services



Our regular Sunday service at Christ the King is at 9.30am. There are activities for children and we also have after-service refreshments.

An audio version of our Sunday service is available from Sunday evening at: [Christ The King MK](https://www.facebook.com/Christ-The-King-MK) or search on Facebook.

If you wish to donate to the work of our church and don't do this otherwise, there is a card/device reader and collection box by the door at the back of the church area. For online donations see the *Finance Matters* panel at the bottom of the next page.

## Church Contacts

For **pastoral matters** contact our pastor, Ian Pearce, on 07719 968 356 (email [ipearce@live.com](mailto:ipearce@live.com)). Note that Ian's days off are Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Saturday.

For general church enquiries contact Steve Potter on 0777 985 4597

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Or use this QR code:

## Parking

Please don't park in front of the shop by the church.



## This week's verse and prayer

For 2026 we are starting a weekly series of a reflection and prayer based on a verse from the Bible.

### Week 1

Verse: Genesis 1:1 — “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Reflection: Every new beginning starts with God's power and purpose.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for new beginnings. Help me trust You as I step into this season. Amen.

## Monthly Prayer Half-Hour

The next meeting will be after the service on 11th January. This is open to everyone in the congregation and will be facilitated by Eric Wiffen.

## Flower arranger needed

The people who arrange church flowers need an extra person for their team. If you are interested in helping, please contact Liz Doyle at [lizdoyle52@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizdoyle52@hotmail.co.uk)

## Kents Hill Care Home Services

The next service for residents at Kents Hill Care Home will be on Thursday 15th January at 11.00am. If you are able, do come along and support this part of our ministry.

## Baptisms

Two people from our congregation will be baptised in our service on 25th January. If anyone else is contemplating being baptised, then please contact Pastor Ian to discuss this.



## 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. Each edition will be e-mailed ahead of the Sunday services. Send any contribution to: [potterstephen40@gmail.com](mailto:potterstephen40@gmail.com)

If you wish to unsubscribe from *CtK Connect* please send an email to [christthekingmk@live.co.uk](mailto:christthekingmk@live.co.uk)

## CtK Sunday Lunch Club

Our second monthly Sunday lunch at the Pearmtree Inn **will be held on Sunday 18th January at 12:30pm.** ([here's a link to the menu](#)). If the weather is good, this will be followed by a walk along the canal for whoever would like to. Everyone is welcome, please feel free to bring family and friends. If you would like to come, please speak to Catherine Hill or email Catherine at [chill273@gmail.com](mailto:chill273@gmail.com) to help booking. If transport is a problem, please let her know.

## Children and Youth Church arrangements

We are trying out a new arrangement for younger and older children during our morning services.

For children who have not started Reception year at school, if they wish, parents can take them into the Narthex to supervise their child while participating in the service, with the service sound fed via a speaker.

For school age children, our Children's Church will take place in the Community Centre Hall but there will be no Children's Church in services intended for all ages and the monthly communion service when they will stay in the main service.

For those of Senior School age they will have their own meeting at least monthly in the Community Centre Office.

## Walnut Tree Food Bank

Here is a list of suggested items for the Walnut Tree Food Bank:

Tins of meatballs, hotdogs, macaroni cheese and soup; White pasta (not wholemeal); Tomato ketchup, brown sauce and mayonnaise; Chocolate spread, jam, peanut butter; Multi-packs of sweets (to split up for children); Tea bags, coffee and Long life milk; Biscuits and breakfast cereals; Shower gel, deodorants, shampoo, wet wipes; Multi-purpose cleaner.

## Finance Matters

If you wish to arrange regular giving (standing order or cash) please contact our Treasurer Ros Bateman (email: [rosalind.bateman@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalind.bateman@btinternet.com))

We have a card reader in church and there is an [online giving page](#) This also provides an opportunity for those joining online to support us if they so wish. Do tick the **Gift Aid** box if appropriate.