## 24th March 2025

Deeper in our Devotion to God Closer in our Connections with One Another Further on our Frontlines with the Good News



Welcome to the Church of Christ the King - a community of disciples on an adventure together of becoming more like Jesus and helping others to do the same.

We are an Anglican Church and part of Peterborough Diocese.

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**Giving to the work of the church** – if you wish to give to the general work of the church, you can send something direct to our bank account. Sort Code 05-05-42 Account No. 48533833. If you want us to claim gift-aid, please add this in the description. **Planned giving** – if you are able to give regularly (tithe) you can set this up on-line using this link Kettering Christ the King - Parish Giving Scheme

Giving to our building project CtK: Beyond These Walls Information can be found HERE or contact Steve Atkins on 07968 989494 (sja1961@virginmedia.com) One-off donations to Sort Code 05-06-33, Account No 41060881, including your name & 'gift-aid' if appropriate. You can also give monthly specifically for the building project using this link Christ The King Building Fund - Parish Giving Scheme

Please continue to pray for all those who are unwell, bereaved, or in other need, and their families, including: Jill Denton's family, Gill and Adrian Weal, David Perrett, Mary Jones, Stewart and Carole Smith, Ray Smith, Les and Janet Stark, Maureen Waite, Louise Willis, Ian & Catriona Gelder.

#### Prayer at 7.45

Our weekly church prayer meeting takes place every Monday evening in the Worship Area. Everyone welcome.

# **Praying through our church family** You may like to pray for a different

person/ family each day:

- Chrissie Howell
- Chris Howes
- Sheila Howes
- Kevin Howlett
- Margaret Hughes
- Peter Hughes
- Hasan Huseyin
- Sarah Huseyin

# Services coming up this week

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**10am** Holy Communion

Sunday 30th March

**10am** Holy Communion Bible Passages: Luke 11:5-13, Ephesians 4:11-16

No Youth Life Group this Sunday 30th. Back on 6th April

Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves ... tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you. *Luke 10:3,9* 

## **Electoral Roll 2025**

Please look out for an email presenting the opportunity to sign up to the new electoral roll.

Only those on the electoral roll can vote at the APCM (12<sup>th</sup> May 2025), stand for election to the PCC, and/or as Churchwarden.

Please consider prayerfully whether God is calling you to engage as an active member in the life of our church.

Ideally the form should be completed and submitted on-line, but paper copies of the form will be available at the back of the worship area for the next 3 Sundays.

Deadline for completion and submission is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

#### Car parking on a Sunday

We aim to make everyone who comes to our church feel



welcome and completely at ease. This can start the moment they come up the church drive when they see a smiling face, in a hi-vis jacket, helping them to find somewhere to park. We need a few more volunteers who can join the team to share duty in the car park from 9.30am till around 10.10am. Please contact Andy Hotchin on facilities@ctk.org.uk if you can help.

## **Mission Partners - Open Doors**

It is estimated that 380 million Christians face persecution for their faith, that is roughly 1 in 7 of the world wide population of Christians.

As ever, North Korea heads the Open Doors World Watch List as the place where it is most dangerous to be a Christian. It is a country where the leader, Kim Jong-un, demands God-like adoration from his people. Dictatorial paranoia and post-Communist oppression are the current threats.

Please pray for protection and that God will enable secret Christians to secretly speak about Jesus to those they can trust because all North Korean Christians, if discovered, are either killed on the spot or sent to horrendous labour camps and treated like a political criminal. Few survive such treatment. Even having a Christian in your family means social and economic exclusion.

Please pray for courage for our persecuted North Korean family that He will be their strength. Pray that God will open the eyes of Kim Jong-un to see Jesus for who He is and that His light will shine there. Pray for protection for Open Doors partners who work in extremely difficult circumstances.

Pray that His church will grow and grow in North Korea.

## The Grange Hub

We are collecting Easter eggs, chocolates and Easter toys for The Grange Hub. Please place them in the box in the Welcome Area.

Please note, the final date for Easter egg collection is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Thank you.



## **Church cupboards**

Work is under way to rationalise the use of cupboards – partly in preparation for the annexe development which will include new toilets in one of the existing storage spaces

If you have items in any of the church cupboards, and/or in the cabinets in the corridor, please would you check that you still need them.

If items are no longer needed, please could they be removed. If items are still needed for use in the work of our church, please let Andy Hotchin know via facilities@ctk.org.uk.

Unidentified/unclaimed items may eventually be disposed of.

## **CtK Mission Partners**

The Rout family - with Latin Link The Hamlets -with BMS in Chad The Browns - with Agapé France Moldova - Charity Mission for the Disabled

**Open Doors** 

**Tear Fund** 

## Message from Clare

How many of you went to Sunday School growing up? I didn't. All through my childhood church years there was no Sunday School; only onfirmation classes as we reached 11/12years old.

When I had a family, I knew I wanted my child to have a good Godly foundation and fun with other children, and to feel that having a faith is a normal but vital part of living in this world so I came to CTK and got involved in what was a wonderful environment for children of all ages.

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered to help and lead in the coming weeks. We need 6 leaders and 12 helpers so we can run a workable rota.

## To lead you would need to...

Like children! Be enthusiastic, be reliable and prepare some fun activities from a list of ideas from the Urban Saints to which we subscribe.

## To help you would need to...

Turn up, help set up the room, support the children and leader in the session, and help pack away.

To help or to lead you would need a DBS check and to watch a couple of safeguarding training sessions.

You do not need to be a teacher or a theologian. I have a childlike faith and walk with Jesus as my friend and guide in everyday life. I just want to pass that on to our youngsters.

I want to ensure we give the children a foundation of faith, teaching them to pray in hard times and to believe that they have Jesus by their side. I am sure there are others in our church family who have a love for children, who are enthusiastic, fun loving, creative, and caring.



Is God nudging you to join the team?

If you feel you can help in this ministry, please pray about how God may be asking you to become involved.

Please contact me – Clare Baker (find me on ChurchSuite), or office@ctk.org.uk if you would like to take this further.