

Coronavirus Updated Statement: Wednesday 9th December 2020

As previously stated, our buildings are partially closed, for social interactions, due to the global pandemic. Buttons Cafe has temporarily closed. Please see Oak Tree Centre website and Facebook page for further information.

King's Community Church, The Oak Tree Centre and Buttons Cafe seek to provide opportunities for belonging and connection, support and signposting. This doesn't stop with our buildings being partially closed and we have moved much of our support services online or accessible on the phone. We want to continue to play a positive role in our community.

If you want to contact us for any of the following reasons then please call 01214217916 (KCC) or 01214224114 (OTC) or email geri@kcchurch.co.uk (KCC) or admin@oaktreecentre.co.uk (OTC). Alternatively, you can contact us on our [Facebook page](#).

Sunday gatherings and re-opening arrangements

We are currently meeting via Zoom. It allows us all to connect together and interact. When we meet, there will be a time of worship, prayer and a short talk.

We have partially re-opened the building on a Sunday morning to allow up to 30 people to watch Zoom from the church building. If you are interested in attending, please email geriknight@kcchurch.co.uk

If you don't use the internet, you can still join in by dialling in via your landline/mobile.

How do I join?

There are 3 ways:

1. Download the Zoom app from your app store/playstore and go to click on this link and it will do it all for you <https://zoom.us/j/337598885>
2. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/337598885> and join the meeting
3. To join via landline or mobile, ring 02034815240 and when asked type in the ID code 337598885.

PRACTICAL HELP

While you self-isolate it can be difficult to provide for yourself practically. You might be struggling to shop for essential groceries or picking up prescriptions. We are here to help. We have a team of staff and volunteers willing to help you. Let us know how to contact you and what it is you need. We have people willing to help throughout the week.

PHONE CALLS

We believe in the power of connection and are aware that many would value regular phone calls to enable this to happen. Let us know if you'd value a call as we have a team of volunteers who are waiting ready to begin calling those that respond.

PRAYER

As faith based charities we believe in the power of prayer. Not only do we believe God hears our prayers and wants what is best for us but also that being prayed for can make us feel noticed and cared for. If you would want someone to pray for you or your loved ones then get in touch. We can do this over the phone via an individual calling you or being added as a prayer point for a team of dedicated prayer volunteers.

SIGNPOSTING

There are loads of amazing schemes out there to help people during this crisis. We are trying to keep a track of them all and are willing to find our information for you if you don't know where to look. Everything from priority delivery slots at supermarkets for the high risk groups (elderly, underlying medical conditions etc), council support, debt help just to name a few. Please get in touch and we will explore if we can help point you in the right direction.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Many at this time are wanting to find out about the Christian faith, reconnect to a faith once held, or simply explore what it means to belong as part of a Christian community. We are here to help you navigate that and explore this.

Do get in touch as we'd be happy to help in a number of ways:

Connect groups

We have a variety of groups of people wanting to connect each week via WhatsApp groups or video chats. Key purpose of these groups is to be known, offer support to one another and pray together. Let us know if you want to be added to a group.

KCC YouTube channel

We have also setup a YouTube channel as a way of communicating key messages from the church leaders. We are uploading videos a couple of times a week as well as sharing other material that we feel is useful for people during this time. You can find us on YouTube [here](#) :

If you want to help in our volunteer efforts, then please do let us know as we'd love you to join our growing team.

For any and all other enquires please do contact on the numbers above Government Advice:

In accordance with government advice please wash your hands, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds several times a day and in particular after coughing or sneezing, or before preparing food. Please cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze, put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards. If you have unwashed hands we encourage you not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth. Those who have travelled back from a high-risk area (as defined by the UK Government at that time) should self-isolate for the recommended 2 weeks even if you feel fine. If you have come into contact with someone who has the virus, or begin to feel unwell yourself (cough, high temperature, shortness of breath) then we ask you to also self-isolate for the recommended 2 weeks. We will continue to monitor government advice and will make any necessary changes to our activities in line with government advice.

How can we respond to this outbreak in a Christ-like way?

We should bear in mind that taking sensible precautions is not principally an act of self-protection, but primarily an action designed to protect others who are at risk in our congregation and our community. And we should continue to be open-hearted and attentive to the lonely, the vulnerable and the anxious, both within the church and beyond. Above all, we will face the future (which is always uncertain) with courage and faith in God.

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