



Life at King's

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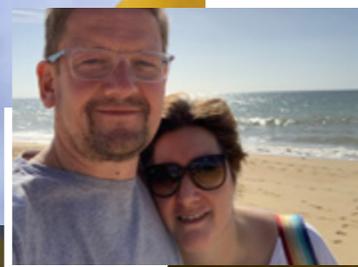
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A WORD FROM PAUL THOMAS



A very warm welcome to the latest edition of 'Life at King's'

So how are you enjoying the winter? The good news is that we've passed the turning point and the days are becoming longer. We can now look forward to the warmth of spring and the fresh new life that comes each year without fail. Of course, we all take for granted that spring is just around the corner, but I wonder what it might be like not to know? To have no hope of things changing, of the return of warmth and new life. Sometimes in life things can look so very dark and gloomy with no way out and no light at the end of the tunnel.

In the gospel of John, Jesus said:



I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life. John 8:12

As Christians we understand that our lives can always find a new beginning, that there is always hope, always an opportunity for a fresh start and there is nothing, however dark, damp or unpleasant, that means this is not possible. The pattern of the seasons, woven into creation, reminds us that nothing can stop God's love and light from coming into our lives if we want it to and if we allow him to come in. This we believe really is good news!

Our prayer and heart are simply that if you feel your life is stuck in winter, with no sign of spring, let alone summer, we might share with you our hope.

Over the next forty pages you will find information and articles that we trust will be of some encouragement. There are invitations to events, activities and meetings, opportunities to receive practical help and assistance, stories of how God has made a difference in people's day-to-day lives, and a whole lot more.

Of course, it's great that there's so much going on, but the thing that really matters is that we simply want to share something of the love and hope of God in as many ways as possible, that we might encourage each other in experiencing him, and in making him known.

Jesus really does make a difference!

ABOUT

WHO WE ARE...Welcome to King's Church Amersham (KCA), a modern, friendly church with a passion for Jesus, for the people in our community and for enjoying life together!

WHAT TO EXPECT...A congregation made up of people of all ages and backgrounds, some of whom have been part of the church for many years and some who have only recently come to know us.

- A friendly environment where all are welcome and included
- Joyful, creative and expressive worship times
- A commitment to the Bible as truth and to learning how it is relevant to life today
- Regular opportunities to share communion and to be supported in prayer
- A safe, caring place for children and young people to be, with activities that are fun and relevant to them

WHAT WE BELIEVE...KCA is an independent Christian church. Although not affiliated to any particular denomination, along with 4000 other churches in the UK, we fully subscribe to the Evangelical Alliance's 'statement of faith.'

ORGANISATION...We have a team of people called 'Elders' to oversee the spiritual life of the church, a board of Trustees to take care of the business of running it and a staff team to serve and facilitate the day to day life of the church and most importantly an amazing congregation who enable everything that we do.



A modern, friendly church with a passion for Jesus

ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME

FAQ.

What time do I need to arrive?

We recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes before the meeting starts so you can park and find a seat and if you like, have a drink from the King's Roast Coffee shop.

Where do I park?

We have our own car park on site.

What do I wear?

You are welcome just as you are. You'll see people in shirt and tie, in jeans and t-shirt, and everywhere in-between!

Where do I sit?

You can sit wherever you feel comfortable. If you have difficulty locating a seat or need assistance, the Welcome Team are there to help you.

How long is the service?

Our services last approximately an hour and a half.

What will my children do during the service?

We have a fantastic programme for children and young people. Visit our website for more information.

How can I get to know others in the church?

Join us for tea and coffee and a chat after our Sunday Service (served free in the Chapel Room or for sale in the King's Roast Coffee House), sign up for one of our midweek Small Groups or come along to a social event. Our Connect Group is ideally suited for anyone new to the church, and you can join at any time.

How can I find out more about King's?

Have a chat with any of our friendly Welcome Team, visit the Welcome Desk at the rear of the auditorium after a service, pick up one of our 'Life at King's' magazines, or take a look on the website (www.kca.church). Our 'Who We Are' pages will tell you more about our history, who's who, how we operate and what we believe.

You are
welcome here
at King's Church



You're invited

#TryAlpha

Join us to explore life, faith, meaning.

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Starting Summer Term 2020
Register: For more details contact alpha@kca.church



A BRIEF HISTORY

Baptist Christians have been traced in Amersham from as early as 1626. However, the founding of the congregation that now meets at Raans Road, began with the arrival of an ex-army man, Richard Morris.

Morris was ordained as a Baptist minister in June 1776 and began preaching in his home and then from his workshop. In 1784 a new Chapel was opened on a site close to this workshop, the beautiful red brick building in Amersham Old Town

Richard Morris died in 1817 and following his death there was some division in the church. Unity was restored by 1828 and the church then continued as a trust with various ups and downs until, in 1942, it was agreed to transfer the church deeds to the Baptist Union Corporation.

In 1969, the then pastor, Rev Eric Chambers, felt the Lord declare that the church should be 'Like A Beacon On The Hill', shining light and the Good News of Jesus, over Amersham and the surrounding areas.

Many possible sites were explored over many years, but objections, practical difficulties and the presence of wealthier property purchasers meant that none of them were suitable.

Then in May 2006, the church learned that Cala Homes had agreed a deal with the County Council to build a housing development on the vacant Raans Road site. In July 2006 a team from KCA met with Cala Homes, to open discussions about the possibility of including a new church building on the site.

Due to generous giving by church members and the amazing agreement by Cala Homes to transfer the land to us for only £1, KCA finally had the funds to get started. 42 years after Rev Eric Chamber's prophecy, on the 6th November 2013, the new KCA building opened and the next stage of KCA's history began.



GUEST SPEAKERS



PAUL HARCOURT
SUNDAY 26TH JAN

Paul is New Wine's National Leader and vicar at All Saints Woodford Wells. He and his wife Becky have two children, the eldest of whom has special needs. Under Paul's leadership, All Saints has developed into a network of four churches, with All Saints acting as a resource church for the region.

Paul has written two books about following Jesus into the spirit-filled life - "Growing in Circles" (2016) and, with Becky, "Walking on Water" (2017).



PAUL LYNCH
SUNDAY 9TH FEB

Following 35 years in local church leadership, including 16 years as the senior pastor at KCA, Paul and Liz are now pursuing God's heart in a new ministry 'Encounter Heart to Heart'.

They are based in Worthing and travel ministering at conferences, church weekends and leaders' retreats.

KCA has a special place in their hearts, and they can't wait to return in February.



NICK JOHNSON
SUNDAY 15TH MAR

Nick has been the senior pastor at Long Lane Church since 2007 when he moved to Liverpool from KCA with his wife Ange and their three children, Jack, Kate and Harry. Nick and Ange have a vision to see the church alive in the Spirit, connected within its local community and growing, spiritually and numerically. A little known fact about Nick is that he once rollerbladed across Warsaw (ask him about it sometime) but these days, he prefers to travel by motorbike.



ROB WALL
SUNDAY 3RD MAY

Rob is founder of The Reach Ministries and has his own programme on TBN UK, Faith World TV (Sky Channel 589). Rob's passion and desire is to help people find freedom from their past, purpose in their present, and hope for the future.

He preaches itinerantly across several continents. He is currently embarking on completing a PhD in Biblical Preaching. He is married to Bernadette Ocampo-Wall and they have a daughter called Gracie-Hope.

For more detailed information about the history of the church, please visit: www.kca.church/our-history

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

What happened next...



A couple of years ago, a family came into the Church looking for a Foodbank box at lunchtime on Christmas Eve. They had nothing. Just one hour beforehand, someone else had walked into the church and donated a fantastic hamper containing lovely meats, jams, biscuits and other goodies that they didn't need. They asked for it to be given to someone who really needed it and the

church didn't know at the time who to give it to. When the family walked in, it became clear!

Ever since that time, there has been a desire for the church to find more ways to help those in need at Christmas and whilst searching for inspiration, they came across 'Christmas Lunch

on Jesus' a Cinnamon Network initiative, where hampers are filled with Christmas goodies, including a turkey, stuffing, carrots, brussels sprouts, potatoes, gravy, Christmas pudding, chocolates, non-alcoholic wine and more, then distributed to those who are most in need in the local area.

There was an overwhelming response from the congregation, who supported the idea with great enthusiasm; the target was set for 100 hampers, which was easily exceeded, with 200 hampers being pledged! What was also very special was the response from many people who do not attend the church but visit the building throughout the week, who spotted the poster in reception and readily pledged a hamper! One lady commented:



What a lovely thing to do, that would have been a great help to my family when I was growing up!



The local council, Foodbank, CAP and Paradigm helped to ensure those in need within the Amersham and Chesham area were made aware of the opportunity to sign-up to receive 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus'. On 22nd December, following the family service, volunteers from the congregation took to the streets to hand-deliver the beautifully presented hampers. In addition to the items mentioned, there was enough money to add some extra things such as a roasting tin, pigs in blankets, custard, cooking instructions and a toy for each child – generously donated by The Entertainer.

One family shared that they 'do not get many visitors' and another family were overjoyed saying "Wow – they look amazing – there's loads!" The deliverers of the hampers commented that the recipient families looked genuinely touched by the kindness.

The time spent interacting with these families was very brief, but they will be kept in our prayers and our hope is that this very small act of kindness, will help them to feel cared for, not forgotten and to know the love of Jesus.

NEW WINE DISCIPLESHIP YEAR



RORY

The New Wine Discipleship Year (DY) runs annually from September to July and is an opportunity for Christians aged 18-24, to grow as disciples of Jesus, learning how to serve God and His Kingdom, whilst gaining practical experience working for a Church.

There are 14 hubs across the UK and KCA is a placement church for the Ealing hub.

Nineteen-year-old Rory Stringer, who has attended KCA since he was born, was drawn to DY because he was keen to do a gap year alongside other people of a similar age. After careful consideration, he decided to defer his place at Brighton University in order to spend a year serving the Church and he is enjoying every minute of it!

Rory works 3.5 days a week as the KCA 'Team Assistant' and I asked him what a typical day involves: "It's never boring because no 2 days are the same. One day I'll be working in the office updating an excel spreadsheet and the next day I'll be outside mowing the lawn! It's really varied and I am gaining a lot of really good experience."

The rooms in the Church building are hired to many external businesses and schools

throughout the week and Rory is responsible for helping to get the auditorium set-up ready to accommodate the various groups hiring the facility. Occasionally there is a requirement for help with catering at an event, so Rory has been known to be in the kitchen making sandwiches and serving soup! In addition to this, he helps with finances, recording money that comes into the Church through the coffee shop, tithes, Oasis and Cedars and he has joined the rota for Minis and Kids Church on Sunday mornings. He works closely with Adrian (0-25's Pastor) every Friday, assisting him with his duties and planning teaching sessions, all of which is highly beneficial experience for his chosen future career in primary education.



THIS COULD BE
= YOU! =

The Church pay the £1,000 DY course fee, which allows Rory to spend every Tuesday in Ealing with the other students, where he gets teaching and training to help equip him to grow as a disciple of Jesus. The core subjects include growing a deep life with God, our identity in Christ, the Kingdom of God and the ministry of Jesus, understanding and applying the Bible today, evangelism, leadership, character development and calling. The morning starts with breakfast, followed by worship, Bible study and teaching. Mentoring and coaching are part of the course and there is the opportunity

to learn from some very inspirational and experienced Christian leaders. There are two national weekends away, the first of which took place in October 2019 at an activity centre in Shropshire, the second takes place in January 2020. In addition, there is also the opportunity to go on a self-funded overseas mission to Kenya! The confirmed dates for the trip are 16th -26th March 2020. Rory will be fundraising to meet the cost, hosting Rory's Big Quiz on the 7th February at 7.30pm, so please support him if you can.

I asked Rory what he likes best about DY: "Despite only starting the placement very recently, I have already made some amazing friendships with the other DY students. It's a lot of fun!"

...and what he likes best about working at KCA: "There is a really friendly and supportive working environment at KCA and I am particularly enjoying building strong working relationships with the staff team. I would highly recommend this opportunity to others."

Anyone in the 18-24 age group who might be interested in this opportunity for next year, can find out more information here: www.new-wine.org/mission-areas/new-wine-discipleship-year



KING'S ELDER

The Elders are tasked with determining the overall vision and future direction of the Church

- Providing accountability to the Lead Pastor, to ensure the vision and values determined by the Elders are being carried out.
- Ensuring the Church's teachings and practices reflect accurate Biblical theology.
- Providing avenues for pastoral care, conflict resolution, and restoration.
- Creating policies to define clearly Church values and Biblical operating procedures.

TIM PATTERSON – ELDER

Occupation: Chartered Accountant working with charities and fashion retailers



VICKI HAMILTON – TRUSTEE

Occupation: Mum of two and working part-time in the photography department at BBC Studios

Responsibility as trustee: Health and Safety



KING'S TRUSTEES

The Trustees' primary responsibility is to ensure the Company is run on a sound financial basis, ethically and in compliance with all legal requirements.

KATHY NUSSBAUM – ELDER

Occupation: Chair of trustees at Rope and involved in several areas of Church life



PAUL THOMAS – ELDER AND TRUSTEE

Occupation: Senior Pastor and leader of KCA



DAVID PATTERSON – TRUSTEE

Occupation: Accountant heading up the finance function of a European marketing company

Responsibility as trustee: Church's finances and Director of King's Roast



JULIAN DAGNALL – ELDER AND TRUSTEE

Occupation: Accountancy and VAT / joining staff from Jan welcoming newcomers

Responsibility as trustee: Company Secretary



ANDY BURTON – TRUSTEE

Occupation: Self employed/ investor in businesses

Responsibility as trustee: Chair of the board of trustees



KAT WILLIAMSON – ELDER

Occupation: On maternity leave from BT, a full-time mum to three gorgeous kids



IAN LAMB – ELDER

Occupation: Retired Chemist who now supports the teams who work in the community as the Community Care Services Leader



NEIL SUGGETT – ELDER AND TRUSTEE

Occupation: Leadership coach/ conference speaker/writer

Responsibility as trustee: Remuneration and performance



SIMON ROSE – TRUSTEE

Occupation: Tax lawyer

Responsibility as trustee: Legal / Chairman of King's Roast



SPRING PROGRAM

LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

God's Grand Design for his house

"Grand Design - Britain's most ambitious building projects . . . design and build your dream home"- so says Channel 4. In this letter the apostle Paul brings us the most ambitious project of them all, God's Grand Design for his house, his people, building with the most unpromising of materials - that's you and me! Here are the grandest themes of all in God's great plan for mankind - creation, salvation, life from death, power - this is our story, every one of us. But of course, being Paul, he has his feet firmly on the ground as well as his head in the heavens; he earths the spiritual truths in very practical instruction for daily life, as timelessly relevant today as it has ever been. The eternal and the 21st century meet as we walk through this letter in eight weeks in the new year.

- 1 The plan
- 2 The power
- 3 The building
- 4 The strengthening
- 5 The growth
- 6 The lifestyle
- 7 The relationships
- 8 The fight

Creation, Salvation, Life
from Death, Power - this is
our story, every one of us

THE FURNITURE PROJECT



The Furniture Project exists to help show the love of Jesus to those who are in desperate need in the immediate community. In a nutshell, KCA collects good quality furniture, which has been donated to the cause and gives it away to people who have nothing. This is done completely free of charge. The service was originally set up by the Vineyard Church at Woodside School and when they closed, it was handed on to KCA to keep it going.

Some of the recipients are being re-housed in an empty property, where they need absolutely everything - beds, sofas, dining tables and chairs, coffee tables, bedside tables. Referrals come from the local council, Restore Hope Latimer, Paradigm Housing Association and some are word of mouth.

Volunteer helper Jessiah Thomas said:

"I've seen some crazy stuff - people living down the road who have so little. From the outside you think it looks OK, but inside it's a real shock and you just don't expect it. Helping has been a real eye-opener for me and it's very rewarding to be part of it."

Some recent donations have come from some of Amersham's most affluent homes, with the furniture being in impeccable condition, which is a real blessing to those who have so little. One lady commented that she has never slept so well as she has in her new bed from The Furniture Project.

The Furniture Project has been on hold for the past 18 months but Ian Lamb recently joined the staff team, as Mike Peters has fully

retired, and has been working hard in preparation to relaunch the service. In particular, he has been clearing and sorting the storage garages, which are used to house the donations. The main store now has a 'goods in area' where newly donated furniture can be left, a 'maintenance area' where furniture is double checked

to ensure it's ready to go to a new home and then a 'storage area' where the furniture stays until it is required. A catalogue of available items, including photographs and measurements, will be kept in the church reception for enquiries.

Local business 'J&R Van Hire' based in Chesham, are also

onboard to support the service. They have a real affinity for The Furniture Project and Ian is in conversation with them to explore ways of working with regards to van hire and house clearances.

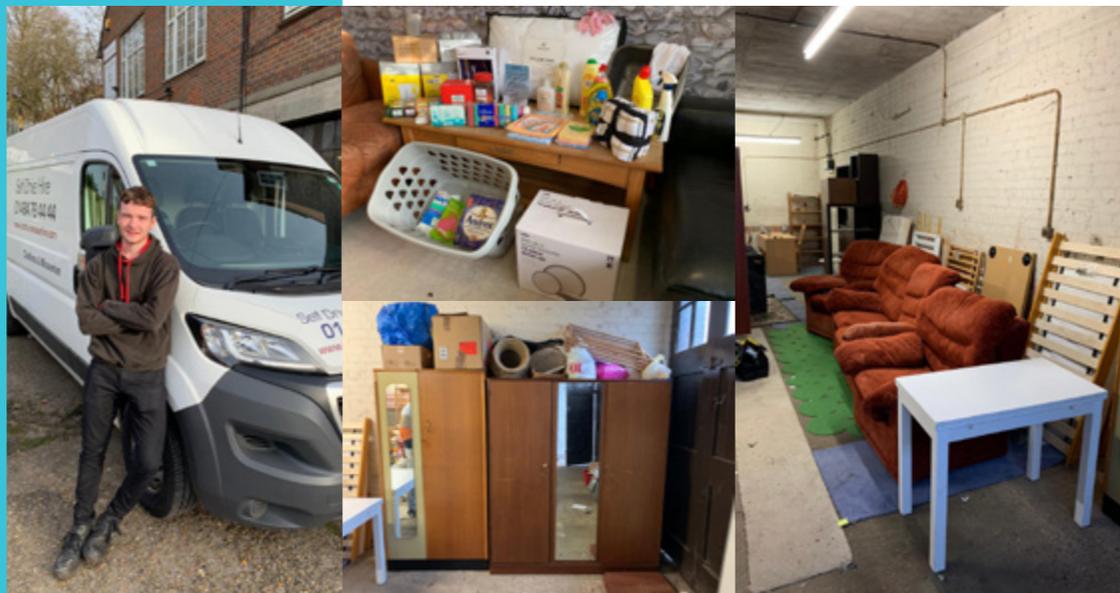
Ian said:

"Along with KCA in general, The Furniture Project has an excellent reputation in the local community and with the council. We will build on excellence and reliability. It's really about opening the door and beginning a long-term process of relationship building with people in our community. My vision is to tie this service in with the

other KCA community services, such as Restoring Homes and MakeLunch, in order to provide more rounded support to those who are in desperate need."

Despite being on hold, The Furniture Project has generally had 3-4 enquiries per month. Activity will slowly ramp up over the next few months in line with our resources, and it is anticipated that there will be a large increase in the number of calls. The service is funded by the church and some council grants. A copy of the church magazine is often left with donors and recipients, so that they can find out more about who we are, what we do and why we do it.

Able-bodied workers are always required to help with this service, as it involves heavy lifting, so if you feel called to help or you want to know more, please speak to Ian Lamb.



NewWine

UNITED

25-31 JUL + 02-08 AUG
WEEK ONE **2020** WEEK TWO



JULIAN & KATIA **ADAMS** (WK1+2), MIRIAM **SWAFFIELD** (WK2),
KARL **MARTIN** (WK2), PETE **HUGHES** (WK1) & MIKE **PILAVACHI** (WK1+2)

Uniting
thousands to
worship
one

BOOK ONLINE at new-wine.org/united20

KCA will be going to New Wine week 1 as a church
We would love you to join us

KCA
YOUTH

SUMMER 2020

DREAMING THE IMPOSSIBLE



1st - 5th August 2020
Staffordshire County Showground

For more information email adrian.abramian@kca.church

 vineyard churches

What's ON



JANUARY

Sunday 5
 Small group sign-up begins on line or via reception

Wednesday 8
 10:00 Cedars - Ron Lamb
 British Legion Hall
 Woodside Road
 Amersham

Sunday 5 - 12
 Cleaning Week

Sunday 12
 09:00 Safeguarding Children Course
 19:00 Worship Night

— KING'S CHURCH AMERSHAM —
WORSHIP NIGHTS
 SUNDAY | 7PM
 12TH JAN | 9TH FEB | 8TH MAR

Saturday 18
 08:00 Men's Breakfast

Sunday 26
 10:30 Paul Harcourt
 Guest Speaker
 Big Day Out
 Sign up

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 SAT 18TH JAN - 8AM

FEBRUARY

Friday 7
 19:30 Rory's Big Quiz (Fundraiser)

RORY'S BIG QUIZ
 FRIDAY 7TH FEB 2020
 7 PM @ KCA

Sunday 9
 09:00 Safeguarding Adults Course
 10:30 Paul Lynch, Guest Speaker
 The One and Only...
 13:00 Newcomers' Lunch
 19:00 Worship Night

Friday 28 - 1st
 Youth Weekend Away

MARCH

Monday 2
 19:00 Men's Meal

Friday 6
 TBC Ladies' World Day of Prayer

Sunday 8
 19:00 Worship Night

Wednesday 11
 10:00 Cedars - Gary Grant
 Restore Hope - My Toy Story

Sunday 15
 09:00 Safeguarding Children Course

10:30 Nick Johnson
 Guest Speaker
 Pastor, Speaker & Biker
 Gift Day

MARCH

Monday 16 - 26
 Rory's Mission Trip

Sunday 22
 10:30 Baptism Service

BAPTISMS
 22/03/20

Sunday 29
 10:30 All Age Service
 Small groups finish for term

APRIL

Sunday 8
 10:30 Cedars - Easter-Reflection
 Service at Flaunden Church

Sunday 10
 10:00 Good Friday Service

Sunday 12
 10:30 Easter Service

MAY

Sunday 3
 10:30 Rob Wall
 Guest Speaker

Saturday 16
 TBC Big Family Breakfast



KINGS ROAST

COFFEE HOUSE

Our coffee shop at Raans Road is open from
Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 2.30pm
and on Sundays from 9.30 - 10.30pm and 12noon to 1.00pm



Our coffee has been produced on Millars Marins farm (La Rivera farm at El Penol in Antioquia) for generations using traditional methods. We pay agreed "Share Trade" prices to enable sustainable farming, which in-turn means a sustainable life for the farmer. Our aim is to develop long term relationships with coffee farmers so that they can plan for a better future.

Easter at KCA

Good Friday
 10th April 2020
 10am - 11am

Easter Sunday
 12th April 2020
 10.30am



NEWCOMERS *lunch*

SUNDAY 9TH FEB 2020 | 1 PM | CHAPEL ROOM

If you consider yourself to be new at KCA then please join us for lunch after church to find out more about the church and how to connect



THIS TIME TOMORROW

This Time Tomorrow

When asked how faith makes a difference to work, Al replied:

"I think the most obvious example of my faith is in the way I treat other people. I am often required to make decisions that will impact people's lives and jobs. It is easy to get caught up in the "commercial realities" but sticking to my morals and Christian principles is a very important demonstration of my faith."

When not at work, Al enjoys spending time with his wife Claire and his two sons William (5) and Joshua (3). He loves cycling around Buckinghamshire as much as possible and he is busy decorating the house after building works which took place last year.

Alistair Youngman is a member of the congregation and when he is not at church, he works as the 'Chief Operating Officer' for Chambers and Partners (C&P), a research and analytics business, that focuses on the legal profession. Alistair is responsible for strategy and product as well as overseeing elements of the day-to-day business.

Alistair's role requires him to write business plans for the US office, plan growth in America and China, research new customer segments and products, review weekly sales numbers, meet with customers, manage his team, oversee training courses and planning for BREXIT.

...I am often required to make decisions that will impact people's lives and jobs...

KING'S GHANA

Ghanaian nationals Edward and Mary Odame came to the UK forty years ago to train in Church leadership and evangelism and whilst studying at bible college, they joined KCA where they developed strong and lasting God-given relationships with the leadership team and congregation.

In 1981, the Church elders prayed over the couple as they prepared to return home to Ghana, to set up a new Church from scratch.

Edward and Mary started The King's Church Ghana with nothing but the Holy Spirit's empowering and a very strong faith in God's provision. Modelled on KCA, they still regard the church as the 'Ghana branch' and over the past few decades there has been significant growth, from one to twenty churches located across the country.

Edward and Mary are people of extraordinary character and they are passionate evangelists. They have diligently served the church with all their hearts over a great number of years. Edward is a very

charismatic preacher and a rock-solid leader, while Mary has built a city-wide Women's Own fellowship, and still blesses the region and beyond through her Radio Ministry, as she has done for the past twenty-years! Both have had a phenomenal impact on so many lives throughout their ministry.

The headquarters of the church are located in Kumasi and they have worked sacrificially for years in constructing a new church building. We know for ourselves how much this can strengthen a church - but the difference for them is that they have no

old building, and now, having worshipped for decades in a structure in various stages of development, the end is finally in sight! Edward gives thanks to KCA for their support in his recent newsletter:

We are most grateful for your gifts over the years to help with this project and we would appreciate your continual prayers and support to complete it.

They are now entering their seventies and are looking ahead to the future, as they prepare to hand over the reins and take a more backseat supporting role. As a church we remain firmly

invested in this amazing partnership with our Ghana family and we are looking to see how we can continue to support them going forward financially, practically and prayerfully.



Mary & Edward



For more information or to sign up to read the newsletters, please click the Facebook link:



VISION



MISSION STATEMENT

Why we exist?
Who's interest do we serve & how?
What impact do we hope to make?

To share the good news of Jesus in as many ways as we are able, so that people who are far from God will be raised to life in Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

What might we look like?
Goals, objectives, hopes ...
To be a church that ...

MISSION

Great commission

Shares the good news of Jesus Christ with the people in the community around us, each one precious to God.

MERCY

Compassion and love

Makes everyone welcome, especially the hurting individual and endeavours to bring love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, guidance, encouragement, purpose and joy through Christ.

MATURITY

Personal growth

Nurtures, teaches and releases God's people into greater worship of our risen Lord, serving Him wholeheartedly, living lives that reflect His life and values.

MINISTRY

Every believer

Equips/releases every believer for the works of service God has called them to, empowered and led by word and spirit. Seeing many ministries flourish within our church, town and even further afield.

THIS TIME TOMORROW

This Time Tomorrow



that he could make a lot of noise and keep a good rhythm, using the kitchen pots and pans, he decided that his passion was for drumming!

During the week, Ben works as a 'Room Service Assistant,' at a care home in Hyde Heath; a role that he very much enjoys and has had for 10 years.

"It's pretty full-on. There are three staff during the morning and two during the afternoon and together we look after 45 elderly residents, one of whom has recently turned 102 years old! It's a bit like a hotel set-up and I am constantly on my feet."

Ben Neal has been coming to KCA since he was born and most people will recognise him as one of the worship band drummers. He was Baptised at the age of 22. Ben and Rachel married in the old chapel (the former site of the church) and they have a two-year old son called Jacob.

Ben has been involved in worship from a young age and as a child he learned to play the flute, guitar and piano. After discovering

room at the care home, where he goes to relax at break times and he recently had the opportunity to get alongside a colleague at work, who was going through a difficult time, and offered to pray with her.

I asked Ben what he likes the most about being a member of KCA:

I love getting together with others who are like-minded and worshipping the Lord

Since becoming a Dad, he feels that it is very important for his son Jacob to be immersed in Church life. Ben and Rachel shared a testimony, after Jacob was born, about their struggle to conceive and their journey through IVF. Ben said that the Church has done a lot for his family over the years, with so much love, prayer and support, for which they are eternally grateful.

MAKE LUNCH

Free school meals make a difference to 1.5 million children in the UK and when schools close for the holidays, so do the kitchens. For families who are struggling financially, this brings great pressure as children who are normally fed at school Monday-Friday, are at home and hungry.

Make Lunch is a national network, run by churches and community groups which provides hot, healthy meals for children from low income families during the thirteen weeks of school holidays, completely free of charge. KCA have been running Make Lunch, twice weekly during all of the school holidays, for the past 3.5 years.

Alison Austin, volunteer-leader said:

"When I first heard about Make Lunch, it was a bit of a lightbulb moment; what happens to children who have free school meals during the school holidays? It's such an obvious need and

can mean that parents go without meals in the school holidays to be able to feed their children. I was delighted to hear that KCA was going to start a franchise here and fill the holiday hunger gap locally."

The first holiday attracted two families with four children and this number has now grown to around twenty children (plus around ten adults) from the local community.

A team of volunteers prepare and cook the food, set up tables and chairs, help put on crafts and activities for the children and clear up at the end. A text message is sent

out to those who attend regularly to let them know that Make Lunch is running. The volunteers never know exactly how many people will turn up, but any left overs are always bagged up at the end and can be taken home, so nothing is wasted. The church recently secured £2,000 worth of funding from Tesco through their blue tokens scheme, in order to support the service.

Fran Knapton, volunteer-helper said:

"I decided to help because Make Lunch fits my profile - I ran a pub for twelve years!

Nicky, Mum of 3 commented:

The food is fantastic. The volunteers are very kind and friendly. Someone is always willing to listen and offer advice.



I understand that there is a massive need out there and it's heartbreaking. I have a big heart for families who are struggling and want to give back, so that's why I volunteer."

During the summer 2019, there was a 'Family Faith Adventure Weekend' run by Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) and four of the Make Lunch families went (along with four volunteers from KCA). They had a wonderful fun-packed weekend in Kidderminster, joining other families from around the UK.

The weekend was free of charge, with outdoor activities such as abseiling, zipwire and archery. There were also films, crafts, "Thought for the Day" sessions and singing around the campfire. Everyone who attended the weekend had a fantastic time.

Make Lunch has also provided an opportunity for those attending to find out more about what goes on at the church and a couple of the families, who have been coming to Make Lunch for several years, attended the autumn 2019 Alpha course. A number of the children have also attended The Zone and children's Holiday Club during the summer.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

The central focus of our community care and social action here at KCA is our determination to show unconditional love, compassion and offer practical help to those in need, through the services outlined here



Make Lunch

MakeLunch offers free hot lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays during school holidays for families with young children struggling on tight budgets, plus a time to play and chat.



TLG Early Intervention Programme

TLG train up volunteers from churches who then go into the school weekly for one year to work with a particular child that has been identified by the school as having a need for additional 1:1 support. They use fun and creative projects with the child and also use TLG's emotional literacy coaching resources to best support the child they are working with.



Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

CAP provides sound and robust advice (plus a befriending support service based here at KCA) to people with financial and major debt problems.



Foodbank

Foodbank provides emergency food during crisis situations such as redundancy, benefit delays or receiving an unexpected bill. We act as a local collection and distribution point for individuals and families who are referred to us.



LifeLine Visiting

LifeLine visiting aims to provide friendship to support isolated, and potentially vulnerable, older people in their own homes.



The Furniture Project

The Furniture Project collects good quality furniture and household items and gives them away free of charge to recipients in the local area who are in difficult financial or domestic situations.



Restoring Homes/ Clearing Gardens

Our team offers a low-key house decorating and/or garden clearing service for the elderly and those with mobility or long term health problems.



New Homes Starter Packs

For those fleeing situations of domestic violence and abuse, any new home that is offered is often very sparse; bare walls, bare floors, bare cupboards. We provide new crockery, cutlery, glasses, kettle, toaster and other kitchen and domestic products, plus the potential for some new carpeting.



BabyBasics

Working with local community midwives, BabyBasics provides vulnerable women facing financial or domestic hardship with a Moses basket full of essential products for starting life with a new baby.



For more information about our community care services please email careservices@kca.church

KING'S COFFEE

The filter coffee we serve in the church and in the King's Roast coffee house comes from a smallholder farmer, Miller Marin, whose farm, at 1,900 metres above sea level is situated in Guatapé, in the department of Antioquia, Colombia.

Miller Marin



In June this year Dean Sanders, the co-founder of Big Rock Coffee Company, which sources the coffee through its ShareTrade farmer relationship model, had a chance to catch up with Miller and his family.

Since starting to sell his coffee to King's Roast, Miller's income has improved significantly. He has a so-called "Farm Transformation Plan" in place and as a result he has been able to invest in a new storey for his house where he keeps roasting and drying equipment for his coffee production.

He's an entrepreneurial man, providing tours of his coffee farm to visitors and roasting some of his crop for the local market. He sells his top-quality harvest to Big Rock.

The ShareTrade programme gives Miller access to technical support provided by an agronomist, including advice on how to

improve quality and yields. Miller receives significant additional premiums beyond the normal Fairtrade terms and this allows him to make investments for the future.

Miller sends a message hoping that the people in the church are enjoying his coffee and sends blessings from Antioquia to KCA. He would love to see anyone who is planning to visit Colombia!



KINGS ROAST
COFFEE HOUSE

You can support Miller more by becoming a Big Rock ambassador and recommending the coffee to your friends or family or perhaps even buying Miller's coffee as a gift.

Find out more at
www.bigrockcoffee.co.uk

SMALL GROUPS



As Elders, we believe that following Jesus happens best when we are actively engaged in other people's lives. It is in relationship that our faith is truly shaped and sharpened

When do the groups start?

Unless indicated, groups will start in their usual locations from 19th January and run for 10 weeks.

How do I choose a group that is right for me?

We hope there is something for everyone. If you are new to the church, we recommend you attend the Connect group. If you need any help or advice on choosing the right group for you, please email the Church Office. Some groups have a limited number of spaces, so sign up quickly!

How do I sign up for a group?

It's really easy... you can sign up via email at smallgroups@kca.church or fill in a form available on reception during the sign-up period and post in the marked box.

Does everyone have to attend a group?

Sundays and Small Groups are the heart of life at King's, so we would love everyone to be part of a group.

FAQ.

What am I signing up to?

The sign-up is for one term at a time. For groups to develop friendships and grow in faith together, we encourage everyone to attend each session, if possible. At the end of the term you have the option to sign up again if the group is continuing, join another group or take a break.

Please note that existing members of any continuing groups have priority for sign-up for the new term.

What happens after I have signed up?

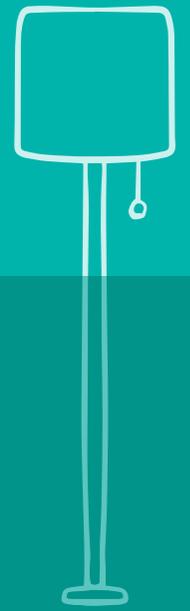
The group leader will contact you to confirm the details of start date, when and where the group will meet and to welcome you into the group.

Can I join a group part way through the term?

Some groups will not be open after the second week particularly if it is course based. Other groups will remain open all term so that new people can get involved at any stage.

Can I join more than one group?

You're free to join more than one group.



**Make New Friends
Learn Something New
Grow Closer to God**

SMALL GROUPS

Weekly Small Groups

Hosted in homes which are located in the following places. A time of fellowship, discussion and prayer with the opportunity to get to know others.

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| Missenden | Mondays 8pm | | |
| Amersham | Tuesdays 10.45am | Tuesdays 8pm | Thursdays 8pm |
| Chesham Bois | Wednesdays 8pm | | |
| Prestwood | Thursdays 8pm | | |
| Princes Risborough | Thursdays 8pm | | |
| Little Chalfont | Fridays 8pm | | |

Sign up start date 5th January

Please sign up via email – smallgroups@kca.church, fill out one of the forms at reception or via iKnow, small groups tab.



Leaders: Helen Patterson & Kathy Nussbaum

OASIS

A place to meet other parents, carers and toddlers. To enjoy a chat and coffee whilst the children play with exciting toys, bible stories, explore the slides and climbing frames outside.

Where: King's Church, Amersham

When: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (term time) 9.30 to 11.30am

Who: Preschool toddlers & parents/carers



Leaders: Helen Patterson & Adrian Abramian

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

An opportunity to dig into what the Bible means to today's society and young people in particular. Group members are invited to lead discussions.

Where: King's Church, Amersham

When: Tuesday 6.30-7.45pm Term Time

Who: Year 10+



Leader: Adrian Abramian

THE HANGOUT

Like food? Like games? Like having loads of fun? Then come join us at The Hangout!

Where: King's Church, Amersham

When: Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm Term Time

Who: Year 7 to 9

SMALL GROUPS



Leaders: Helen Patterson & Adrian Abramian

THE ZONE

An open kids' club for children in school years R to 6. We have fun, messy games, X-box, nail and craft zones, tuck shop and an opportunity to hear God's message.

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Friday 6-7.30pm (fortnightly)
Who: School years from R to year 6



Leader: Hannah Shaw

KING'S MUMS

For mums with little ones who would like to build relationships with others at church. Worship, prayer and bible study (with the odd cuppa too!) whilst embracing the mayhem of having the little ones with us - whether they're playing, eating or sleeping!

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Last Friday of every month
Who: Anyone with young children



Leader: Julian Dagnall

Leaders: Leigh & Kat Williamson

CONNECT (2 GROUPS)

A place of connection for those who are new to the church, finding faith or just wanting to know more.

Where: Amersham
When: Wednesday 8pm
Sunday after church
Who: Anyone new to the church



Leader: Simon Stringer

CEDARS (KCA SENIORS)

A place for faith, friendship and mutual care to grow as Jesus' presence and love is discovered, experienced and shared. Come and enjoy fellowship, worship, testimony, ministry and a speaker.

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00pm
Who: 55+



Leaders: Kathy Nussbaum & Liz Ratty

LADIES' PRAYER

Meeting together to share scripture and pray for global, national and local issues, for the church family and each other.

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am
Who: Anyone with a heart for prayer



Leader: Libby Piper

TIME FOR GOD

To seek the Lord in worship, in his word and in intercessory prayer. To create space for the Spirit to lead us, speak to us and refresh us.

Where: King's Church Amersham
When: Thursday 10.00 - 11.30am
Who: Anyone

SMALL GROUP



Leader: Sue Brandom

STITCH & CHAT

Meets each week and provides an opportunity to get to know a group of like-minded people whilst you start, continue or finish your own creative project that requires any sort of stitching.

Where: King's Roast

When: Every Friday 10.30 to 12.30pm

Who: Anyone



Leader: Alison Austin

COMMUNITY CARE - PRAYER MEETING

A once a month opportunity to support the work of the Community Care Service teams in prayer.

Where: King's Church Amersham

When: Second Sunday of each month, 9.45am

Who: Anyone with a heart for our community projects



Leader: Brian Pallett

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men of all ages meeting together every couple of months to enjoy breakfast and fellowship, followed by a time of sharing and prayer.

Where: King's Church Amersham

When: Saturday 8.00am

Who: Anyone

KING'S CHURCH AMERSHAM

WORSHIP NIGHTS

SUNDAY | 7PM

12TH JAN | 9TH FEB | 8TH MAR

Easter at KCA

Good Friday

10th April 2020
10am - 11am

Easter Sunday

12th April 2020
10.30am

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