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As we come to the end of a busy term and prepare for Christmas it is important we reflect on the wonderful work and resilience shown by our students and staff this term. There is a great deal for us to be positive about especially the wider contributions our students have made to the sixth form. At this special time of year for CTK, our students and staff are currently preparing to send donations to local charities, reminding us what a wonderful community Christ the King sixth forms is and the great things our students are capable of. I hope that you and your families enjoy a blessed and restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

I would like to leave you with a Christmas blessing from CTK St Mary's.

In Christ Alone – Merry Christmas!

“May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright may Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you tonight.”

“May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead, may His love warm your hearts may He give you a spirit of wisdom.”

Camilla Crampton

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## Christmas Gift Appeal



£2,035 raised of £1,000 target

58 donors 28 shares 49 followers



Tanya Roots £20 · 23 hours ago

Gloria Fernando £30 · a day ago

# Christmas Gift Appeal

As you may know, CTK has teamed up with EKC (East Kent Colleges) Group this year to raise money and donate gifts for three chosen charities. Here is an update on how our Christmas Gift Appeal is progressing.

Our joint venture with EKC Group has so far proudly seen over £2000 being raised for charities which will go directly towards the support and care of young people and disadvantaged families.



We've even managed to get some local supermarkets involved with the likes of Co op and Iceland both coming together to show their support in setting up gift donation points within their stores.



Our gift drop boxes on site are also filling up fast !



St Vincent de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that have supported our gift appeal so far. All donations made will be going towards a person in need, what a wonderful way to brighten someone's Christmas!



**CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL**

Give the joy of Christmas to a less fortunate young person by sharing a small gift.

Please note, our charity partners can only accept gifts that are new items, unused and in their original packaging. Discontinued items are not accepted.

Gifts CAN BE DONATED AT LOCAL CO-OP STORES IN:

- Broadstairs, St Peters
- Brookfield
- Cheriton
- Deal, Mill Hill
- Dover
- Horne Bay
- Kennington
- Sheerness

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Remember, if you would like to get involved, you can visit our website [ctk.ac.uk](http://ctk.ac.uk) for guidelines on gift donations, or simply add to our fundraiser by visiting [gf.me/u/y7jrna](https://gf.me/u/y7jrna)



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Hospice Care for Children



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## CTK PRAYER

### God of Love

*As members of the Christ the King Sixth Forms family we ask for your continued blessing upon our work and study. You are the source of all truth and wisdom.*

*May we experience in full the Life that you offer us each day, to become the best that we can be.*

*Let no distractions or fears prevent us from trusting in your endless care for us.*

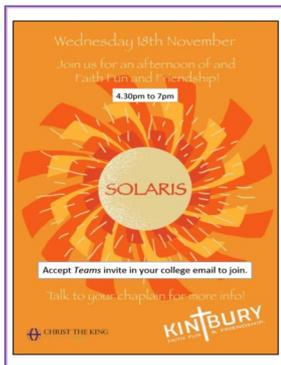
*Shine your Light into our lives that we may become brighter beacons of faith, hope and love in our community.*

*We make this prayer through Christ the Lord.*

*Amen.*



# Chaplaincy Corner

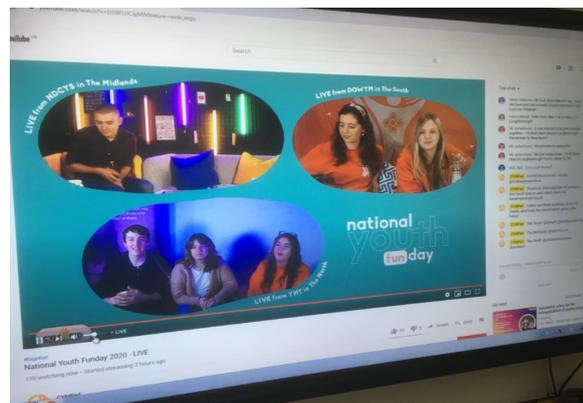


During CTK week, students and chaplains across the three sites joined a virtual retreat for a few hours Wednesday evening, led by the Youth Team of St Cassian's Kintbury Retreat Centre. The programme consisted of presentations on personal and spiritual development, combined with opportunities to share in quizzes, discussions and prayer. The students valued the experience to share and be uplifted spiritually. More occasions for retreat are planned for later in the year.

## A look at the events of CTK Week



The Solaris Virtual Retreat taking place via Teams .



Also during CTK Week,, the National Youth FunDay YouTube Live Event was on display in the Chaplaincy. The whole day event was organised by the Nottingham Diocese Youth Team. They brought together virtually, hundreds of Catholic schools and colleges across the country. The aim was to explore the theme: 'Together'. It gave young people a chance to reflect, pray and be inspired by others in preparation for the feast day of Christ the King last Sunday.



A film on Oscar Romero was shown in the Chaplaincy. It is a production written by Rise Theatre Company called 'Romero', telling the story of Archbishop Romero, his stand against injustice and his subsequent murder at the hands of government forces. He is considered a Saint of the Poor because he was martyred for his faith and speaking out in support of the poorest in his country.



## Advent

In this second week of the Advent season, when we join in remembrance with Christians around the world waiting in hopeful prayer and anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, our sixth forms continue to be places of encouragement and growth.

Responding to the call of the prophet Isaiah to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' making 'straight a highway for our God', our staff and students daily engage in a process that at times is quite challenging. Like all of us who may resist opportunities for change, Advent gives us a spiritual moment to set right the habits and activities we do, that draw us away from God and others.

Life is short and each day is a blessing. May this Advent season be a time for reflection, reconciliation and restoration. May Advent draw us out towards nurturing and caring for others in a new way.

May Advent grace be ours.



# Chaplaincy Corner

Students decorating the Chaplaincy Christmas tree!



Here students are adding their messages of gratitude to make the green foliage of the Chaplaincy wreath display



## CTK Eco Reps at work



The lighting of the first candle to mark the start of Advent



As part of the Eco groups work, here are some bird boxes made by a member of staff. The boxes will be accompanied by a bird bath that a student has bought with his Jack Petchey Award money.



Here, are our Eco reps are selling bees that have been knitted by the Diamond club members in Catford. The money that is collected will go to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



## In the News this Week



St Mary's LRC display boards this week

# CTK ST MARY'S THIS WEEK



## Apps for Good

Our ICT students were delighted to take part in a virtual 'Design an App in a Day' afternoon workshop with the charity 'Apps for Good'. Students learnt about a real-world challenge and then had the opportunity to come up with a tech solution. Students explored user needs and features, market research and user profiling before finally, creating drawn wireframes of their app ideas and pitching them back to the class and volunteers.

## CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS EDUCATE

A brand new initiative where students can share films/TV shows/books with other students which feature positive representations of Black, Asian or minority groups or highlight relevant topics surrounding diversity.



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[r.octave@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:r.octave@ctksfc.ac.uk) to  
make your suggestions, the  
best suggestions will be  
displayed in the LRC.

This Weeks suggestions for media titles comes from CTK student Sarah, suggesting the novel:

“Kehinde”

by Buchi Emecheta.

## Thank You !

A big thank you to our CTK St Mary's student panellists that gave up their free time to assist with the student Q&A Sessions as part of our recent Virtual Open Events.

## External Speaker Programme



CTK St Mary's was delighted to have Vicky Anderson, senior vice president of Alix Partners and an Oxford graduate, join us as our speaker this week. Vicky gave an insightful talk on her career, from her A Level courses to her current position, discussing some of the roles she has performed along the way, from working with political parties analysing data for voting patterns, to working for banks identifying money laundering and criminals by scrutinizing their financial activity. She also explained how her position at a consultancy firm has meant engaging with many different projects, travelling the world, and experiencing various cultures, before ending the presentation with a lively Q/A session.

## CTK Alumni

We are always pleased to see our students achieving their goals and leading successful careers post -CTK. Here is CTK Alumnus Sayo Ogundele in the Law Gazette, talking about his time at CTK as well as black men that have inspired him in the legal profession.<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/people/black-men-who-inspire-me-in-the-legal-profession/5106128.article>

