

*This is the shopping centre, not
the church building!*



CSK Parish Profile

Hampton, Peterborough (Diocese of Ely)



Welcome

Thanks for reading!

Please know that we are praying for you as you discern if the Lord is calling you to join our team.

Rachel (vicar), staff team, PCC & the whole of CSK



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04 About CSK

CSK has a welcoming congregation, drawing people from many different cultural, social and spiritual backgrounds. We seek to connect people with Jesus and make Him known. Our teaching is Bible-based, Christ-centred and Spirit-led. In the unity of the Spirit, we worship together, with people from many different Christian traditions, and those with no previous faith at all. Our worship and praise express the joy and the richness of this diversity. CSK's congregation is drawn largely from the local community, although many people travel in to worship with us.

CSK is located in one part of what will become two large neighbouring communities, but collectively called Hampton. Once completed, there will be around 28,000 residents in our parish. The second community, Hamptons East, is currently being built, separated from CSK by the busy A15 main road. CSK works from the only church building in these communities. A new Catholic primary school is currently being built in Hamptons East. Working ecumenically, we supported a local Baptist church in its proposed pioneer ministry in Hamptons East, until it withdrew the project in 2020.



Our congregation has people of all ages and has a high proportion of young families and children. There is a real sense of awe and excitement at what God has been doing, and will do, in Hampton. Our building is often full for Sunday worship, and is busy throughout the week. We celebrate our diversity, and recognise God's hands at work in making us all stronger, as one Body.

CSK's congregation is now the largest in Yaxley Deanery. Although situated very close to Peterborough, we are in Ely Diocese. The current Deanery Plan allocates a Vicar to CSK and an Associate Pioneer post with particular pioneering responsibilities in Hamptons East and a mentoring role to pioneering work in Great Haddon, once that new community is built (about 5 minutes drive west in another parish, who will lead the work).

Our Vicar joined CSK in July 2016 as Curate, then Associate Pioneer (this post), and lastly took on the Vicar role this year when we said goodbye to the previous Vicar who had overseen the development and opening of CSK's physical building in 2014-15.

God is continuing to lead new people to CSK. We recognise the great mission opportunities and challenges that lay before us. We are seeking God's guidance in the next steps we should take to fulfil His mission to go and make disciples in the communities that He has entrusted to us.



CONNECTING WITH JESUS....MAKING HIM KNOWN

- **Reaching out with Christian love and compassion**

We see a church:

that is mobilised and reaches out in practical and generous ways to its local community, and beyond
that is open and friendly and gives hope to people who are in need
where people from all generations and backgrounds are welcomed and find love, respect and dignity
where every person can find their place and play their part

- **Leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ**

We see a church:

that has engaging worship where the presence of God is sought, experienced and celebrated
where the Word of God is preached, taught and lived out
where mercy, humility and forgiveness are visible hallmarks
where God's transforming love and restoration are always evident

- **Encouraging and guiding believers to mature in their faith**

We see a church:

where every member is passionate and generous in giving their time, energy and money
where people are trained and equipped for life and service
where learning in small groups is encouraged and meeting together is a priority
where individual gifts and talents are nurtured

- **Working together effectively with shared values**

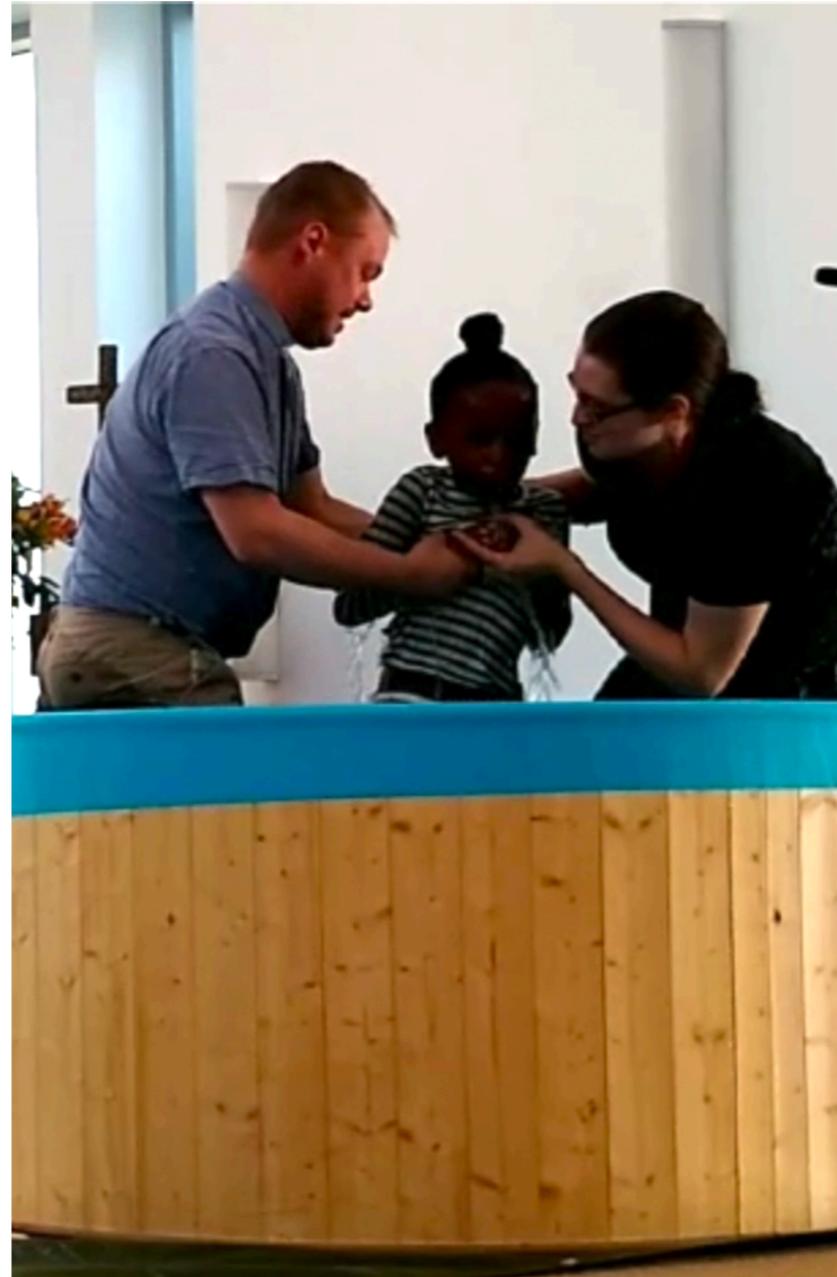
We see a church:

that communicates effectively to inform and inspire
where people are passionate and the fruits of the Spirit are evident in all that takes place
where servant leadership is understood and demonstrated
where the virtue of love binds all together in unity and peace

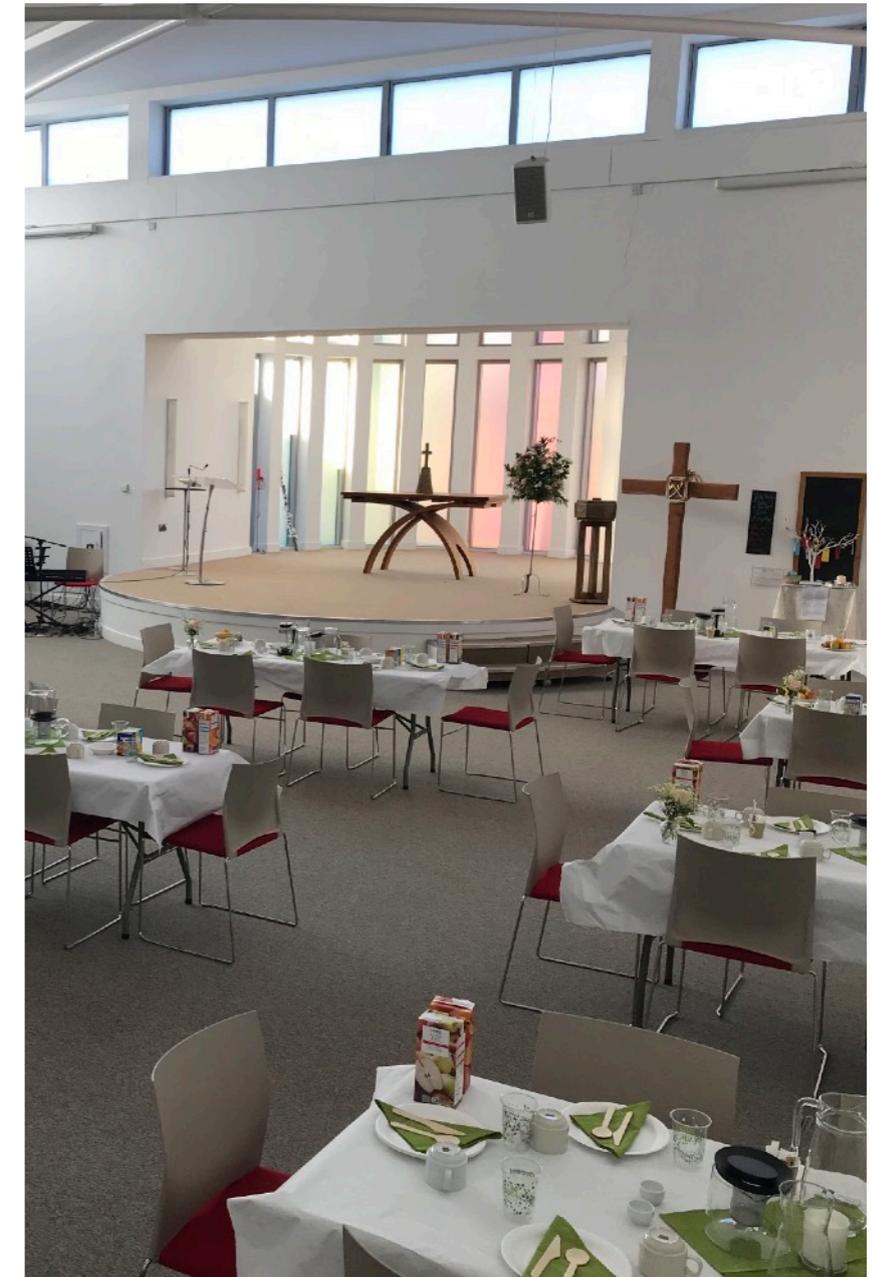
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Children's & Youth Team commissioning in September 2021.



A full-immersion baptism service in February 2022.



Set up for breakfast together, one of the ways we restarted in-person church life after COVID.

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Our main worship service is held every Sunday at 10am.

This service is relaxed and modern, without robes or vestments, and is light on liturgy. Worship is supported by band-led music. The service includes contemporary songs (New Wine, Bethel, Hillsong style), and a traditional hymn. We benefit from a diverse range of preaching styles from ordained and lay ministers. The

Ministry team comprises three clergy (our Vicar, Associate Pioneer and Curate), two licensed and three authorised lay ministers, and one retired priest.

On the first Sunday of each month, our worship takes the form of an all-age service. Children and youth are present for the whole of this service, which usually includes a short interactive talk, family prayers and an action song or two. This is a great opportunity for our children and youth team leaders to worship with their families.

On other Sundays, after the opening worship songs, our children and youth move to different parts of the building for a group-based time of learning and encouragement with their friends. They rejoin the worship service before the last song. For adults, these services usually include a sermon of between 20-30 minutes, several songs, prayers and notices. There are also opportunities for the wider life of the church to be celebrated, for example, volunteer commissioning and testimonies.

On the last Sunday of each month, after their groups, children and youth rejoin the adults for Holy Communion.

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We welcome children and all who wish to receive Holy Communion. Prayer ministry is offered during, and at the end, of all 10am Sunday worship services. Refreshments are normally served after the services and we have occasional whole-church Bring & Share lunches/BBQs.

Recently, we have celebrated wonderful testimonies and evidence of transformed lives, through 11 adult and child baptisms and 14 confirmations.

Before Covid, on average, 140 adults and 50 children and youth met for our Sunday morning service. On Easter Day 2019, more than 240 people worshipped with us. During the Covid lockdown, we moved to weekly YouTube worship services, Facebook live weekly prayer, and occasional on-line social events. Since Covid, some members of our previous congregation have not yet returned, or their attendance is more sporadic. This is a challenge for us and we are trying to encourage all families to return.

Welcoming newcomers is a regular, positive experience at CSK. New people joined us during the Covid lockdowns and now worship with us regularly. Every two to three months, we offer Coffee, Cake & Chat for all newcomers to CSK, which gives people an opportunity to share their stories and ask questions. These meetings also help to connect people with appropriate ministries. They are popular gatherings. Feedback suggests that Coffee, Cake & Chat is valued and supports new friends in feeling they belong.

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Attendances for Sunday morning worship are now, once again, rising. Recently, on the first Sunday in Lent, 209 people joined us for worship. In recent months, we have extended our worship service area into the rear hall, to allow space for those who wish to socially distance and, on busier weeks, to make sure that we have sufficient seats for our congregation. This is an awkward arrangement, as the extended worship space is in a separate hall with a small open doorway. We are examining options to make this a more permanent and practical arrangement.

Children are a much valued and integral part of CSK. Our aim is to encourage children of all ages to explore their faith, to develop a relationship with Jesus and to share their beliefs with those around them. Our children's work is planned and coordinated by a part-time Children & Families Leader, alongside a team of dedicated volunteers.

We also employ a part-time Youth Leader and are delighted we will be joined in September by our new post holder. The role is supported by volunteers.

Post Covid, our Sunday School comprises two age-groups: Glow, for children aged 3 years to the end of Key Stage 1 (10 to 15 children usually attend); and Illumin8, for Key Stage 2 children (15 to 25 children usually attend).

These numbers are increasing, and weekly attendances can be much higher. We have an unsupervised crèche for children aged under 3 years, where parents can watch and listen to the worship service, whilst keeping an eye



on their children. Typically, around 7 to 10 children use the crèche each Sunday morning. Pre-Covid, there were three Sunday School groups, and attendances were higher. Due to a lack of volunteers, we have now reduced to two groups, but hope to grow the team soon.

Our youth join with children and adults for all-age worship on the first Sunday of each month. On all other Sunday mornings, our youth have an opportunity to learn and socialise together as a group, before rejoining the adults towards the end of the worship service, or for Holy Communion on the last week of the month.

Other Sunday services

On Sunday evenings, we offer two different services each month. Worship Oasis is held on the first Sunday and includes a short Bible thought, followed by modern worship songs and music, whilst waiting on the Holy Spirit.

On the third Sunday, our Taizé service is an opportunity to be still, listen to songs, sit in silence, light a candle and reflect and pray.

Outside the church building, we lead a community Remembrance Service each year, which is arranged in collaboration with local uniformed organisations, the Parish Council, Serpentine Green shopping centre and O&H Hampton, the main developers of Hampton. This is a well-attended event in a busy shopping centre.

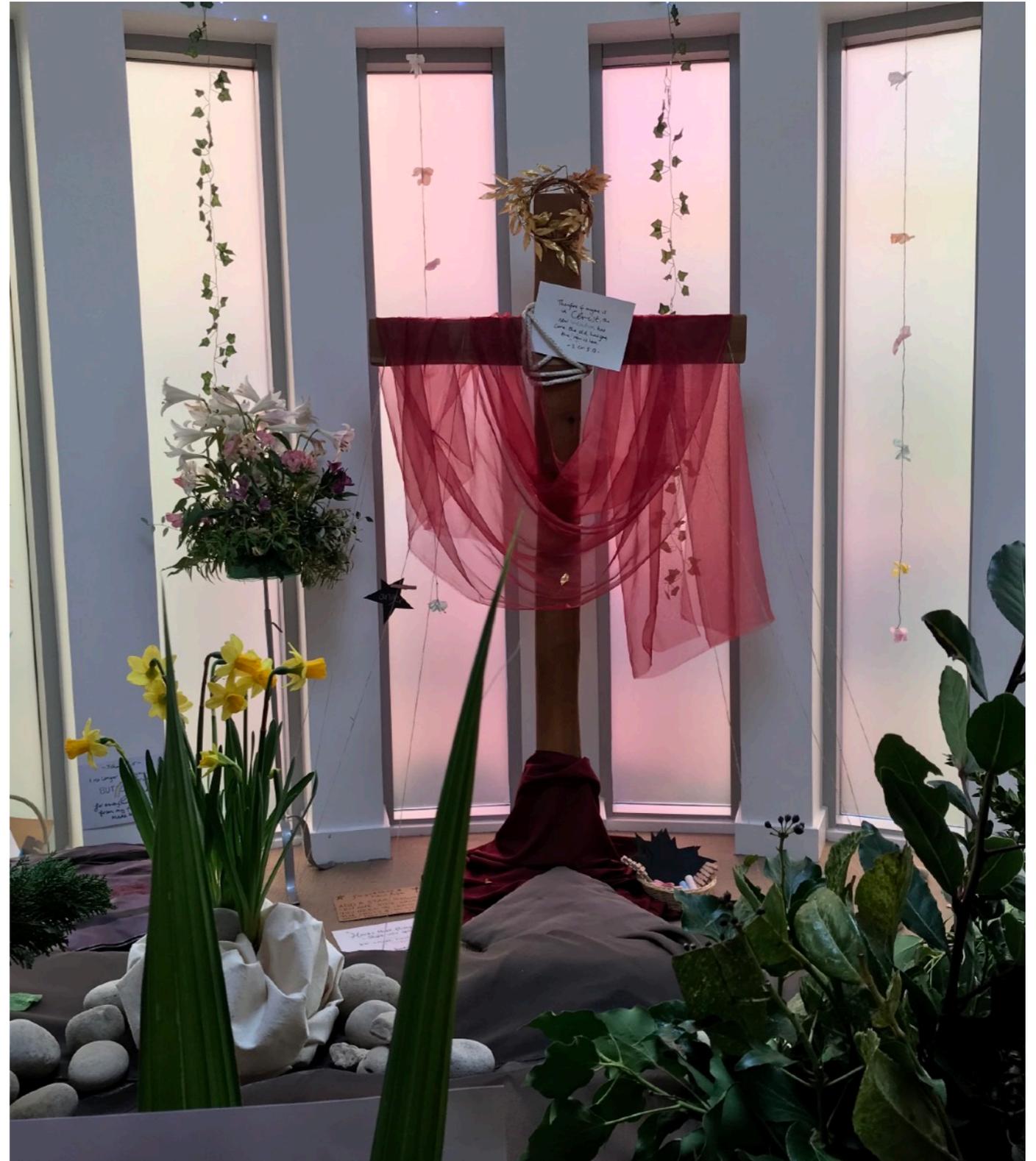
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Discipleship is at the heart of our mission. We seek to reach out, to lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, and encourage and guide believers to mature in their faith. Currently, we have seven small groups that meet on weekdays in homes or in the church building - and have just started another for young mums/carers. The purpose of these groups is to study the Bible, often following the Bible talk on the previous Sunday, to learn and discover how to grow as Christians, and to provide pastoral support for one another.

We know our leaders are praying for us, and we meet for whole-church prayer once a month on the first Tuesday.

We encourage church members to attend Spring Harvest and New Wine. The venue for New Wine United is currently the East of England Showground in Peterborough, which gives us a great opportunity to participate. Also, we have joined in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative since it was launched, and arrange various prayer activities, such as 48 hours of prayer, a prayer labyrinth and a children's prayer gym. We have held Alpha courses, and will do this again in 2022.

We have many ways of reaching out into the community. Our building is designed in a way that encourages local people to come in. CSK's coffee



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shop (Chimes) is a popular place, which is situated in the entrance area of the church. Prior to Covid, Chimes was open from Monday to Saturday, which meant that the church building was readily accessible every day. Since Covid, Chimes has been open from Wednesday to Saturday. We rely on volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to make the ministry of Chimes viable.

Chimes is a meeting place. It acts as a bridge between church and community. It is a wonderful way to build relationships with the local community. People have come to faith through its ministry. Chimes works alongside other church activities and room hires, and encourages people to stay longer in the building and make connections. During Covid, when CSK was otherwise closed, Chimes was able to continue our ministry, including through takeaways, to keep people in contact with each other and to recognise any pastoral needs. Chimes received a Civic Community Involvement Award from Peterborough City Council in March 2020, and was voted Hampton's Business of the Year in 2019.

Most rooms in CSK's building, including the main worship space, are available for hire by Christian and community groups, and by individuals. There is a wide range of regular lettings, including for singing, music and exercise groups, crafts,



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tutoring, uniformed organisations and Slimming World. The income from lettings supports our church and community activities.

We have many other forms of outreach and mission. For example, our Women's Ministry arranges regular breakfasts and evening meals, talks, film nights and craft activities, such as Christmas wreath making. Our Men's Ministry has arranged games evenings, pub quizzes, walks, badminton evenings and a tour of Peterborough Cathedral. Other events are held for the whole church and the wider community. These include film nights, 'Pub Theology', Pancake Day (working through Chimes), the Big Picnic (working with Kingsgate Church), a Light Party (as an alternative to Halloween), Easter and Christmas crafts, a Nativity Trail (around a local lake), pub carols and Carols on the Green.

Our Foodbank provides practical support every week for members of the local community. In addition, every Christmas, a large number of food parcels are distributed by CSK's Foodbank team through local schools to local families. When our Foodbank was unable to open during the Covid pandemic, we were still able to support the local community through our own CSK pantry.

In partnership with a locally-based national charity, Hope into Action, CSK supports a family in a Hope



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into Action house in Hampton, as an opportunity for them to improve their life opportunities.

Pre-Covid, worship services were held each month by different teams in five local residential homes. We are resuming this ministry, as local circumstances permit. A Holy Communion service is held twice each month in the church building on Thursday afternoons.

We have a good relationship with all four (soon to be five) primary schools in Hampton and are welcomed at each school twice each term to lead assemblies and participate in various ways in school life. During Covid, these assemblies took place by video. We host school trips to CSK as part of the RE curriculum, and as a venue for school and nursery nativity celebrations.

Currently, we have two mid-week groups for children and families. The Ark is our baby and toddler 'stay and play' group. During term time, The Ark is open every Thursday morning. It has a team of volunteers. Pre-Covid, this was a very popular group with up to 60 parents and child-minders attending each week. The numbers are rising to this level again. The Ark is an opportunity to share the gospel through hospitality, a short time of music and a Bible story. Most weeks, we are full. In term time, our Connect Lego Club is open after school on Wednesdays. It is led by our Curate,



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Children & Families Leader and five volunteers. Sharing Bible stories is part of this creative Lego experience.

During the summer months, we also arrange fun days with Lego, craft and food.

We have recently appointed a new part-time Youth Leader to start in September. Our Youth Leader works part-time for CSK and part time for a Cambridgeshire Christian charity, Romsey Mill. This charity operates in Hampton from a room in the CSK building. It provides mentoring and community support for local youth.

We are considering how CSK's Youth role should work in the future and are looking forward to developing it with our new staff member from September. Covid has affected many of our youth programmes and, over the last two years, social media has been a mainstay. Youth Alpha, Life Groups, worship and praise, and regular games and social events have been regular features of our Youth programmes - as well as opportunities to connect with Peterborough-wide youth work and national opportunities, such as Soul Survivor and now New Wine Youth (Luminosity).



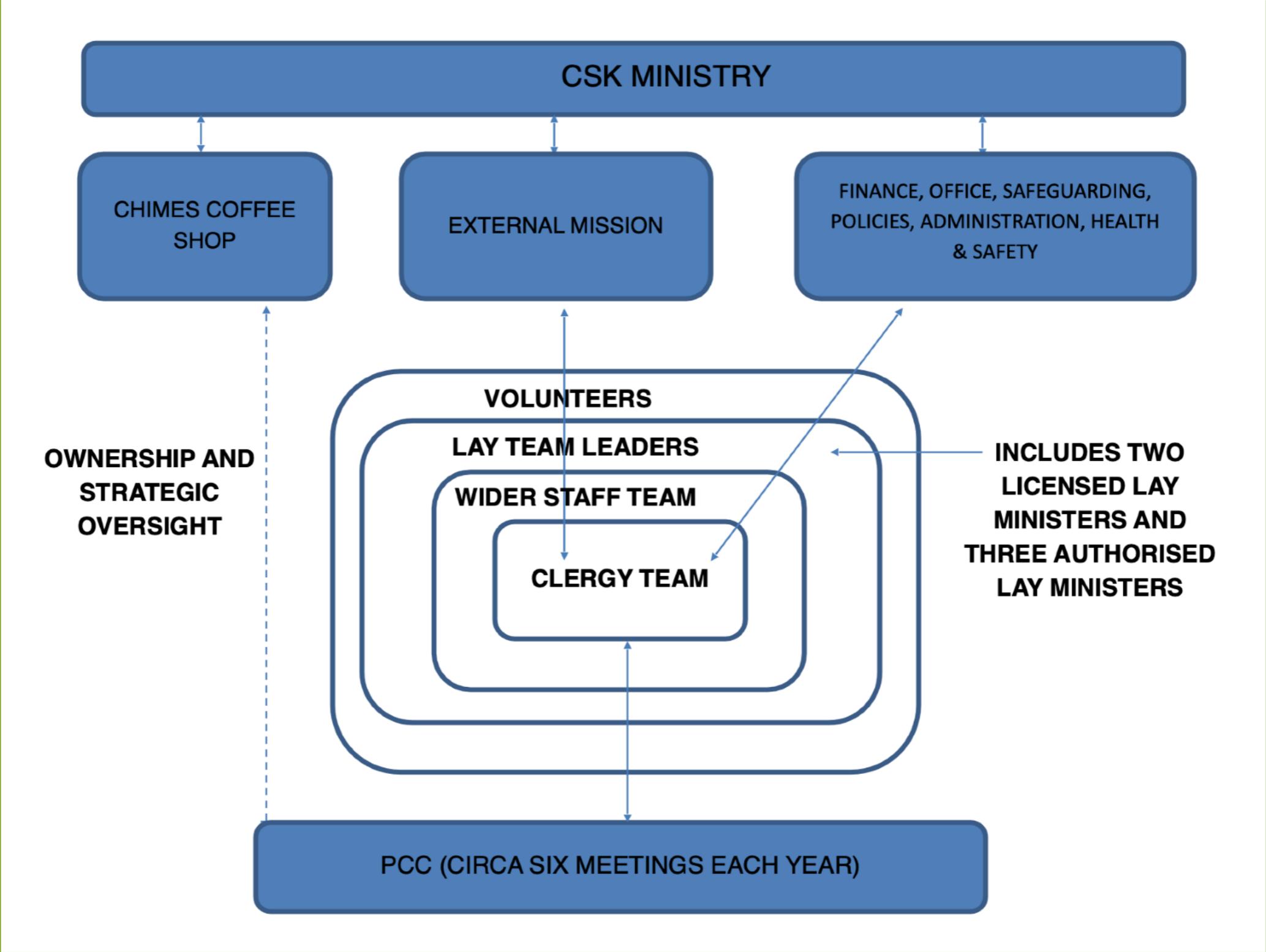


The Vicar, Associate Pioneer Minister, Curate, Children & Families Leader and Youth Leader meet on a weekly basis.

The Vicar and Church Wardens meet on a monthly basis.

Chimes Coffee Shop is owned by the PCC and operates as a Community Interest Company. Its four directors worship at CSK.

19 Our Governance

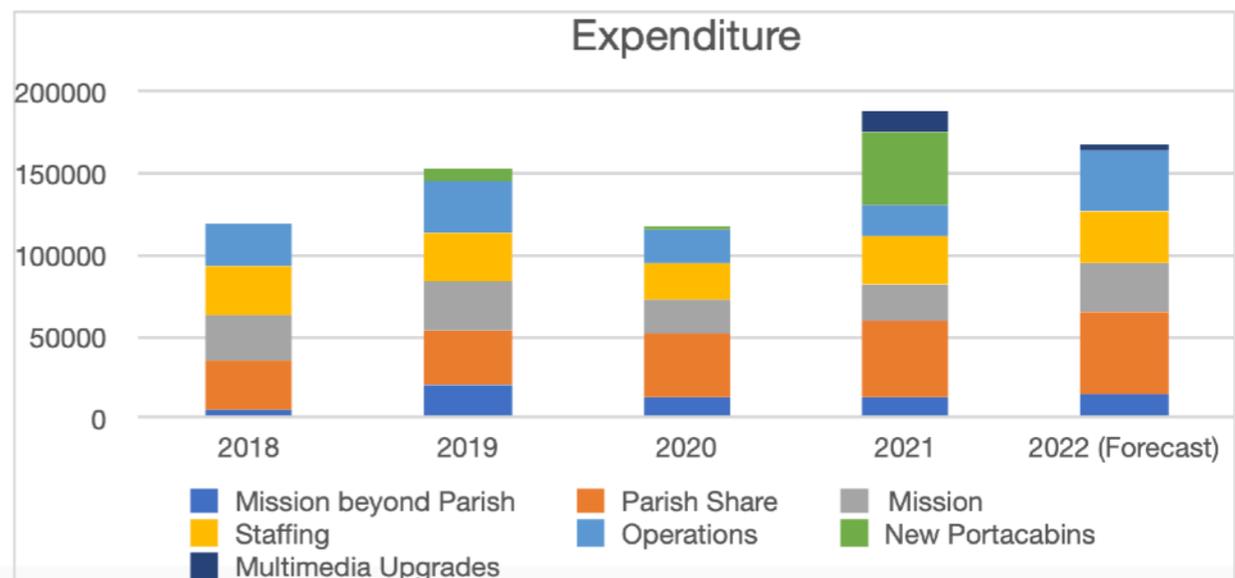
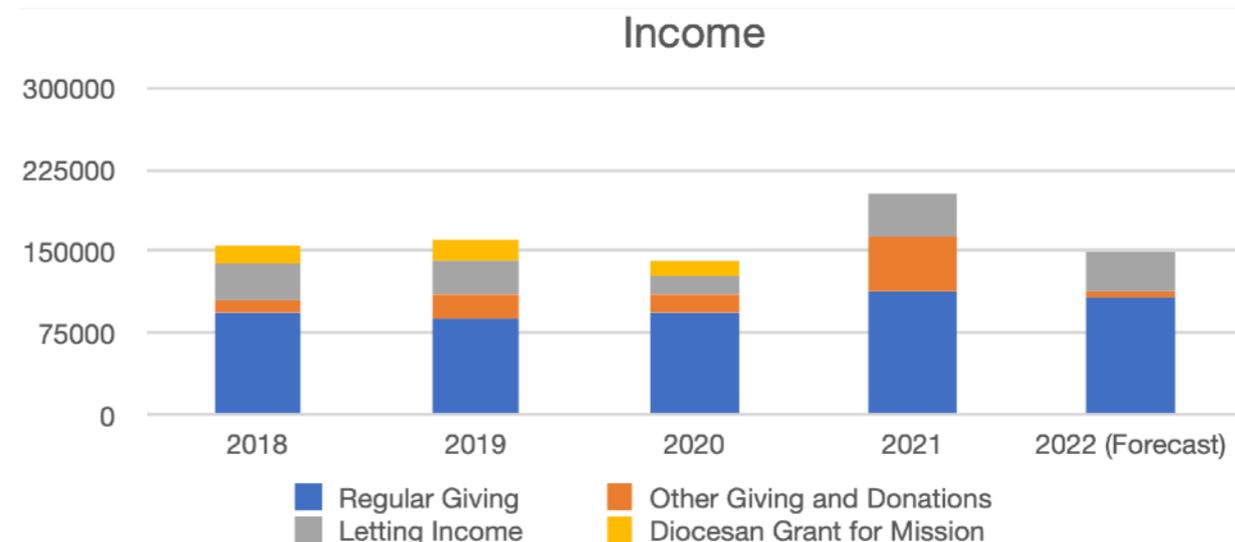


Covid-19 reduced our income and expenditure in 2020, although personal giving continued to increase.

The number of households with monthly planned giving arrangements has shown a small increase over the last three years and, at the time of writing, is 56.

We have increased our Parish Share in annual steps of £5,000 in each of the last nine years. Additionally, we have recently given financial assistance to the Deanery to assist other churches with their Parish Share. We are planning further increases in our Parish Share in future years, moving towards covering the full costs of a Vicar and an Associate Pioneer Minister in Hampton.

We model tithing, and give 10% of the previous year's general income to missions beyond the Parish. Our current mission partners are Hope into Action, United Christian Broadcasters, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Cambridge & District Youth for Christ.



21 Church Land and Buildings



The CSK church building is modern and flexible. Its main worship space seats up to 230 people, although this is a tight squeeze. It has a recently updated multi-purpose sound and audio-visual system, which is expandable for future needs. The ground floor includes a secondary hall, a large foyer, a lounge, a church office, a kitchen and a crèche.

The foyer, kitchen, lounge and crèche are used during the week by Chimes Coffee Shop, and other ministries.

Upstairs, a community room is used mainly by the youth, and a second office, used by a local Christian charity, Romsey Mill, operates as a base for local community youth work.

Recently, two linked portacabins and a large 2-room demountable were added on the sides of our car park.

These buildings are used by church groups and as a Foodbank store. There are no burial grounds.

There is significant potential for future expansion. One possibility would be an internal reconfiguration of the church building to create a larger main worship space.

We are currently discerning God's will for the use of a parcel of land immediately behind the church car park, which was gifted to us in 2019. This additional land effectively doubles the area available to CSK. It gives us the possibility for future growth and development.



The vicarage was built in 2000 and is approximately 1,450 metres from the church. On the ground floor, there is a study, a meeting room/lounge, utility and toilet, with shower cubicle. The first floor consists of an 'L' shaped lounge/diner and kitchen. The second floor has three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. The third floor contains the master bedroom, with an en-suite bathroom and separate shower cubicle, and a walk in wardrobe. The back garden is enclosed with a patio area and lawn.

There are two double garages: one of these is used for the storage of church items, such as the baptism pool, although there is still space in this garage for a small car.

23 What It's Like to Live in Hampton

CSK is located on land that was once, within living memory, a large industrial area of brickworks, on the boundary of Peterborough. In the last 25 years, the area has been reclaimed for new housing. The greater part has been redeveloped, although construction work continues. Hampton now comprises modern housing, with plentiful large, green, open spaces, and many attractive lakes. People of all ages live in Hampton, but it is predominantly an area with young families.

Within close walking distance is a large indoor shopping centre, and nearby are many restaurants, leisure and sports facilities. CSK church is located in a residential area. Local housing is varied, and reaches across many income groups, with 30% social housing.

Two of the primary schools in Hampton are three form entry, and two are two form entry. The ground breaking ceremony for a fifth school, which will be a faith school (RC), has recently taken place, and this school will open in September 2022. There are two secondary schools; one is seven, and one is eight, form entry.

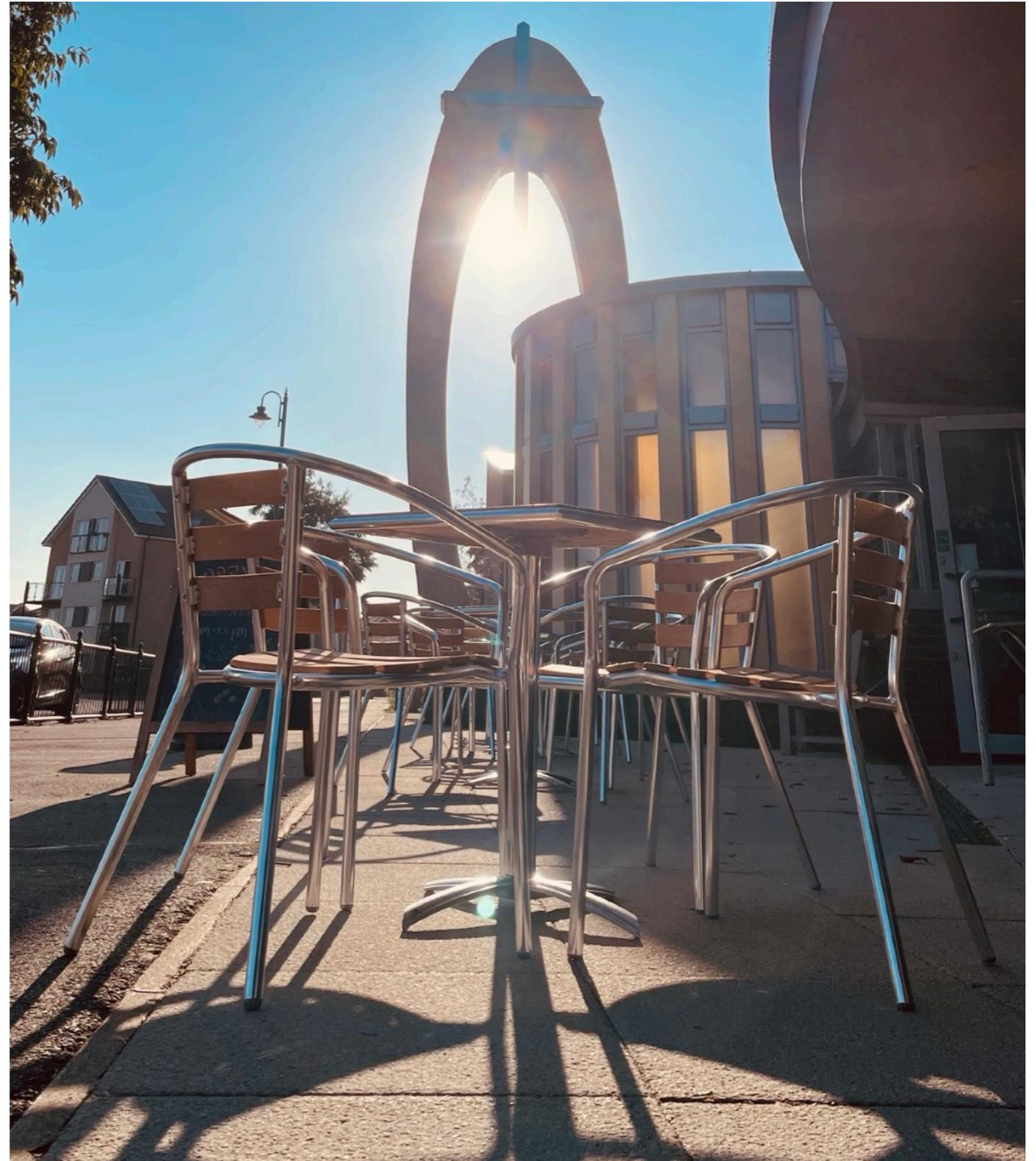
In central Peterborough, The King's (The Cathedral) School is a state funded Church of England mixed secondary school, with a junior department. It is rated as outstanding by Ofsted. A maximum of 74 out of 150 places are available each year to



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children of worshipping members of the Church of England. Children in some CSK families are pupils there.

Peterborough city centre is less than five miles from CSK and can be reached in under ten minutes via modern dual carriageways. Peterborough sits on the East Coast Main Line, with connections to London in 45 minutes, York in less than two hours, Norwich, Ely, Leicester, and beyond. The A1 road is less than five minutes away by car. There are frequent buses through Hampton to Peterborough city centre. The modern infrastructure, the transport connections and the easy access to countryside make Hampton a wonderful place to live.



Over recent years, CSK's congregation has grown in size and vibrancy. Committed, praying, passionate leaders, with modern, varied and accessible worship, engaging many styles, have been the cornerstones of this growth. There is faith and hope that God will continue to bless us with more people, and all who come are warmly welcomed.

This is an exciting time to be at CSK. The numbers of people living in Hampton and, in future, in the neighbouring Great Haddon community, together with the lack of other places of worship in these new developments, create a great missional challenge and a wonderful opportunity. The role in Great Haddon will be worked out in partnership with the vicar of Yaxley and wider deanery.

The growth in CSK's congregation is already bringing some welcome challenges. For example, the opportunity to pastor more people requires additional pastoral time, and our leaders are already working at full stretch. This same challenge is there for discipleship. Under our current leadership structures, CSK is reaching its capacity. Future growth will depend on how well we deal with these leadership challenges, and are able to discover new ways of organising and working together.

Our mission is to connect people with Jesus. Our land and buildings serve no other purpose, and we must discern the right ways to use them to fulfil His mission.

Our new Associate Minister will form a key part of the staff team and other leadership structures, discerning the future of our ministry together.