



King's Cross Methodist Church

18th October 2026

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"The Word in the World" Devotional Sharing

Who Owns This World? (Matthew 22:15-22)

Brother Lau

In my last two sermons, I used examples relating to taxation and banknotes. One concerned the UK government's consideration of imposing a "windfall tax" on banks and oil and gas companies; the other concerned a proposal by the Bank of England to change the portrait of Winston Churchill on the five-pound note. Interestingly, today's lectionary reading from the Gospel of Matthew records a remarkably similar story. Those who sought to trap Jesus asked a pointed question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus responded with another question: "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" The Pharisees and Herodians attempted to use political correctness to ensnare Him, but Jesus elevated the discussion to a much deeper issue: "Who owns this world?" This is a question we should reflect on today. Living in the modern world, how should we respond to the pressures and influences of secular thinking?

In this passage, Jesus' opponents tried to force Him into a corner with a simple yes-or-no question. If Jesus answered "yes," He would be regarded by His fellow Jews as a supporter of Roman oppression. If He answered "no," He could be accused by the Roman authorities of inciting rebellion. Likewise, over the past few decades, the world has developed a set of values promoting concepts such as fairness, freedom, and human rights. While these ideals may appear noble, they are sometimes used to diminish God's sovereignty over the world and, in the name of "political correctness," pressure Christians into treating secular beliefs or other religions as equal to the one true God whom we worship. Yet Jesus wisely avoided the trap of political correctness. He reminds us that the values of God's kingdom always stand above any earthly political position. We may hold political views, but we must never allow politics to dictate our loyalty to God. Jesus was not avoiding a political question; rather, He refused to let politics become the master of human life.

Jesus then used the image on the coin to explain a foundational Christian principle. The coin bore Caesar's image, signifying that it was the official currency of the Roman Empire and derived its value from governmental authority. Therefore Jesus answered, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's." In other words, if people use Caesar's currency, accept its function, and live under Roman governance, they should fulfil their civic responsibilities by paying taxes. However, this does not mean that Jesus recognised earthly governments as possessing unlimited authority. Notice that Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." This implies that Caesar is entitled only to what genuinely belongs to him, not to our entire lives. Nor does it mean that we should bow down and worship earthly rulers. Immediately afterward, Jesus declared the timeless truth: "And give to God what belongs to God." He reminds us that Christians may faithfully fulfil their responsibilities in society, but must never elevate earthly authority to a sacred or untouchable position.

The story concludes with Jesus' declaration that God's things belong to God. The Pharisees and Herodians were astonished and quietly departed. Their silent retreat highlights the

unanswerable truth contained in Jesus' words, a truth that every Christian should remember. The coin bears Caesar's image, indicating that it belongs to Caesar. But humanity bears the image of God (Genesis 1:27), which means that every person ultimately belongs to God. More broadly, all creation reveals the wisdom of its Creator, and therefore the whole earth belongs to God. Jesus' teaching is that while Caesar may ask for taxes, God requires something far greater: our whole lives, marked by complete obedience and wholehearted worship.

Jesus transformed the discussion from a debate about paying taxes into a question about who possesses ultimate authority over the world. The central message of this passage is that while we may submit to earthly systems, we must never entrust our lives to them. Human systems are created by people and can be changed by people. Christians are called to transform the world through godly living and faithfulness to the truth. In this age of political noise and social tension, may we continue to remember that our identity comes from God and our lives belong to God. May we offer ourselves completely and unreservedly to Him.



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Church Family News Sharing

1. The Safeguarding Training course will be held on Sunday, 18th October, at 1:30 pm in the Small Chapel. No registration is required; please arrive on time. If you have any questions, please contact Church Administrator.
2. Chinese Congregation, Epsom Methodist Church is generously standing with us in great support of King's Cross Methodist Church's redevelopment. While celebrating their own 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration, they have kindly dedicated the event as a fundraiser for our church redevelopment cause, held on Saturday, 24th October 2026 at 4pm — timed at the start of the October half-term, making it a perfect family outing for parents and children alike. Join us at Epsom Methodist Church, 11–13 Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 5AQ, for Hong Kong street food, game booths, and an arts & crafts charity sale — free entry, all are welcome. Please bring your family and friends to support this meaningful cause; for enquiries, contact Church Administrator.
3. Winter Night Shelter will resume at our church from 5th November to 26th March (every Thursday night to Friday morning). We are now recruiting volunteers to serve in a variety of roles and time slots. Please refer to the “Meetings and Activities” section for further details. For enquiries and registration, please contact: Deacon Melissa Wheeler or Church Administrator. The night shelter is run in partnership with C4WS, a local homelessness charity. We cannot provide this important ministry without a team of willing volunteers. Every Thursday night until 16th March, we will welcome around 16 guests, offering a warm and welcoming place to stay. Guests can enjoy a hot meal, an evening of companionship, a shower, a warm bed for the night, and breakfast in the morning.
4. **UPDATE** - The church will hold a Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer of Membership United Service on 20th December. If you are interested in applying or would like further information, please contact the Church Administrator or Lay Worker by 8th November. Please note that the Baptism and Membership Classes will be held online on the following Monday evenings: 23rd November, 30th November, 7th December & 14th December. Time: 8 pm – 9:30 pm.

5. **【Moldova Short-Term Mission】** We are planning to join OM (Operation Mobilisation) for a short-term mission in Moldova. Date: 15th –21st April 2027. Location: Moldova. Ministries: Elderly Home visits, care-home cleaning & gardening, children's and youth ministry, home visits, Bible stories telling, testimonies, games and drama. FEE for Ages 0-3: Free; Ages 3-6: £100 per person; Ages 7-12: £150 per person; Ages 13 or Above (including adults): £300 per person (Excluding flights & visa). Deadline: 20th December 2026. Brothers, sisters and families are welcome! Participants require pastoral recommendation, a valid visa and DBS check. Unable to join? You are also welcome to support the team through a donation. Enquiries: Church Administrator.
6. **【Property Ministry Volunteer Recruitment】** The Property Ministry is seeking volunteers to support the maintenance and upkeep of the church premises. This is an opportunity to contribute to the life of the church by using your gifts and skills in areas such as administration, team communication, and DIY (basic repairs), as we serve our spiritual home together in love. For enquiries or to register your interest, please contact Church Administrator.
7. The Children's Sunday School Discipleship Team is launching the "Hands of Prayer" Ministry, with the hope of cultivating a culture of prayer and mutual care within the Children's Sunday School and the wider church community. The "Hands of Prayer" display is currently on the wall of Room L in the basement. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to place their hands on the corresponding handprints and pray according to the prayer points, lifting up the children, teachers, and teaching assistants in prayer.
8. **【Reusing Sunday Service Flowers】** To avoid waste and allow the Sunday Service flowers to become a blessing to others, the church flower arranging team will turn the flowers into bouquets after the Cantonese Service each week and give them to elderly church members and brothers and sisters who need pastoral visits. If you are planning to visit someone that week and would like a bouquet, please contact Church Administrator in advance. (*Limited quantities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*) The flower arranging team also welcomes brothers and sisters who are interested in learning flower arranging or how to wrap bouquets to sign up and participate.
9. LiFEgame will be held from 21st to 23rd December in Northampton. Those who register on or before 31st October can enjoy the Super Early Bird rate of £160 per person. If you have not attended before, you are strongly encouraged to join this life-changing journey. For enquiries or registration, please refer to the "Meetings and Events" section on the last few pages or visit: <http://lifegame.co.uk/join-lifegame/>

Meetings & Events



30th Anniversary Celebration of CCEMC
Fundraising for the redevelopment of
King's Cross Methodist Church

1996 - 2026

WE ARE ONE

"And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him....."
Romans 8:28

FREE ENTRY

All are welcome

24 Oct Saturday

Anniversary Service **4pm**
Fun Fair **5:30-8pm**

Hong Kong Street Food
Game Booths
Arts & Crafts Charity Sale

Epsom Methodist Church, 11-13 Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 5AQ

Winter Night Shelter – Volunteers Needed

Thursday evenings from Thursday 5th November 2026 to 16th March 2027

🕒 Front of House – 6.30–9.45 pm

A team of **4 volunteers** to help set up beds and refreshments, welcome guests, spend time chatting, and perhaps enjoy a board game together. Volunteers eat dinner with the guests.

🕒 Evening Meal – 6.30–9.30 pm

A team of **2 volunteers** to help prepare and serve the evening meal.

🌙 Overnight – 9.45 pm–7.15 am

2 overnight volunteers are needed. Volunteers sleep separately from the guests and are there to respond in case of an emergency. **You are not expected to stay awake overnight.**

🕒 Breakfast – Friday, 7.00–9.00 am

A team of **2 volunteers** to prepare and serve breakfast and then help pack away the mattresses and bed linen.

Enquiries & Registration: Deacon Mel Wheeler



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£160 - Super Early Bird Price (Promotion ends 31st Oct 2026)
£180 - Early Bird Price (Promotion ends 30th Nov 2026)
£200 - Standard Price (Application Deadline 11th Dec 2026)

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MOLDOVA

MISSION TRIP 2027

SERVE, LOVE, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MISSIONARY OF MOLDOVA

Date: 15 - 21 April 2027

OUR MINISTRIES

- ELDERLY HOME CLEANING GARDENING AND SIMPLE MAINTENANCE
- YOUTH PROGRAM
- CHILDREN PROGRAM
- HOME VISIT
- TESTIMONY SHARING
- BIBLE STORY TELLING
- GAMES
- DRAMA

CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS

- PASTORAL REFERENCE
- LEGAL VISA FOR ENTRY
- DBS CHECK

Registration closes on: 20 December 2026

FEE:

* Below 3 :	FREE
* 3-6 Years Old:	£100
* 7-12 Years Old:	£150
* 13 Years Old / Above and Adult:	£300

(EXCLUDING AIR TICKET & VISA)

FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED!

JOIN US! Register now

For more information, please contact Terry Leung





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