



Church Essentials

What's on this week

Sun 28th January	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Heb 2:14-end; Lk 2:22-40</i> <i>Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai</i>
	10am	Shared Life and Mission <i>Communion</i> <i>Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood</i>
	6pm	Extended Teaching <i>Serve wholeheartedly</i> <i>2 Tim 1:15; 2:13</i> <i>Speaker: Phil Sowards</i>
Weds 31st January	10.30am	Wednesday Midweek Community <i>God's Treasure: Our treasure: the Gospel</i> <i>2 Cor 4:4-7, 16-18</i> <i>Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai; Speaker: Jane Mullaney</i> Doors open 10am for coffee and chat, and the service will begin at 10.30.
Thurs 1st February	9am	Zoom Bible Study (John's Gospel) Bible study on Zoom takes place on Thursdays at 9am . The group is currently looking at John's gospel. Join via the link to the church YouTube channel below. If you are not able to join the group live, you can also catch up with the recordings: www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth

Notices

PCC Meeting 30th January

The next PCC meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30th January**. If you have any questions you would like the PCC to consider at this meeting, please contact the PCC Secretary at pcc@stjohn316.co.uk by close of play on **Friday 26th January**.

Weekend road closures outside church

Please note that the section of Warwick Road, just outside church between St John's roundabout and St John's Road will be closed on the following Sundays for essential drainage work:

28th January

4th February

11th February

Please allow extra time when coming to church if you need to make a diversion.

New outreach in Kenilworth town centre to start this week

Members of St John's will be out on the streets around Abbey End to Listen Talk & Pray with members of the public from 10.30-12.30 once a fortnight starting this Saturday 27th January. If you would like to be involved in reaching out to the people of Kenilworth, please let Sue or Andrew know if you haven't already done so.

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The whole church is invited:

Because our church vision is focused on 'Becoming like Jesus', I and the Co Leaders have recognised the public nature of what Jesus did. He was often in public spaces, sharing and helping people who he had just met. He was available to strangers.

From January 27th, we have permission on fortnightly Saturdays to be out and about, with church T-Shirts on.





Stamps

During January there will be a box at the back of church for used stamps. These are being collected by 1st Kenilworth Brownies as their collective good turn. This is in response by an appeal for used stamps by the Birk Crag Guiding centre in Yorkshire. Any donations of used stamps will be welcomed. With many thanks from Jennifer Matthews 01926 854 384.

Teams4U Shoebox Appeal Christmas 2023 update

Last year the Mother's Union, with the help of generous gifts and donations from church members, were able to make up 107 shoeboxes which were sent out to children in Eastern Europe.

Teams4U received over 64,000 shoeboxes from around the UK. Two teams of volunteers went to Bosnia and Romania to deliver them. Please click on the link below to see a short video of children receiving their boxes in Romania:

<https://mailchi.mp/b7433d2bb079/2023-shoebox-update?e=4c17f01a55>

CHIT curry night – 15th June

An advance notice that the next CHIT curry night will be on **Saturday 15th June 2024 at 7pm** in the church building. Please make a note in your diary. Bookings will be taken nearer the time.

Dates for the diary

23rd-24th February – Learning Community 4

24th April – Living Out, an evening with Andy Robinson

15th June – CHIT curry night

19th October – Church Ceilidh

For more information, please go to the home page of our website www.stjohn316.co.uk and click on Forthcoming Events.

If you are new to church or want to find out more, please go to our FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelist>

or website: <https://www.stjohn316.co.uk/>

Contacts

Vicar: Revd Andrew Attwood, vicar@stjohn316.co.uk (Andrew's day off is Monday)

Church Administrator: Sue Dawson, admin@stjohn316.co.uk ((Office Hours: Tuesday: 09.00 – 12.30; Weds & Fri: 11.00 - 13.00); Friday: 11.00 - 13.00); tel: 01926 853203

PCC Secretary: Roger Homes, pcc@stjohn316.co.uk

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Youth: youth@stjohn316.co.uk

Community News

An update on the former residents at the Riverside Hotel

Thank you to people who have prayed for those at the hotel whilst the hotel closed and 90 people were relocated. People stayed calm during the three days that they moved. Everyone was provided with a suitcase: local people responded to this request fantastically. It gave people dignity when leaving with their possessions. It was very special.

Families have been moved to a Leamington hotel. Most women have been moved to a Coventry hotel. Most men have been moved to a Tamworth hotel.

A few women who came to Drop In hope to be able to come occasionally, so we should see them around from time to time.

Of those who were more closely connected with our church community, coming to services on Sundays and the bible study groups on Fridays:

One lady had already connected with an Eritrean church which meets at the Elim Pentecostal Church which is her church background and she will be local to them in Coventry.

Two men are in Allesley where I understand there is a good church. They hope to rejoin us at St John's services when possible.

Two women are in Nottingham. They are 300m from St Nic's Church in Nottingham, where I attended and where Ken and I married. They went to the service on Sunday and plan to go to the English lessons run by the church in the week.

Sadly, one man chose not to move to a hotel. This person has moved to London. We are in contact with him.

One young lady, part of the group closely connected with the church, wrote to thank people. She asked that her message passed to local charities and groups which had supported them:

I'm touched beyond words. All I can say is thank you. My heart just keeps saying again and again thanking you and thanking you. You're a blessing for us. You make our environment lovely. When we were in difficult time and challenging time. You always know how to make life brighter for everyone. But time comes and physically separates us from you. We always remember your kindness and keep your memories in our heart. God bless you all.

*We love you so much and I wish all the best.
Stay blessed.*

Global connections job vacancy

Global Connections in Leamington Spa are looking for a new contracted cleaner to start as soon as possible. Duties to include cleaning the office, small kitchen area and toilets for two hours every fortnight. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Andy Law (01926 487755 (option 4)/alaw@globalconnections.org.uk).

Time out for Parents – 31st January, Leek Wootton Church

Calling all parents and carers of children up to age 11!

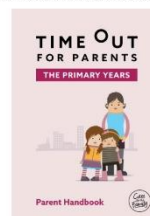
Need help guiding your children through the primary years of childhood and building stronger family relationships as they journey through the rollercoaster of life? Why not come along to

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE PRIMARY YEARS

This course from **Care for the Family** gives you time out to share ideas with other parents and carers, discuss real-life situations and plan changes you want to make

Sessions cover

- > What being a parent is really like
- > Children's needs
- > Feelings and listening
- > Boundaries and parenting styles
- > Keeping safe
- > Building strong families



Wednesday evenings at 7.45, starting on 31st January at Leek Wootton Church. Led by trained Mothers' Union facilitators

Voluntary Donation £10 includes Parent Handbook and refreshments.

To book your place email Janet: toddlers@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk

Or text/call Felicity on 07773 079447 by Friday 26th January



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Diocese of Coventry eBulletin – in order to receive the weekly bulletin, register at:
<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/register/>

Church Essentials goes out every week on a Tuesday. If you have any items you would like to be included in the following week's edition, please email them to the Church Administrator at admin@stjohn316.co.uk by 12 noon on the previous Friday.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about church matters, please do contact a member of the PCC or, failing that, the Church Administrator or the PCC Secretary.

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