

Church Essentials

What's on this week



Weds 31st July 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Seven signs from John's Gospel: the Nobleman's Son
John 4:46-54
Celebrant: Revd. Mary Rai
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

Sun 4th August 8am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35
Leader: Matt King

10am **In God's Presence**
We set aside waiting time in the presence of the Holy Spirit; where all our plans are flexible so that we can hear God, become more open to him, becoming more able to change in his presence.
Leader: Karen Mills

6pm **Eco Service**
Refreshed by God's Creation
Mark 12:28-30, John 14:15-24, John 5:3
Leaders: Felicity Hawke and Gill Palmer

Weds 7th August 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Seven signs from John's Gospel: Transfiguration
Mark 9:2-13
Celebrant: Revd. Mary Rai
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

Thursday Zoom Bible Study – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note the Bible study on Zoom which normally takes place on Thursdays at 9am has now been paused until Andrew returns from Sabbatical when it will be reviewed. You can still catch up with the recordings of all past studies: www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth or via stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again.

Summer with C. S. Lewis

Here is this week's quotation:

“By Love, most of us mean kindness—the desire to see others than the self happy; not happy in this way or in that, but just happy. What would really satisfy us would be a God who said of anything we happened to like doing, ‘What does it matter so long as they are contented?’ We want, in fact, not so much a Father in Heaven as a grandfather in heaven—a senile benevolence who, as they say, ‘liked to see young people enjoying themselves,’ and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, ‘a good time was had by all’
The Problem of Pain (1940)”

First Aiders

First Aid training will be taking place in church on Tuesday 15th October for those first aiders whose certificates are expiring soon. There are a number of spare places available on this course (Emergency First Aid at Work) which will run from 9am-4pm. If you are involved in church activities and would like to join the existing list of first aiders, please let Sue in Church Office know (admin@stjohn316.co.uk).

Church office tidy up – free stationery available

There is still a small amount of stationery (mostly envelopes and plastic wallets) on the side at the back of the church. Please help yourselves to anything you want. Anything not taken will be removed by the end of the week.

Kitchen and cleaning supplies

A small number of supplies are kept in the church office and the church administrator can order further supplies when required. If you run any church activities which use these products, please can you let Sue in the church office know when you run low so that she can restock or order more items as required. As an Eco Church, St John's is gradually trying to move across to using Fairtrade or environmentally friendly products where possible and Sue has a list of approved cost-effective suppliers and products she is able to order from.

Additional stewards required

We have a small band of people who are available to act as stewards at funerals and weddings in church. With several people stepping down from this role after a long period of service, we could ideally do with a few more volunteers to come forward to replace them. The number of weddings and funerals we conduct per year is not large so you would not be called upon to steward very often. If you feel that this is an area in which you could serve the church or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Sue in the church office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk).

Church Accident book

Just a reminder that there is an accident book in church (Red book by the fire bell, marked 'Health and Safety Log Book'). This is checked regularly and any entries taken out of the book and recorded. Please remember to use this to record any accidents that occur in the church building.

Who to go to during Andrew's Sabbatical 2024

Andrew goes on Sabbatical on May 25th. Below is a list of who to go to during his absence:

For general information: Sue Dawson (office)
(including building use, funerals, weddings, etc.)

For formal PCC or CofE / diocese matters: Phil Sowards

PCC secretary: Roger Homes

Safeguarding: Charlie Palmer

For church direction and vision: (week by week) including new initiatives / ideas:
Co-Leaders (Michelle Harris, Karen Mills, Mary and Kal Rai, Kim Matthews, Roger Homes)

For running of Services – organising people:

8am: Phil Sowards & Mary Rai

6pm: Felicity Hawke

10am: Roger Homes, Michelle Harris, Kal Rai, Karen Mills, Kim Matthews

Midweek 10.30am: Catherine Pennington

Pastoral needs: Mary and Kal Rai

Information about Huddles: Michelle Harris

Youth work: Tom and Liz Charton

Kenilworth Youth For Christ: Dave Boyle

Young children and young families: Simone Royle, Wendy Wilson & Penny Bryans

Buildings, site & gardens maintenance: Rob Cheetham, Steve Prestwich

Church roof update – caution advised

The work to repair the church roof started on Tuesday May 14th. Please do not interfere with the scaffolding or allow children to play on it. Part of the car park to the right of the entrance to the church has been fenced off and is not available for use. One of the disabled car parking spaces has also been relocated.

Please do not move the cones/fencing and do not interfere with the skip or the equipment in the fenced-off area. Work is expected to last between 6 and 8 weeks depending on the weather.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 19th October Church Ceilidh

Wednesday 6th November Talking Jesus roadshow

Fri & Sat 8th & 9th November Learning Community 5

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 Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelist or our website: www.stjohn316.co.uk

Community News

Trip to Sherbourne Recycling Centre

Anne, who is the Eco Church Rep at Kenilworth URC church, has organised a trip to Sherbourne Recycling Centre on **Wednesday 7th August** from **10.30am-12 noon**. There are spaces available for anyone from other churches who would like to go along. If you are interested, please contact Anne on [ask our church administrator for phone number] by **Thursday 1st August**.

Christian Aid Week 2024

The Kenilworth and District digital envelope for this year's Christian Aid Week raised £784.50. In addition, All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton, raised a magnificent £1,220 from their Cheese and Wine fundraising event. Sincere thanks from Christian Aid and Churches Together Kenilworth & District for your generosity.

At the Kenilworth Centre: Summer pop-up Cafe 4 All

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday 3.30pm – 5.30pm from 23rd July to 22nd August

Week 1 – Upcycling (23rd - 25th July)

Bring your old T-shirts and choose tie-dye / colour or redesign

Week 2 Painting and Modelling (30th July - 1st August)

Make your own playdough and clay art.

Weeks 3 & 4 – STEM Weeks (6th-8th August and 13th-15th August)

Who can build the tallest tower and strongest bridge

Lego/Duplo and featured sessions from Telent on 8th and 15th August

Week 5 – Journal and Zeen Making (20th-22nd August)

Preparing for back to school, create a journal or design a zeen.

**No need to book, just come along and join in,
Refreshments available on a pay-what-you-can basis.**

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News from the Diocese

Diocese of Coventry eBulletin – In order to receive the weekly bulletin, register at www.equiphub.org.uk/register/

Deadline for Church Essentials topics

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, the Churchwarden or the PCC Secretary on the contact details below:

Co-leaders: Michelle Harris, Roger Homes, Karen Mills, Mary Rai, Simone Royle
[Please note: Revd. Andrew Attwood is currently on sabbatical leave]

Contact Details

For any contact details not listed in this newsletter, please ask Sue at the church office, admin@stjohn316.co.uk.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday: 09.00 – 12.30
Wednesday: 11.00 – 13.00
Friday: 11.00 – 13.00

We will try to reply to your email as soon as possible within working hours.

If your query is urgent, please consider contacting another member of the Church Staff team, if this is appropriate (please see next column).

Vicar:

Revd. Andrew Attwood
[currently on sabbatical leave]

Churchwarden:

Phil Swards
warden@stjohn316.co.uk

PCC Secretary:

Roger Homes
pcc@stjohn316.co.uk

Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

Youth:

youth@stjohn316.co.uk

Safeguarding Officer:

Charlie Palmer
safeguarding@stjohn316.co.uk

Domestic Abuse Awareness

The PCC has committed that we shall, as a church, pray for the victims of domestic abuse in the UK and worldwide, in support of the Mothers Union 'RISE UP' campaign. Please join us in praying regularly.

For more details on the Mothers Union campaign, go to the relevant page in the MU section on the Coventry Diocese Website

[RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse | Mothers' Union \(www.mothersunion.org/riseup\)](http://www.mothersunion.org/riseup).

Please consider the environment before printing. As a Church, we have signed up to 'Eco Church' and would like to preserve the environment as much as possible.

Respond
Inform Unite
Support Pray
Empower





SUMMER POP-UP CAFE 4 ALL



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