

Church Essentials

Forthcoming Services



- Weds 13th Aug. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Called Sent: the woman at the well
John 4:4-26
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.
- Sun 17th Aug. 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2; Luke 12:49-56
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
- 10am** **Learning Christ's Ways**
Drawing others into the love of God
and a loving church community
Led by the Discovery Group
- 6pm** **Holy Communion**
James 5:13-20
Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham
- Weds 20th Aug. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Called Sent: Moses
Numbers 16:39-50
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.
- Sun 24th Aug. 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Acts 5:12-16; Luke 22:24-30
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
- 10am** **Shared Life & Mission (Communion)**
Communion includes "community"
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Celebrant & Leaders: Revd Mary Rai and Springboard
- 6pm** **NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**
Walk to Ashow
- Weds 27th Aug. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Called Sent: Isaiah
Isaiah 6:1-13
Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Temporary exhibition in church

During the month of August there is an exhibition in church displaying various photos and artefacts relating to the more recent history of St John's, including church groups which have existed. Do take a look. If you are a long term church member, you may even recognise some of the people in the photos.

Temporary closure of church kitchen

Please note that the church kitchen will be out of use from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th August inclusive due to redecoration. Hopefully, it should be open again on Thursday 28th August, providing the decorator does not come across any unforeseen problems.

Church WiFi

As you may be aware, we have been testing a new WIFI system in the church building for a few weeks in advance of implementing a new solution. This test system has now been temporarily disabled as we work out a few of the finer details. We intend to have the new system, including a 'guest WIFI' feature, implemented by the end of the summer.

Poetry and Praise - 31st August @ 6pm – God in Creation

Come and celebrate with us at 6pm. Refreshments to follow.

We would like to ask you to try writing a Haiku about an aspect of nature and/or God. Haiku are 3 line unrhymed Japanese poems (we usually write them in English) which consist of lines 5 syllables, 7 syllables and 5 syllables long.

In case you have forgotten, a syllable is a beat- so "Heaven" has 2 beats when you say it, and "God" has one. Try writing and bring the poems with you.

Here's a home-made example of a Haiku:

Black winged boy racers,
The swifts scream round the rooftops,
Such joy in action

We look forward to seeing you there.

Val Whiteman

Autumn term cards

Please see below the autumn term cards for the 10am and 6pm services.

Sept-Dec 2025 Sunday morning Rhythm			
Jesus' extraordinary Life/Community qualities			
In God's Presence IGP	Hearing God's Word HGW	Learning Christ's Ways LCW	Shared Life & Mission SL&M
Holy Spirit	Father	Son	Church

Date	Focus	Content
7 Sept	IGP	
14 Sept	HGW	Jesus' life with the Father
21 Sept	LCW	The single life in a church community
28 Sept	SL&M	Promoting accountability
5 Oct	IGP	
12 Oct	HGW	Jesus' devotion to God's word
19 Oct	LCW	Jesus' apprenticeship to the Spirit
26 Oct	SL&M	How Jesus' teachings have shaped the world
2 Nov	IGP	
9 Nov	HGW	Promoting hospitality and open house: a welcoming community
16 Nov	LCW	Safeguarding Sunday
23 Nov	SL&M	Communion
30 Nov	LCW	Jesus' commitment to shared life
7 Dec	IGP	
14 Dec	HGW	Jesus lived a very public life, available to all kinds of people
21 Dec	LCW	Jesus' authority over sickness
25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	An invitation: Life to the full
28 Dec	SL&M	Communion

The Appearances of the Risen Jesus

Date	Service	Scripture/Theme
7 Sept	H&R	
14 Sept	HC	Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)
21 Sept	MP	Ignite, Oasis
28 Sept	ET	On the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35)
5 Oct	H&R	
12 Oct	HC	With the disciples in a locked room (John 20:19-23; Luke 24:36-39)
19 Oct	MP	Discovery, Gateway, Men
26 Oct	ET	Jesus appears to Thomas (John 20:24-29)
2 Nov	H&R	
9 Nov	HC	Jesus meets the seven out fishing (John 21:1-14)
16 Nov	MP	Springboard, Drop In
23 Nov	ET	Other appearances (Matt 28:16-20; 1 Cor 15:6; Acts 9:3-6)
30 Nov	EP	Living a resurrection life (Phil 3:10-11; 2 Cor 5:17)
7 Dec	H&R	
14 Dec	HC	Luke 1:26-38
21 Dec		Carol Service
28 Dec	EP	Evening Prayer

Learning Community 6

Announcing a very important date for your diary:

The next Learning Community will take place in church on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October (please note the new date).

Jennifer Wickham will be our speaker on The Role of the Prophetic in Evangelism and Outreach.

Do make a point of coming along and bringing your whole team with you.

Learning Community 6



Rev Jennifer Wickham

The role of 'hearing God's voice' in evangelism and outreach

**Fri evening 3rd Oct, 7-9pm
& Saturday 4th Oct, 9.30am-3pm**

Craft and Handmade Fair Saturday 11th October 12-4pm

Save the date! There will be a Craft and Handmade Fair in church on 11th October. This will now be in the Church Halls. We already have a number of stalls booked, but we may have space for a few more. The cost is £10. Contact Felicity Hawke or Jenny Blair for details

We also need some volunteers to help with refreshments. We hope to serve homemade cakes and biscuits, so we need people to make them, and also people to run the hall kitchen, as well as some help with setting up and taking down. Get in contact if you can help in any way.

[Ask the church office, admin@stjohn316.co.uk, if you need contact details for Felicity or Jenny]

Missing MU banner



If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Mothers Union banner (photo of it on the left as it appears in the Millennium banner displayed in church), please can they let Felicity Hawke know.



International Prayer Meetings

The international prayer meetings will take place in church on the **first Wednesday of the month at 11.45 am until 12.30pm**. Do join us if you can.

Neswyn

Food Hygiene Certificates

If any church members have a current up-to-date Food Hygiene Certificate, please can they email me a copy if they haven't already done so.

Many thanks

Sue (admin@stjohn316.co.uk)

Dates for the diary

Saturday 21st September	CHIT 20 th anniversary tea
Fri. 3rd – Sat. 4th October	Learning Community 6
Saturday 11th October	Craft Fair in the church
Saturday 18th October	Church Ceilidh
Saturday 22nd November	CHIT curry evening

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

KYFC – Fuel the Future Fundraiser

Dear Friends, KYFC is launching its biggest ever fundraiser – and we'd love you to be a part of it.

Over the past academic year we connected with over 700 young people. We've seen new faces at Catalyst, launched new initiatives like 'Why I believe', worked more closely with our local secondary school and, most importantly, watched as young people made decisions to follow Jesus or explore faith further. It's been amazing!

As it says in Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the place of your tent". That's what we're doing – and we need your help to make it happen. We're inviting everyone to take on a personal fundraising challenge, big or small, to help us grow our reach and impact. Dave and the team will be taking on all kinds of challenges throughout the next year – and we'll be sharing the journey as we go. Together we can see even more young lives transformed. Will you join us? If you'd like to raise money with us on Just Giving, you can do it here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fuelthefuture>.

With gratitude,

Dave Boyle, Centre Director



A celebration of 20th anniversary of Children's Homes in India Trust (CHIT)



with afternoon teas

on Sunday 21st September 2025 2.30-4.30pm

At: St John the Evangelist Church, 205 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1HY

Come and enjoy an afternoon as we look back and celebrate what has been, give thanks to God for what is happening now in India and look to the future.



To help us with catering arrangements, please RSVP by 19/09/25 to either

Mary Rai or Jennifer Matthews

[Ask the church office if you need their contact details]

No charge but we welcome any donations for CHIT

Upcoming events at The Kenilworth Centre

Summer Holiday pop-up Cafe 4 All at the Kenilworth Centre 29th - 31st July



TUES/WEDS/THURS

3.30PM – 5.30PM

29th/30th/31st JULY

Arts & Crafts

TUES/WEDS

3.30PM – 5.30PM

5th/6th AUGUST

Pom pom Making

Sports Court

Pool

TUES/WEDS

3.30PM – 5.30PM

12th/13th AUGUST

Table football

Board games

TUES/WEDS/THURS

3.30PM – 5.30PM

19th/20th/21st AUGUST

Lego



Signature of the organizer

No need to book, just come along and join in.

Refreshments available on a pay-what-you-can basis.

Children should be supervised at all times.

Smartphone Support Group for Parents / Carers at tKC



The poster features a geometric pattern of blue and green lines in the background. At the top right is the tKC logo, a heart shape with 'tKC' inside, and the text 'theKenilworthCentre we're here for you'. Below this, a blue banner contains the title 'Smartphone Support Group for Parents / Carers' and two bullet points: '• Worried about online safety?' and '• Smartphone use and access to apps?'. To the left of the text is a smartphone screen showing three children sitting and looking at their phones. To the right of the phone, another blue banner states 'Monthly meetings starting on September 22nd at the Kenilworth Centre from 7.30pm'. Below this, a paragraph explains that tKC is trialling monthly meetings for parents and carers to share resources and discuss online safety. It also says 'All parents/carers welcome'. At the bottom right, a blue banner says 'Scan here to complete our survey' next to a QR code. At the bottom left, it says 'Register for the next meeting here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/thekenilworthcentre.com'.

theKenilworthCentre
we're here for you

Smartphone Support Group for Parents / Carers

- Worried about online safety?
- Smartphone use and access to apps?

Monthly meetings starting on
September 22nd at the
Kenilworth Centre from 7.30pm

tKC are trialling monthly meetings
where parents and carers can meet
up and share resources/support
and discuss ideas about how to
keep their children safe with phone
and online usage.

All parents/carers welcome

Scan here to
complete
our survey

Register for the next meeting here:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/thekenilworthcentre.com

Arts and Wellbeing 4-week course at the Kenilworth Centre from 1st Oct.



The poster has a green and white marbled background with gold glitter. At the top center is the 'YOUTH CLUB' logo, a heart shape with 'YOUTH CLUB' inside. Below this, the title 'Arts and Wellbeing' is written in green, followed by 'Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8pm'. Then, it says 'An artist-led 4-Week Course for young people aged 10-18 (KS3)' and 'Arts and Craft' in large green letters. Below that, a paragraph describes the course as exploring mindfulness and wellbeing with a professional artist and qualified youth worker. At the bottom left, it says 'Dates - 01/10/2025 - 22nd Oct' and at the bottom right, '£20 for 4 weeks'. At the very bottom, it provides the contact information for the Kenilworth Centre.

YOUTH CLUB

Arts and Wellbeing

Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8pm

An artist-led 4-Week Course for
young people aged 10-18 (KS3)

Arts and Craft

Exploring mindfulness and wellbeing with our
professional artist and qualified youth worker.

Dates - 01/10/2025 - 22nd Oct

£20 for 4 weeks

the Kenilworth Centre
Abbey End car park, Kenilworth
01926 855 205
www.thekenilworthcentre.com

In addition, there will also be a Pop-up Youth Club held on the following dates for those heading into year 7 this September to meet and socialise with other children heading off to Kenilworth School this September. This will be run as a Youth Club, supervised by tKC Youth workers and staff.

Children will need to be collected at 5.30pm.

7th August - Pop-up Youth Club (Years 6 into 7)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-kenilworth-centre/t-ojgpoao>

14th August Pop-up Youth Club (Years 6 into 7)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-kenilworth-centre/t-xmexqdm>

Other local summer activities

Free paper craft activities at St, Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Free paper craft activities

Offered by SVP and supported by Compassionate Kenilworth

For **Parents/Carers** and **Children 4-7 year olds**

On **Tuesdays** July 22nd, 29th & **August** 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
10:30-11:30

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Warwick Road, Kenilworth



Scan to book



Or via:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/compassionate-kenilworth

All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Book a space for both Adult & Child via TicketSource or email info@compassionatekenilworth.co.uk to book / cancel places.

Project Joy – Poetry and Art workshops at the URC in August



**FREE
to
Attend**

Find us on:
 **eventbrite**

Workshop Details:

5TH AND 19TH AUGUST 7PM - 9PM	12TH AND 26TH AUGUST 7PM - 9PM
<h2>Poetry</h2> <p>Join Emille for two relaxed and enjoyable poetry sessions, inspired by the theme of faith, hope and love. People of all faiths (and none) are warmly invited to write poems, prayers or psalms, guided by inspiring examples and supportive group discussions.</p>	<h2>Art</h2> <p>Join Ellie for a reflective art workshop, combining creativity and conversation. Session one includes working with cyanotype to explore creating With light. In the second session. you can have fun creating a series of spontaneous artworks using mark making and mixed media. Both sessions are inspired by the theme of faith, hope and love.</p>

NO previous experience is needed, just a willingness to have a go!
There Will be an opportunity for work to be included in a special booklet.

Everyone Welcome - no need to book, just turn up
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

Venue:
Abbey Hill URC
Abbey Hill,
Kenilworth CV8 1LW

**For more information
or any accessibility questions
please contact Emille:**
emilielaurenwriter (at) gmail.com

Crossteach – join their team

Who we are

Crossteach is an educational charity which has been teaching about the Christian faith in schools since 2001.

What we do

- Teach RE lessons
- Run lunch clubs
- Deliver collective worships (assemblies)
- Host interactive experiences in churches at Christmas, Easter and for Y6 School Transition

Schools

We currently work with 18 schools - 7 secondary and 11 primary schools.

Secondary schools

- Alcester Academy
- Blue Coat CofE
- Campion School
- North Leamington School
- Shipston High
- Southam College
- Trinity Catholic School



Pray for us

Thank you so much for your on-going support of our work. Please do continue to pray for us. We seek to glorify God in all we do and go forth in His strength, not our own.

Not sure what to pray?

- For young people to encounter Jesus for themselves
- For schools to be open to having Crossteach in
- For provision of finances for the charity to continue the work

Follow us on prayermate for daily prayer suggestions



Primary Schools

- Cubbington CofE
- Coton End
- Dunchurch Boughton Junior
- Long Itchington CofE
- Our Lady and St Teresa's
- Southam Primary
- Southam St James
- St Anthony's Catholic
- St Augustine's Catholic
- St John's Primary
- Sydenham Primary

News from the Diocese

Diocesan Synod Summary – July 2025

Right click on the link below to download the July edition of the Diocesan Synod Summary.

[Diocesan Synod Summary – July 2025](#)

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 or the PCC Secretary on the contact details below:

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).
Many thanks for your understanding.

Vicar:

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(Andrew's day off is Monday)

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