

Church Essentials

What's on this week



Weds 30th April 10.30am

Wednesday Midweek Communion

Words from the Cross:

Resurrection Witnesses

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham

Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Sun 4th May 8am

Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

Acts 9:1-6; John 21:1-19

Speaker: Phil Sowards

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.

Leaders: Kim Matthews & Liz Charton

6pm

Healing and Refreshing

Come and Be

Leaders: Ann Gibbons & Lynda Howell

Weds 7th May 10.30am

Wednesday Midweek Communion

Gifts of the Spirit: Creativity

Exodus 31:1-11

Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham; Speaker: Denise Coomber

Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Sun 11th May 8am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Acts 9:36-end; John 10:22-30

Speaker: Phil Sowards

10am

Hearing God's Word

The assembly in Ephesus – Rediscovering our first love (preparation for church weekend away)

Rev 2:1-7

Leader: Lindsey Attwood; Speaker: Roger Homes

6pm

Holy Communion

God's covenant with Noah

Genesis 9

Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham; speaker: Kevin Vaughan

Weds 14th May 10.30am

Wednesday Midweek Communion

Gifts of the Spirit: Encouragement

2 Tim 1:1-5; 3:10-17

Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai; Speaker: Jane Mullaney

Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Daytime Group



We will be starting the Summer Term on **Thursday 1st May at 2 pm.** As the Church Building will be a Polling Station that day, we will meet at Denise's House

This term we will be studying 1, 2 and 3 John.

We meet weekly from 2-3.30 pm in the Main Church Building for study, prayer and chat.

On 3rd Thursdays, we take a break and join in with Meet n Eat / MU Activities.

If there is a 5th Thursday in the month, it will be a Social (usually involving food).

Denise Coomber [Contact the church office if you need her number or email address]

Mothers' Union – upcoming events and news



Pudding Party – Saturday 10th May 7 pm

Tickets now on sale £8 each or £15 per couple. This includes two helpings of pudding, further portions will be available! Tickets from Felicity, Nessa, Pauline Wardill or Margaret Mercer.

There will be a raffle and quizzes. Gluten-free puddings are available.

Pudding Party

Saturday 10th May
7.00
St John's Church, Kenilworth
Tickets £8, £15 per couple
(includes first 2 puddings)
Raffle ~ quizzes
Gluten free puddings

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Coventry
Reg Charity No. 250129

Tickets from
Felicity Hawke
0777 307 9447

Raising money for
Mothers' Union work at
home and worldwide



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the homeless project in Coventry. The box is still under the stairs if you have anything further. Paul Morris was delighted with the boxes of clothes and tinned food, and £42 in donations which MU gave him on 20th Feb. If you would like more information about what is required, or about getting more involved, please get in touch and I can email you a list.

Felicity

Church Weekend Away: Teaching themes

Dear all, our speaker at the Weekend Away will be Caroline Hammond. This will be a wonderful encouragement to all of us. The topics she will be speaking on are rooted in Romans 8.



Romans 8:15-16: Knowing God as 'Abba Father' – moving from merely visiting God to abiding in Him. Learning intimacy with him.

Romans 8:14: When we truly belong to God (which shapes our identity), he can then lead and guide us.

Romans 8:18: When you live in the Spirit, your transformation, identity and freedom is not just personal – it changes everything. The whole world.

I'm really looking forward to being refreshed and encouraged by Caroline's teaching! If you're still not signed up, do let Sue know so she can book you in.

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Church Weekend Away: request for cake

We are currently looking for a few volunteers who are attending the church weekend away to provide cakes to have during refreshment breaks. If you are able to donate a cake please let Sue in the church office know.

Books in church

We have recently had a sort out of the Upper Room and you may have noticed that a number of books have been left out on the side in church for people to take away if they would like to. If you would like to take any of the books on display, it would be appreciated if you could make a small monetary donation towards the work of KYFC who are short of funds in the basket provided. The books will be left out until **Sunday 11th May**. Any books which are not taken by then will be donated to charity, where possible, or disposed of.

In addition to the books on offer, we would like to create a small study library in the prayer labyrinth of Bible Study notes that church groups can borrow. This would save people having to buy books that maybe other church members already have. If you have one or two study books of the same title at home, might you consider donating them to the study library so that other people can use them? If so, please bring them into church for Denise who will sort them out into sets.

Also, if anyone has a small bookcase they no longer require and would be willing to donate it to the church to set up this library, please let Sue in the church office know.

Thank you.

10 am Summer Term card

May-Aug 2025 Sunday morning Rhythm
Lessons from the Revelation Assemblies / Close to God and each other

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
4 May	IGP	
11 May	HGW	The assembly in Ephesus – Rediscovering our first love (Prep for weekend away)
18 May	LCW	WEEKEND AWAY – Intimacy with Jesus – NO SERVICES AT ST JOHN's
25 May	SL&M	Communion and weekend away stories / follow-up
1 Jun	IGP	
8 Jun	HGW	The assembly in Smyrna
15 Jun	LCW	The assembly in Pergamum
22 Jun	SL&M	The assembly in Thyatira
29 Jun	LCW	Cultivating generosity – Encouraging giving
6 Jul	IGP	
13 Jul	HGW	The assembly in Sardis
20 Jul	SL&M	Communion service – the assembly in Philadelphia
27 Jul	LCW	Focus on CAP / ministry to those in debt (with Adrian Hodder from KCC)
3 Aug	IGP	Long-term habits of staying close to God (Christ as our example)
10 Aug	HGW	The assembly in Laodicea
17 Aug	LCW	Drawing others into the love of God and a loving church community
24 Aug	SL&M	Communion includes “community”
31 Aug	LCW	Learning from the ‘one anothers’ in the New Testament

6pm Summer Term card

May-Jul 2025 Sunday @ 6pm
Understanding the Covenants

Healing & Refreshing H&R Holy Communion HC Missional Prayer MP Extended Teaching ET Evening Prayer EP

Date	Service	Scripture / Theme
4 May	H&R	
11 May	HC	God's covenant with Noah (Genesis 9)
18 May		WEEKEND AWAY – NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN's
25 May	ET	God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12 & 15)
1 Jun	H&R	
8 Jun	HC	God's covenant with Moses (Exodus 19 & 24)
15 Jun	MP	Springboard, Meet n Eat, Drop-In
22 Jun	ET	God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7)
29 Jun	EP	The faithfulness of God
6 Jul	H&R	
13 Jul	HC	The promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
20 Jul	MP	Drop-In +, Springboard Men
27 Jul	ET	God's covenant through Jesus Christ (Luke 22:14-20)

Recycling pill packets

Did you know that there are some local options for recycling the pill packets?

In Kenilworth, the Tree House Bookshop is going to start a collection point – not sure when!
In Leamington, Boots now has bins for pill packets, for cosmetics and toiletries and for toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. Also, Superdrug has a bin at the back of the store.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 10th May	Mothers' Union Pudding Party
Fri. 16th – Sun. 18th May	Church weekend away
Saturday 18th October	Church Ceilidh
Fri. 7th – Sat. 8th November	Learning Community 6
Saturday 11th 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

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and cake sale

Christian Aid Week begins on 11th May. As the annual door to door collection no longer takes place, the charity's fundraising has been significantly affected.

Churches Together in Kenilworth and District will instead be holding this Coffee Morning event at **Kenilworth Methodist Church** from **10-12** on **Saturday 10th May**.

This year, Christian Aid Week will focus on the poverty in **Guatemala**, where people are suffering greatly from the effects of climate change. Christian Aid, along with the DEC, is also very involved in helping those left homeless after the earthquake in Myanmar. We hope you will be able to come along, enjoy company and refreshments, and support a good cause long associated with all our churches in Kenilworth.



Prayer Breakfasts

At the start of each new term crossteach is hosting a prayer breakfast. Come along, eat breakfast and join others in praying for the work of crossteach for the coming term. Go to <https://bit.ly/PrayCTMay> to sign up (for catering purposes) – **Saturday 10th May 2025 9:30-10:30 @ Emmanuel Church, Leamington Spa**



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

Flourish – April 2025 report

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CARE, CONNECTION, COURAGE

Easter is a time for hope and new life. and we have so much to be thankful for. Please join us in praising God for His faithfulness!

"Flourish has helped me be more positive and never doubt myself"

- This term, we've had the privilege of supporting **92 girls through 13 group courses** and **43 girls through one-to-one mentoring**. While many of these journeys are still ongoing, we are already witnessing lives being transformed. One girl shared: *"The best thing has been taking a break to think about how I'm actually feeling."* Another mentee's grandmother reflected: *"In a subtle way, it has made her more confident and more determined."* This echoes the Easter message of hope—that in Christ, we are made new, called into confidence and peace.
- In January, four girls from our Flourish Advisory Board took part in a **dance-circus workshop with Motionhouse**. This creative experience encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones and try something new. One girl said: *"It was so fun to do something completely new and out Of my comfort zone—I loved it!"*
- We also thank God for Nic, our new Head Of Services, who has stepped into her role with passion and dedication, leading our Services Team to grow and flourish.
- Following a fantastic information evening, we've recruited 11 new mentors who are soon to begin training. We thank God for each of them and the impact they will have on the lives of local girls.

Please join us in prayer for:

- The girls we support, especially those struggling to attend school. Please pray that our mentors would help them see their worth and value, so they can say, like one mentee recently shared, *"I have learnt that my value never changes."*
- Our 11 new volunteer mentors—that they would thrive as part of the Flourish team, and be equipped with wisdom, compassion, and courage as they journey alongside the girls.
- Our ongoing fundraising efforts—so that we can continue to walk alongside girls in our community, now and into the future.

"The best thing about mentoring was being able to look back on things I was struggling with knowing that I have improved."

Thank you for your continued support, prayer, and partnership!



Health Testing Event for Men and Women: 7th May, Kenilworth Rugby Club

In conjunction with Kenilworth Rugby Club and Kenilworth Lions Club there will be a

HEALTH TESTING EVENT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

including Prostate Specific Antigen [PSA], Diabetes, Cholesterol, Thyroid, Iron Count, Kidney Function, Liver Function, Vitamin D, Vitamin B12 and Female Hormones (Menopause).

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025
6.30PM to 8.30PM

KENILWORTH RUGBY CLUB
Glasshouse Lane
Kenilworth, CV8 2AJ

PLEASE REGISTER AND BOOK YOUR TIMESLOT
ONLINE BY VISITING
www.myhealthtests.org.uk / www.mypsatestests.org.uk
or ring 01926 419959

The cost of each test is £25.00
(The Female Hormone Test has four individual tests including a thyroid test and is £100.00)

Charity no. 1109385



Kenilworth Eco Fayre – Saturday 17th May at Kenilworth Methodist Church

10am – 1pm, FREE entry

Where eco charities, community groups and businesses offer products, services and opportunities for greener living. There are fun activities for kids; products, advice & information for adults. Fairtrade & homemade refreshments available to all.

Please come on foot, bike or bus and park any cars at the station.

Email ecofayre@lovekenilworth.org.uk for more information or view the Kenilworth Eco Fayre Facebook page.

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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

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

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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).

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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](http://www.mothersunion.org/riseup)
www.mothersunion.org/riseup

Respond
Inform
Support
Empower

Unite
Pray



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