

# Church Essentials

## What's on this week



**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*Waiting! – continuing to trust*  
*Lamentations 3:22-27; Romans 8:18-25*  
*Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai; Speaker: Jane Mullaney*  
**Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.**

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**  
*Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37*  
*Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood*

**10am** **Shared Life & Mission (Communion)**  
*Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood*

**6pm** **Extended Teaching**  
*Better understanding what the Gospels are for*  
*Leader & Speaker: Revd Andrew Attwood*

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*Waiting! – ready and waiting*  
*Luke 12:35-40; Matthew 25:1-13*  
*Celebrant: Revd Neswyn Firth*  
**Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.**

## Calling all men

Hi all. At our recent Learning Community, we seemed to be discerning a call to welcome and reach out to men more effectively.

Could some of the church men email me:

1. If you are keen to occasionally be involved in men-focused socials, and maybe special input
2. If you have ideas that would help us connect with and disciple men (within and beyond church).

Thanks!

[Ax \[vicar@stjohn316.co.uk\]](mailto:vicar@stjohn316.co.uk)

## Prayers for Tim Brewer

Dear all, Tim Brewer has asked that we hold him in prayer at this time. He is ill, and is awaiting detailed results regarding his liver and stomach. He very much values your prayers.

If you wish to pass on your messages, scripture encouragements etc, do so via Kim Matthews [ask the church office if you need his email address].

Thank you all

Ax

## Safeguarding Training

Following Charlie's talk on Safeguarding Sunday, please find below the link to the Diocesan Safeguarding Training page:

<https://coventry.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/safeguarding/safeguarding-training.php>

## Posada 2024

Our Mary and Joseph figures are travelling to homes in our community during Advent.

They are making their way to the Nativity Scene Stable at the Inn, back at church for Christmastime ('posada' in Spanish means 'Inn').

This is a lovely way to link with families and if you or anyone you know would like to have a turn let Janet Jackson know and we'll arrange a slot on the rota.

## RISE UP

26<sup>th</sup> November marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. 1 in 4 women in England and Wales experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. St John's has pledged to support the Mothers' Union RISE UP campaign against domestic violence, and we will be putting up a display at the east end of church to publicise the campaign, to raise awareness and to ask for prayers for those affected.

Respond  
Inform  
Support  
Empower

Unite  
Pray



The display will be in place from 22<sup>nd</sup> November until about 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please, if you feel able, come and look, pray and reflect.

Felicity

## Texts for Advent Reflection

For the 24 days of Advent (this year), I have compiled a series of references from the Old Testament looking ahead to the life of Jesus. They will simply consist of a very short passage with a pointer to the relevant passage in the New Testament. Some of them will be very well-known; others, not so much.

If you would like to receive one each day, from December 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, as part of your Advent reflection, please drop me a line [ask the church office if you need Phil's email address]

Phil

## FareShare update

Over the last few months the parent body of FareShare, Foodiverse, have been in lengthy conversations with us over our collection and distribution of FareShare food that is collected from both Waitrose and Tesco, but mostly Waitrose. They have concerns about how we redistribute such food and we have been required to confirm our number 5 status for the kitchen and various food certifications.

After a telephone call with them at the beginning of the week during which they viewed our church kitchen it has been deemed by them that any food collected at night time for distribution the following day needs to be stored using the FareShare Go's food safety policy by registering our home address with the local Environmental Health Office (which they need to be copied into as written evidence of this) and possibly having our home kitchen vetted together with the home garage where we store food overnight. We also need to read all their terms and conditions for the same.

During the next two weeks they require daily temperature logs of the church fridges and freezers where food may also be stored. This is to confirm that the food is stored safely before distribution.

The church would need to have a person within the organisation who holds a current (within the last three years) Level Two Certificate to be part of the distribution.

We have been given up to the 3rd December to comply with all their requests.

Unfortunately Terry and I do not feel we can comply with all of these requests and are therefore putting this out to anyone within St John the Evangelist to take over the handling of FareShare. If there isn't anyone able to take on this responsibility then FareShare will cease from 3rd December when our account will be 'paused'.

With much love - G & T x

## **Kenilworth Methodist Church Advent Project – Knitted Angels**

If you have been knitting angels as part of Kenilworth Methodist Church's Advent project, please could you get them to Jenny Matthews by **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. The angels will be blessed at KMC's morning service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December and distributed in the community on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Donations for Olney**

I am collecting toys for the children whose dads are in prison at Olney. The dads will be able to give them to their child at Christmas family day. The toys we cannot have are guns, toys with magnets and Playdough.

If you would prefer to make a donation I can buy what we need [ask the church office if you need Lynda's address] Thank you.

Love Lynda x

## **Deep clean of the church – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Following the work to repair the church roof earlier this year, the church will be given a deep clean on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is likely to take the best part of the day and therefore the church will not be in use during that time.

## **Carol Service**

The Carol Service this year is on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm**. If you would like to be part of the choir for the service, we would be delighted to have you. We are practising mainly on Thursday evenings in church at 7.30 pm. Dates are

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec afternoon

Contact Ann Gibbons or Felicity Hawke for more details

## **Mothers Union – meetings in November**



The next event coming up in November – everyone very welcome – is:

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2 p.m. in the Hall:** Update on Prison Support at Olney Prison. We will also be collecting donations for gifts for the prisoners to give to their children, and writing cards for prisoners at Ryehill Prison.

If you would like to know more about Mothers' Union, the work we do and how to join, contact Felicity Hawke

## **Kenilworth Artists – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10am – 4:30pm at St. John's**

In partnership with Kenilworth Arts Festival

An exhibition by 18 Kenilworth Artists, featuring:-

Painting, Ceramics. Glass, Photography. Textiles, Prints & Cards



Exhibiting at this venue are:-

ANNA CLARKE – Mixed media  
CHRIS SAUNDERSON – Painting  
JAN NORRISH – Fluid painting  
JOOST LOHMAN – Re-imagined photographs  
JO RICKETTS – Fused glass  
JULIE ELLIOTT – Painting  
LINDSEY ATTWOOD – Painting & calligraphy  
MELANIE BIANCO – Acrylic Painting  
RACHEL CLIFF – Watercolours  
ANDREW ATTWOOD – Painting

BARBARA KENNY – Painting & screen printing  
JACQUI SMITHSON – Textiles & painting  
JANE YATES – Painting & drawing  
PAULA PERRY – Contemporary oil painting  
VICKY CHAMBERS – Mixed media &  
Woven textiles  
JIM ELLIOTT – Hand Made Ceramics  
MARY WASHINGTON  
RACHAEL COSTELLO



## **Youth weekend away – February 2025**

KYFC/St John's youth are taking a group of young people on a residential trip at February half term next year. St John's has offered to pay the cost of the coach. This is likely to be approx. £1200. If you would like to make a donation to support this event, you can do that by making payment on the Sum Up machine in the back of the church or by contacting the church office. This is always an important and exciting opportunity so it would be good to support it.

## **CHIT curry night – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The next curry night to raise money for Children's Homes in India Trust is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at **7pm** in St. John's church.

Cost **£15 for 3 courses**. Vegetarian/vegan options and non-curry option. Take-aways available too.

Please contact Mary Rai to reserve a place **by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.  
[Ask the church office if you need her phone number.]

## Dates for the diary

**Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> November** Art Exhibition

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** CHIT curry night

For more information, please go to the home page of our website [www.stjohn316.co.uk](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelist) or our website: [www.stjohn316.co.uk](http://www.stjohn316.co.uk)

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## Community News

### King's Chamber Orchestra concerts

The King's Chamber Orchestra will be giving two concerts at **St Paul's Church** in **Leamington CV32 4TE** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**:

**4.00 pm** Teddy Concert

**7.30 pm** Evening Concert

Tickets are available at: <https://www.kco.cool/news/>.

You can hear a sample of their music on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMettLtSeuU>

### Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir – Christmas Concert

**St. Francis of Assisi RC Church**, Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL,  
**7 pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



Tickets £15 to include Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

Contact Phil Jones [Ask the Church Office for contact details]

A donation from proceeds will be made to 'Little Ray of Sunshine (Dementia Support) Café' and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Kenilworth Reader & Visitor Service for the Blind and Partially Sighted.

### Friends of the Holy Land - Job Opportunities in Farmer Ward Road

Due to the significant growth of the charity and an upcoming retirement, a full time and part-time position are available. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact the Office Manager, Jen Hill, initially by phone. [Ask the Church Office for her phone number]. For details of the position click [here](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jobs) [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jobs]. Information on the Charity, supporting vulnerable Christian families in Gaza, the West Bank, Israel and Jordan is available at [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk). The Charity is non-political and provides a direct and practical route for individuals to help our brothers and sisters devastated by the current war.

## Could you or someone you know be missing out on Pension Credits?

If you're a pensioner with a weekly income below £218.15 (single) or £332.95 (couple), you may be eligible for Pension Credits, which can help boost your income and ensure you don't miss out on benefits like the Winter Fuel Allowance. Compassionate Kenilworth, a local charity, is here to help! They are offering free drop-in sessions to check your eligibility at the Kenilworth Centre.

**Wednesday, November 20th, 12:15 to 1.30pm**

Act on Energy will also be attending the Tuesday hub at St Francis of Assisi on **October 29th 10-12** to support any home energy related issues / concerns.

Please help spread the word in our community. For more information, contact us by email to [info@compassionatekenilworth.co.uk](mailto:info@compassionatekenilworth.co.uk).

## International Day of Prayer for Schools

Crossteach invite you to join them in prayer on Tuesday 19th November from 8-9pm as they come together to pray for all things schools - teachers, students, school workers etc. The prayer meeting will be on Microsoft Teams [Ask the Church Office for the link].

## Festive Choral Music with Warwickshire Singers

Musical Director: Jim Bate. Accompanist: David King

In both cases, tickets are £15, under 18s and students £5, available at [ticketsource.co.uk/warwickshire-singers](https://ticketsource.co.uk/warwickshire-singers) or on the door (subject to availability)

Composers: Holst, Lauridsen, Mathias, Todd, Victoria, Lucy Walker

### A Babe is Born – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 4:30 pm

At All Saints Church, Emscote, Vicarage Fields, Warwick, CV34 5NU

### Gloria! - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7:45 pm

At All Saints Church, Church Street, Harbury, CV33 9EY



## News from the Diocese

**Diocese of Coventry eBulletin** – In order to receive the weekly bulletin, register at [www.equiphub.org.uk/register/](http://www.equiphub.org.uk/register/)

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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]

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The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

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#### Safeguarding Officer:

Charlie Palmer  
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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 \(www.mothersunion.org/riseup\)](http://www.mothersunion.org/riseup).

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