

# Church Essentials

## What's on this week



**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*God's Treasure: Christ is our Treasure*  
*Colossians 2:1,3; 1:15-20*  
*Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai*

Doors open **10am** for coffee and chat, and the service will begin at **10.30**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 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 You Tube channel below. If you are not able to join the group live, you can catch up with the recordings [www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth](http://www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth) or via [stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again](http://stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again).

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**  
*Colossians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9*  
*Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai*

**10am** **Hearing God's Word**  
*The eternal qualities of the kingdom to come*  
*Leader: Karen Mills; Speaker: Kal Rai*

**6pm** **Holy Communion**  
*Dealing with false teaching*  
*2 Timothy 2:14-22*  
*Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham*

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*In the Wilderness*  
*Luke 4:1-13*  
*Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood*

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## Notices

### 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 Street will be closed Sunday 11th February for essential drainage work.

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

### Zoom prayer every Tuesday at 12 noon

There will be a prayer meeting on Zoom every Tuesdays at 12pm to pray for families linked to St John's and also for other families across Kenilworth. If you are interested in joining the meeting please contact Simone Royle, or Sue in the Church Office at [admin@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn316.co.uk) for further details.



## Funeral of John Radford – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10 am

The funeral of John Radford will take place in church at **10am** on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**. This will be followed by a private committal for family only. The Mothers' Union will be providing tea and cake immediately after the service for those members of the church family who would like to stay and reminisce about John together.

## Midweek Community – Ash Wednesday service, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30 am



Come and join St John's Midweek Community at their communion service for **Ash Wednesday** on **14<sup>th</sup> February** at **10.30am**.

All are welcome.

## Good Friday: An Hour with Christ



After we have completed the Walk of Witness in the morning of Good Friday (29th March), at 2-3pm, Andrew will host an hour in the church building, remembering Christ's day of arrest and death.

This will be a quiet, reflective hour.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

This year's annual church meetings will take place on Sunday 28th April.

The APCM will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Both meetings will take place during the 10am service.

Churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Those on the church electoral roll and those resident in the parish who are on the local government electoral roll are eligible to vote at this meeting. Members of the PCC are elected at the APCM and those on the electoral roll of the church are able to vote at this meeting. A review of the previous 12 months of church life will also take place and there will be space for questions and comments.

Everyone is invited to attend. Do make a point of attending if you are able, as this meeting is a key indicator of who we are and where we are heading.

## PCC Membership and Church Officers

At the APM/APCM in April, we shall be electing churchwardens and new PCC members. If you would like more information on what being a churchwarden or a member of the PCC entails, perhaps because you might feel called to serve in this way, please contact me ([warden@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:warden@stjohn316.co.uk)) and we can arrange to meet – I'll happily answer any questions you may have. Do please think about this (and pray about it) as an opportunity to serve God, in providing guidance and oversight in the way the church operates.

Phil Swards

## Dates for the diary

<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Learning Community 4
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	An evening with Andy Robinson of 'Living Out'
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	CHIT curry night
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Church Ceilidh

For more information on some of these, please go to the home page of our website [www.stjohn316.co.uk](http://www.stjohn316.co.uk) and click on the **Forhcoming Events** button.

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If you are new to church or want to find out more, please go to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelist](https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelist) or our website: [www.stjohn316.co.uk](http://www.stjohn316.co.uk)

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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/](http://www.equiphub.org.uk/register/)

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## Community News

### Kenilworth Centre – activities for families and youth

The Kenilworth Centre is running a regular Friday night Youth Club for Years 5,6 & 7 from 6 to 7.15pm. It also has a Pop-up Café for families during February half term week on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 to 5.30 pm (see details on the posters at the end of this newsletter).

### Latest update from Flourish

Please see below the latest update from one of the charities St John's supports which came in a little too late to be included in last week's Mission Newsletter.

**Flourish – Care, Connection, Courage – A massive THANK YOU for your support!**

***Please give thanks to God for His provision through:***

- The many ways local churches are supporting girls and young women locally through the work of Flourish through **group faithful prayer, volunteering,**



**giving, fundraising and the provision of space** for our regular work with mentoring young people as well as events for parents/carers in the community and our team of Flourish staff and volunteers.

- Enabling us to work in new schools including primary last term.
- Successful events to support Flourish at Christmas including a choir performance at St. Mark's, the Christmas Tree Festival run by St. Nicholas Kenilworth, wreath making and a raffle.
- Our new Chair of Trustees recently being appointed and attending our January trustee meeting.

### ***Please pray for***

- Girls beginning courses in schools in Leamington and Warwick and at Kenilworth community centre this term: that they'd quickly build relationships and trust with mentors and their peers, and benefit from the discussions, activities and tools they are learning.
- 23 mentors working with girls, including 29 girls having one-to-one mentoring sessions – that they would have understanding, sensitivity, compassion and courage as needed as they meet with girls.
- Our recruitment campaign for a new Fundraising Manager, that we might find the right person who understands our vision and ethos who can help Flourish continue to grow.



*“The best thing about mentoring has been the activities that we did. I learned all about myself and how important I am. I've been feeling better about myself and I learned how to take care / look after myself properly. I would recommend Flourish to a friend because it helped me.”*



### **Invitation to sing at Warwick Arts Centre**

*Sing it Loud* is inviting singers to join their Massed Community Choir for a special performance as part of their 10th anniversary concert at the Warwick Arts Centre on **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**. No previous experience needed! This milestone event not only celebrates *Sing it Loud's* 10th Birthday but also will raise money and awareness for The Friendship Project, a local charity aiding vulnerable youth.

Repertoire to include:

Total praise! (Smallwood), Africa (Toto), Adiemus (Jenkins), O Fortuna (Orff), Easter Hymn (Mascagni), Somewhere (Bernstein)

[www.singitloud.co.uk/massedchoir](http://www.singitloud.co.uk/massedchoir)



the friendship project  
for children



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## Snowdrop Walk, Leek Wootton – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

(weather-dependant)

Meet at **2:30 pm** at **All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton.**

All ages welcome.

Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Followed by a Pancake Feast.

Those with limited mobility could enjoy the snowdrops in the churchyard and then drive down to the arboretum.

Snowdrops are often the first flowers of the year and are seen as a sign of hope as they flower even in frost and snow. They can be in flower from early January until March and can offer a source of nectar for early-flying bees.

To book go to [www.cv35.uk/snowdrop](http://www.cv35.uk/snowdrop).



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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:** Rev. Andrew Attwood, Lindsey Attwood, Michelle Harris, Roger Homes, Karen Mills, Mary Rai, Simone Royle

### 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  
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**His Day Off is Monday!**

#### Churchwarden:

Phil Swards  
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#### PCC Secretary:

Roger Homes  
[pcc@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:pcc@stjohn316.co.uk)

#### Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary



FEB  
HALF TERM  
POP-UP  
CAFE 4 ALL

- Snacks and Cakes
- Tea, coffee, hot choc, milkshakes
- Pool, table football, board games
- Basketball court
- Plenty of space to run around or relax



MONDAY, TUESDAY  
& THURS  
12TH, 13TH & 15TH  
3.30PM - 5.30PM