

Church Essentials

What's on this week



Weds 3rd April 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Easter Encounters: Breakfast on the Beach
John 21: 1-14
Celebrant: Revd. Pam Stote

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

Thurs 4th Apr. **Zoom Bible Study – none this week**

You can catch up with the recordings of past Bible Studies via www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth or via stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again.

Sun 7th Apr. 8am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
Acts 4:32-9; John 20: 19-end
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood

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: Revd Andrew Attwood

6pm **Healing and Refreshing**
Reconciled
Leaders: Ann Gibbons, Lynda Howells

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Mothers' Union Notices



At our AGM on 21st March, we said thank you to Beryl Dayus who retired as branch leader, and committee members Mary Bailey, Hazel Jackson and Pam Young who also retired. All have served for 6 years, and far longer in many roles. Felicity Hawke was elected branch leader, and the new committee is Nessa Kerby, Rosie Lee, Margaret Mercer, Mavis Tingay and Pauline Wardill. Thank you for being prepared to take on the running of the branch.

The new programme is now available. If you are a member but haven't received yours yet, or would just like to know more about what we do, there will be some copies on the display stand at the back of church, or ask Felicity.

Next meeting on **Thursday 18th April at 2pm** will be a chance to review and evaluate what we do for Mothers' Union in the branch. Do come along and share your ideas.

On Wednesday 15th May, St Nicholas MU have invited us to join them for a visit to Croome Court. Cost including travel £30.25 or £16 if a National Trust member. Names and money to Felicity by 15th April.

Felicity Hawke

Andrew's Sabbatical Plans – Update

Dear members of St John the Evangelist,

Here is an update to give a little more detail regarding my Sabbatical, as we get closer to the start.

The Dates of my Sabbatical will begin on Saturday 25th May, and I'll be back on Sunday 8th September.

I have already planned Sunday rotas with leaders to cover the whole of this period; I'm very confident that the church will be well served by many capable volunteers and leaders. Likewise Wednesday Community will have sufficient input during my absence.

There will be people to refer to for any arising pastoral needs (Mary and Kal Rai, plus others) and you can talk to Phil Swards or Roger Homes about any other PCC matters or queries.

Formal oversight falls to Phil Swards as Warden (so do go to him for any CofE or procedural matter). Alongside him, the Co-Leaders (see below) will be on hand week by week to help the church with the continuing vision; to become like Jesus, making disciples. The usual groups of leaders will oversee their congregations, missional communities and ministries. Several people are kindly stepping into roles that I have carried previously. Thank you everyone!

In many respects I am hoping that the church has a quiet and straightforward few months during the summer, enjoying the fruit of good ministry and resting when necessary. I really hope and pray for God to bless the church during the summer. It may feel different with me not being around, but sometimes different is good!

In terms of our own Sabbatical plans, Lindsey and I will be both home and away, so you may well see us around. If you do, feel free to say Hi! The only thing to avoid is talking about church. Talk about yourself, chat about things God is doing, but avoid chatting about church – so I don't have to think about that during my time off. Ask us how we are! Thank you in advance!

We will be away at times: Rothbury in Northumberland, near the Lakes for bible study and retreat, Cornwall for painting, and possibly a warm holiday at some point. Do pray that we both enjoy a restoring and refreshing season with God.

Thank you again for being an amazing church! I will look forward to catching up in September!

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List of Co-Leaders (in Andrew and Lindsey's absence): **Roger Homes, Karen Mills, Michelle Harris, Kal Rai, Mary Rai, Kim Matthews.**

CHIT curry night – 15th June

An advance notice that the next CHIT curry night will be on **Saturday 15th June 2024 at 7pm** in the church building. Please make a note in your diary. Bookings will be taken nearer the time.

Talks from the February Learning Community

Dear All,

If you missed this February's Learning Community, here are the talks to listen to.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLLAaY_PYcY

The Chosen season 4

We will be showing season 4 of The Chosen in church during April (see also attached poster). Do come along and bring a friend.

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Eco Tip of the Week: Fresh Air

Spring is here, so a good time to get outside in the fresh air. 50% of car trips are under 2 miles, and could be cycled or walked, better for you and the planet.



Electoral Roll

A notice has gone up in church regarding the revision to the electoral roll at the beginning of April.

If you are a regular worshipper at St John's but are not on the electoral roll, please consider joining. Joining the electoral roll can be a way of expressing your commitment to the life and vision of St John's. It also opens the way to greater involvement of the life of the church at deanery, diocesan and national level. Being on the electoral roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and means you are eligible to join committees such as the PCC. Please contact Sue in the church office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk) for an application form or speak to one of the wardens at one of the weekly services.

Deadline for receipt of completed application forms for inclusion on the roll for this year's annual meeting is **Sunday 31st March**.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 28th April at 10am

This year's annual church meetings will take place at the beginning of the **10am service** on **Sunday 28th April**.

It will involve the election of any new PCC members or any wardens, and will review the previous 12 months of church life. There will be space for questions and comments.

If you are on the electoral roll of this church and would like to stand to be a member of the PCC or a churchwarden, please contact Sue in the church office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk) for an application form or speak to any PCC member or the church warden, Phil Swards to learn more about the roles available. A list of current PCC members can be found on the wall in church.

Meet n Eat

After consultation with Andrew, our vicar, the Core Team responsible for Meet n Eat have decided that after the March event on Thursday 21st of this month there should be a break. Everyone is invited to pray with regard to its continuance in the future when an expanded Core Team and Team of Helpers will be needed. Anyone who feels a sense of calling to the ministry of hospitality, and a desire to help others along their journey of faith should initially contact a member of the present Core Team who will be willing to discuss with you what might be involved in either role.

Tim Brewer, Mike and Katy Berry, Elizabeth Maylor

Essential Habits of Family on Mission

Dear All,

For your convenience, here are all 5 talks describing the Essential Habits for Family on Mission. If you or your group want a refresher on any particular habit, you can watch here on Youtube. Ax

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujiEN_RemqE

Dates for the diary

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| Wed+Thu 10,11,17,18 April | Showing of The Chosen season 4 |
| Wednesday 24th April | An evening with Andy Robinson of 'Living Out' |
| Sunday 28th April | Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
| Saturday 15th June | CHIT curry night |
| Saturday 19th October | Church Ceilidh |

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

DEEPER 2024 — If Jesus Lived Your Life... Exploring whole-life discipleship

Imagine what it would look like if Jesus was living your life. Just think about the difference that would make in the places where you show up. It would change your town, your city, the UK ... it would change the world!

Deeper (@ Castle Hill Baptist Church, Warwick, CV34 4EX) is excited to be partnering with LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) for our bible conference this year. LICC's dream is that every Christian would go out into their bit of God's world confident that God can work through them, confident that Jesus is good news for the people they met, good news for the things they do, good news for the organisation they engage in. This is our dream, too.

To this end, Rev Ken Benjamin (20 years a church minister, now LICC's Director of Church Relations) will be leading a deep dive into what scripture has to say on **Sunday 21st April, 6.30pm**. Then on **Tuesday 23rd April, 7.30pm (drinks from 7pm)** we'll explore the practical outworking through LICC's exciting Vision Tour. Through presentations, films, interviews, refreshments and more we will think through how this whole-life perspective

can transform the way we see our daily lives and work – and how we might partner together to make a difference at this pivotal moment in our culture. We'd love to see you and your friends there. Everyone is invited, whatever church you attend. **Tickets are FREE but you do need to sign up for this event**, so get a group together and book now! Donations in thanks are welcome for the work of LICC.

To sign up, visit: <https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/deeper>

Mark Leonard

Administrator for Deeper @ CHBC

Job opportunity at Flourish

Leamington-based charity Flourish is currently looking for an Admin and Finance Officer for 21 hours per week during term time. A full job description and application form can be found on their website: <https://www.youcanflourish.co.uk/get-involved>.

Deadline for applications is **26th April** and interviews will be on **8th & 9th May**.

Christians Against Poverty

Dear members of St. John the Evangelist



I have been in touch with local CAP centre director Darren Mitchell (based in Leamington) who has talked to me about a possible partnership with *Kenilworth Community Church*.



What is CAP?

CAP (Christians Against Poverty. capuk.org) help people get out of debt, and share the gospel with clients who are open.

What is the link to KCC?

The leadership of Kenilworth Community church have expressed a desire to work with us, and already have a Debt Coach trained up (Helen Murphy). Darren has suggested that it would be fantastic to find a MALE Debt Coach as well (to make it easier for some clients).

How it works

The model CAP uses is basically this;

1. CAP receives enquiries through the national website.
2. A local **Debt Coach** makes contact, and takes along a '**Befriender**' from the local church.
3. These befrienders help support clients over the weeks, but also invite them into church life – missional community socials, Drop In etc. If they are open to more, faith can be shared and more can be offered. This is always done respectfully and carefully.

What is needed?

So what is needed is a **male debt coach to be trained (though another female would be great too!)** I'm sure Darren can explain more about how this happens.

And **several befrienders** who are happy to gently support people as they get free from debt.

Why should we do this?

I'm very excited about this idea! CAP has a track record of helping thousands of people free from debt, as well as seeing many come to faith in Christ. This very much fits our church vision. Also Darren has told me that there are **already** clients in Kenilworth who need help and support.

If you're interested

If you sense that this is something you might be interested in finding out more about, do get in touch with me or a Co-Leader. This sounds like a natural opportunity for both Mission and church unity with another community.

Thx! Ax

News from the Diocese

Situation Vacant: Mothers' Union Finance Administrator

Mothers' Union Coventry is recruiting a part-time Finance Administrator to be based at the Diocesan Office. Details can be found via <https://coventry.anglican.org/current-vacancies.php>

The Finance Administrator will be responsible to the Board of Trustees for the efficient running of Mothers' Union in Coventry Diocese, ensuring that the work of the Charity is carried out in line with the aim, purpose and objectives, and, as directed by the Trustees. The role requires the ability to work independently, attention to detail, problem solve and have good interpersonal skills. It is mostly office based over six hours per week but there will be flexibility to work from home at times.

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

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.

Respond
Inform Unite
Support Pray
Empower



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).

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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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
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Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

Youth:

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Safeguarding Officer:

Charlie Palmer
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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.



We are screening
**THE CHOSEN
SEASON 4**
10th, 11th, 17th, 18th
April
7.30-9.30pm

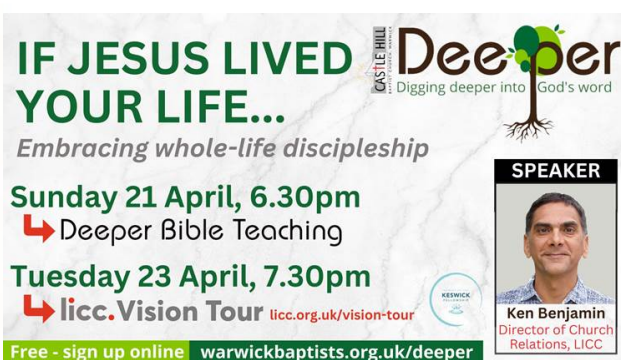
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Tuesday 23 April, 7.30pm
↳ **licc.Vision Tour** licc.org.uk/vision-tour
Free - sign up online warwickbaptists.org.uk/deeper

SPEAKER
Ken Benjamin
Director of Church Relations, LICC