

Church Essentials

Forthcoming Services



- Weds 21st May 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Gifts of the Spirit: Prophecy
1 Corinthians 14:1-5
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.
- Sun 25th May 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Acts 16:9-15; John 5:1-9
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
- 10am** **Shared Life & Mission (Holy Communion)**
Weekend Away stories
Leader: Andrew Attwood and others;
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood
- 6pm** **Extended Teaching**
God's covenant with Abraham
Genesis 12 and 15
Speaker: Revd Andrew Attwood
- Weds 28th May 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Gifts of the Spirit: Giving
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 6:1-4
Celebrant: Revd Neswyn Firth
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.
- Sun 11th May 8am** **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-end
Leader & speaker: Kal Rai
- 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: Karen Mills
- 6pm** **Healing & Refreshing**
Leaders: Ann Gibbons & Lynda Howells
- Weds 14th May 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Gifts of the Spirit: Tongues
1 Cor 14:6-18
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Church weekend away

Thank you to those who helped organise the church weekend and to those of you who participated. It was all so good.

All of the food was great – thank you for sorting breakfast and the teas, coffees and cake every day Karen!

And it was a great idea to have the outside caterers – it was so good to not have to worry about cooking – the choice of caterers was really good too – really great food, thank you!

The venue was fantastic, and even though meetings in the marquee were a little cool at times, it was so beautiful having our together times partially outside.

The worship was awesome (as always), the tech set up facilitated everything so well and having Caroline speak was excellent – space was created for God to move and speak to everyone, meeting them exactly where they were at. And praise God for the good weather!

The organisation of every part was absolutely spot on.

Thank you to everyone involved in all the organisation and planning. It was very worthwhile.

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6pm – Understanding the Covenants

Everyone is encouraged to learn about another biblical covenant this term:

This week (25th May) the Abrahamic Covenant: God enters a redemptive partnership with Abraham, developed progressively in Genesis 12,15, and 17. He promises Abraham a huge family that will inherit a promised piece of land in Canaan and bring universal blessing to all humanity through his family. You can remember these promises like this: 1) offspring, 2) land, and 3) universal blessing.

Come along to 6pm to find out more!

PCC Meeting - 21st May

The next PCC meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21st May**. If you have any questions you would like the PCC to consider at this meeting, please contact the PCC Secretary at pcc@stjohn316.co.uk by close of play on **Tuesday 20th May**.

Church Group posters

The posters which were put up along the north wall in church for the APCM summarising the activities of the various church groups can now be found on the church website by clicking on 'About Us' from the drop down headers and then 'Church Groups' or by clicking on the following link: <https://www.stjohn316.co.uk/church-groups>.

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.

Friends of the Holy Land

Our next regular meeting is a talk by Friends of the Holy Land, at 2pm on Thursday 15th May. Meet in the main hall, everyone welcome. £2 admission, plus books and cards for sale. A chance to get an update on this vital work amongst Christians in Israel, particularly the Water Project. There will be a chance to donate to the project.

Dates for the diary

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

Prayer Breakfasts

Record Breakers 2025 – midway update

We're halfway through our fundraising fortnight.

We still have a way to go to reach our first £1,000 fundraising goal. Keep donating if you would like to see Ellen attempt to pop 100 balloons as quickly as possible, in a crossteach costume! Can she set a new world record?

At each £1,000 raised a new challenge is activated for the crossteach team.

You can donate here: [cafdonate](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/28146#!/DonationDetails) (<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/28146#!/DonationDetails>)

CROSSTEACH challenges 2025
11th-25th May

RECORD BREAKERS

CROSSTEACH Warwickshire challenges 2025

RECORD BREAKERS
Help us break records as we teach about the Christian faith in schools:

£5000 **Mad Team Office Dash**
Pippa, Matt and Ellen will race on wheely office chairs in a mad 100m dash across the park

£3000 **Snooker Challenge**
Matt will be attempting to pot 20 snooker balls in a minute. How good is his aim?

£2000 **The spaghetti A-Z**
Pippa races to arrange the alphabet using alphabeti. How many tins will be required to find the whole alpabet?

£1000 **Balloon popping challenge**
Ellen will pop 100 balloons by jumping on them, as quickly as possible. Can she do it quicker that 22.38 seconds?

Support our fundraising at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/28146>

What's the right thing to say? What if that were me?

Ever have those moments? Come and learn about helping others, finding the right words and planning for older age in a friendly and safe atmosphere. This **free**, inter-active course, led by experienced facilitators, builds knowledge and skills week to week to bring peace of mind and enable living well whilst supporting others.

Your questions about Mental Capacity, Lasting Power of Attorney, DNACPR, and comforting the bereaved answered

TO BOOK:

email: courses@omegacourse.co.uk
or call: 07999 739381



The Omega Course

The Senior Citizens Club Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1QJ		
Session	Time	Topic
Friday 6 th June	7-9.30 pm	Facing mortality
Friday 13 th June	7-9.30 pm	Living well
Friday 20 th June	7-9.30 pm	Listening skills for communication
Saturday 28 th June	10am-4pm	Practicalities and planning
Friday 4 th July	7-9.30 pm	Supporting other people



Join the Kenilworth Casual Volunteer Community

Brought to you by **Compassionate Kenilworth**

Sign up, Stay Informed & Help Out when you can

<https://www.compassionatekenilworth.co.uk/ken-town-vols>

We are building a list of local people who are happy to hear about upcoming events and who might be able to get involved and lend a hand now and then.

When We Need Your Help:

- **Two Castles Race** - 8th June (Rotary) – Over 150 marshalls needed to keep runners safe!
- **The Grand Show** - 14th June (Lions) – Assist with setup, stalls & logistics.
- **Kenilworth Half Marathon & 5K** – 7th September (Kenilworth Runners) – 100+ marshals needed

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Every year, our town hosts amazing events that bring people together and raise funds to support local charities. These events wouldn't be possible without community volunteers like you!

We are building a list of local people who are happy to hear about upcoming events and who might be able to get involved and lend a hand now and then.

You'll receive updates about annual community, fun, family-friendly, fundraising events that make Kenilworth so special with simple ways that you can help.

Even just a few hours a year can make a real difference.

We won't use your email address for anything else, we promise!

Why Volunteer?

Meet new people & be part of something special.

No long-term commitment – sign up for an event that fits your schedule.

Help raise vital funds for local charities. Keep Kenilworth's traditions alive!

Contact Us

#KenilworthVolunteers
info@compassionatekenilworth.com
www.compassionatekenilworth.co.uk

Follow us for information about how to get involved at more events at the end of the year such as the Round Table Fireworks, the Rotary Advent Calendar, Lions Carols and Duck Race.

Contact us: #KenilworthVolunteers

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www.compassionatekenilworth.co.uk

News from the Diocese

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

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).

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Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

Youth:

youth@stjohn316.co.uk

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

Respond
Inform
Support
Empower

Unite
Pray



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