

Church Essentials

What's on this week



Weds 30th Oct. 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Lessons in Faith – Faith that loves
Philemon 8-18
Celebrant: Revd Pam Stote; Talk: Denise Coomber
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

Sun 3rd Nov. 8am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
Speaker: Phil Swards

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 **A Service of Memories**
Psalm 121; Romans 15:4-13
Leader: Lynda Howells; Speaker: Revd Andrew Haines

Weds 6th Nov. 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Lessons in Faith – For all the Saints
Matthew 5:1-12
Celebrant: Revd Neswyn Firth; Talk: David Hewitt
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

3rd November at 10am

The 10am service on 3rd November will be focused on Learning Community 5 on **9th November** and the Talking Jesus roadshow on **6th November** (see publicity below). At this service we will be praying into these events to cover them in prayer.

Carol Service

The Carol Service this year is on Sunday 15th December at 6.00. 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. Dates are

Fri 15th Nov

Thurs 21st Nov

Thurs 28th Nov

Thurs 5th Dec

Thurs 12th Dec

Sunday 15th Dec afternoon

Contact Ann Gibbons or Felicity Hawke for more details

Mothers Union – meetings in November

Two events coming up in November – everyone very welcome.

Monday 18th Nov., 10 a.m. for 10.30 Quiet Day at Berkswell Church



Thurs 21st Nov. 2 p.m. in the Hall: Update on Prison Support at Onley 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

Friends of the Holy Land Water Project – fundraising event

Churches Together in Kenilworth and District are trying to raise £1,000 per church to support a Friends of the Holy Land water project (details below). Heather Homes is planning a coffee and cake afternoon at her home, on **Saturday 16th November from 2-4pm** to help reach this target to which you are welcome. Heather will provide cakes but if anyone would like to contribute a cake, you are welcome to do so. Please let Heather know.

The Northern West Bank is surrounded by Israeli settlements with abundant water resources, while the Palestinian communities nearby have little water. Israel recently announced that it will decrease the water supply to the West Bank by 50%. further increasing water scarcity.

Friends of the Holy Land is working with vulnerable Christian communities to provide access to water, through 2 types of water projects:

1. Digging shallow wells (permits are not granted for deep wells). The wells provide water for around 500 people.
2. Replacing old water tanks, which are no longer effective or hygienic.



Pictured Left:
Old water tanks in need of replacement.



Pictured Right:
New water tanks being installed which will last for 20 years.

Zababdeh

Zababdeh is in the Jenin area and is surrounded by settlements with well-irrigated land. It suffers from chronic water shortage. especially in summer.

The continuing war has taken a big toll on the population of the town. many depended on working in Israel for their livelihood, commuting daily through the checkpoints. The current unemployment rate in Zababdeh is one of the highest of all time.

We are digging 6 new wells and providing water tanks to 90 families. In order to allow the families to feel ownership of the project and not be seen as 'charity cases', they are being asked to contribute a little towards the costs.

It costs £1000 to replace water tanks for a family, giving them access to clean water, something that we take for granted.

Bethlehem

The old town of Bethlehem frequently experiences poor or no water supply (for several weeks at a time) and residents are forced to use stored water or buy in water from a tanker at 4 times the price of tap water.

We are replacing storage tanks and solar panels for the poorest Christian families with old, rusty or unhygienic tanks.



Above: new wells under construction



Israel's water wars

Every year the water supply to Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank is cut off for days - if not weeks.

Here is how much water each person in the West Bank has access to per day:

- Israelis: 240-300 litres
- WHO minimum standard: 100 litres
- Palestinians in the West Bank: 73 litres

In Area C, under Israeli administrative and military control 180 Palestinian communities are not connected to the water network

Vulnerable Palestinian households spend up to one fifth of their salary on water.

Sources: EWASH | United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Found on: Al Jazeera website, 23.6.2016

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.

Talking Jesus and Learning Community 5

Please see below a reminder of some important forthcoming events for the church community. Sharing our faith with our friends isn't always the easiest thing to do. According to the recent Talking Jesus report, 1 in 5 practising Christians feel uncomfortable talking about their faith.

On **Wednesday 6th November, 7:30pm - 9:00pm** Archdeacon Barry Dugmore and Gareth



Barry Dugmore Gareth Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick [evangelism enabler, diocese of Coventry] will be coming to host an interactive workshop to unpack some of the findings from the Talking Jesus report and explore how we can grow our confidence and share our faith in a way that is clear, compelling and natural. This isn't just for those interested in evangelism but for everyone.

To book your free tickets
visit equiphub.org.uk or
scan the QR code:



Please note that LC5 will now be taking place **ONLY** on **Saturday 9th November** and **NOT** also on **Friday 8th November** as previously advertised.



Please let Sue Dawson
(admin@stjohn316.co.uk) know you're coming.

Rev. Gareth Irvine and Rev. Sarah Ashelby

CHIT curry night – Saturday 30th November 2024

The next curry night to raise money for Children's Homes in India Trust is on **Saturday 30th 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 29th November**.
[Ask the church office if you need her phone number.]

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 6th November	Talking Jesus roadshow
Sat 9th November	Learning Community 5
Saturday 30th November	CHIT curry night

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

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 6th - 12:15 to 1.30pm

Thursday, November 14th, - 12:15 to 1.30pm

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.

Crossteach 5% club Sat 9th Nov 7:30-9:30 pm, Saltisford Church Warwick
Quizzing – Riddles – Logic

Can you solve your way into the Crossteach 5% club?



With refreshments and a short talk on the work of crossteach in Warwickshire.

Saltisford Church, Albert Street, Warwick, CV34 4JX

Scan QR code or follow this link to book your donation ticket:

bit.ly/quiz24wk (a short link to Eventbrite)

Lunchtime concert – Friday 15th November at St. John’s Kenilworth

Presenting the music of Chopin and Schumann.

Tickets £10 adults, free admission for children under 5 (cash only at the door)



Omega events coming soon

Please see below details of forthcoming Omega events.

Omega Soiree – RSVP courses@omegacourse.co.uk to book a place and tell us about food allergies.

November 29th 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

For the address, ask courses@omegacourse.co.uk

This is for those that have attended and those interested in finding out more about the Omega Course and whether it would suit them. Numbers are limited.

Get your ducks in a row.

The Omega Course gives you the opportunity to talk freely about death and dying in a friendly and safe atmosphere.

16th Nov 2024 Day 1 10-4.30 pm	Our View of Dying	Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club CV8 1QJ Tea and coffee provided. Bring packed lunch or purchase in town. Disabled access.
	Talking Practicalities	
	Living Well	
17th Nov 2024 Day 2 10-4.30 pm	How to talk to people who are sick or bereaved	
	Supporting others	

Experienced facilitators make it interesting and less morbid than you’d expect

The Omega Course content will cover:

- Hopes and expectations of a life yet to be lived
- Preparations and planning for the future
- How to talk to people who are sick or bereaved
- Advance planning and Lasting Power Of Attorney
- Topics raised by participants

The informal format helps open discussion.

Benefits Of attendance include:

- Ability to talk more freely about a taboo subject
- Information and ideas about planning for the future
- Increased confidence in talking to ill or bereaved family friends or neighbours
- Decreased fear of the unknown

"I was surprised how much I laughed"

More info and to book go to www.omegacourse.co.uk

Charity no. 1183642.

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
[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.

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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
[currently on sabbatical leave]

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Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

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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).

Respond
Inform Unite
Support Pray
Empower



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.