

# Church Essentials

## What's on this week



### **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am** Wednesday Midweek Community

*Fruit of the Spirit: Patience*

*James 5:7-11*

*Celebrant: Revd. Pam Stote*

**Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.**

### **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 8am** Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 4:26-34*

*Speaker: Matt King*

### **10am** Hearing God's Word

*Giving Talk: Faithfulness in our giving*

*Galatians 5:16-24; 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Leader: Simone Royle; Speaker: Roger Homes*

### **6pm** Holy Communion

*Wholeheartedly loving God: Wholeheartedly thankful*

*Hosea 1 and 2*

*Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham*

### **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am** Wednesday Midweek Community

*Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness*

*Ephesians 4:20-5:2*

*Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai; Speaker: Neswyn Firth*

**Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.**

## Zoom Bible Study – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note the Bible study on Zoom which normally takes place on Thursdays at 9am has now been paused until Andrew returns from Sabbatical when it will be reviewed. You can still catch up with the recordings of all past studies:

[www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth](http://www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsChurchKenilworth) or via [stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again](http://stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again).

## A thank you from Chris and Andrew Haines

We would like to thank everyone for all you did for Mum's (Iris's) Thanksgiving Service. To those who came to give their support, to those sorting out the car parking, to those verging for the service, to all those who made cakes, tea and coffee, to those who arranged flowers, to Ann who gave the music, to Hamish for dealing with the technology, to those who gave a tribute to Mum and shared stories of her with me, and to those who sent cards and comforting messages. This felt like the Christian family sharing in our loss and supporting us throughout. We cannot thank you enough. Every blessing to all.

Chris and Andrew

## CHIT curry night – Saturday 15th June

The next curry night to raise money for Childrens Homes in India Trust is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the church. Cost £12.50 for 3 courses.



Vegetarian/vegan options & non curry option available. Take-aways available too. Please contact Mary Rai to reserve a place by midday on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## Summer with C.S. Lewis

Over the next three months (the “summer” months...), there will be a quotation each week in Church Essentials from the works of C.S. Lewis, the greatest Christian apologist of the 20th Century and one of the greatest Christian writers of all time. Some of the quotations will be old, familiar favourites; some may be not so familiar. All of them will be thought-provoking. Here’s a challenging one to start:

“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

**C.S. Lewis**

[Mere Christianity \[www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/801500-mere-christianity\]](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/801500-mere-christianity)

## Mothers Union Events in June



<b>Weds 5th June 7.30 IN CHURCH</b>	Women’s Health: an informal evening to discuss women’s health issues with Dr Sarah Raistrick, a GP specialising in this area. All welcome, £2 includes refreshments.
<b>Thurs 20th June 2.00 in the hall</b>	Strawberry tea £5. Names to Felicity please
<b>Saturday 22nd June Oxford</b>	Canterbury Provincial Gathering with worship, fellowship, news and entertainment. 10.30 – 5.30. Tickets £20
<b>Weds 28th June 2.30 Coventry</b>	Tour of Coventry Cathedral. £10. All welcome. Names to Felicity please

## Save the date – Learning Community 5

**Announcing a very important date for your diary:**

**The next Learning Community will take place in church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

**More details to follow shortly.**

**Do make a point of coming along.**



## Who to go to during Andrew’s Sabbatical 2024

Andrew goes on Sabbatical on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of who to go to during his absence:

**For general information:** Sue Dawson (office)  
(including building use, funerals, weddings, etc.)

**For formal PCC or CofE / diocese matters:** Phil Swards

**PCC secretary:** Roger Homes

**Safeguarding:** Charlie Palmer

**For church direction and vision:** (week by week) including new initiatives / ideas:  
Co-Leaders (Michelle Harris, Karen Mills, Mary and Kal Rai, Kim Matthews, Roger Homes)

**For running of Services – organising people:**

**8am:** Phil Swards & Mary Rai

**6pm:** Felicity Hawke

**10am:** Roger Homes, Michelle Harris, Kal Rai, Karen Mills, Kim Matthews

**Midweek 10.30am:** Catherine Pennington

**Pastoral needs:** Mary and Kal Rai

**Information about Huddles:** Michelle Harris

**Youth work:** Tom and Liz Charton

**Kenilworth Youth For Christ:** Dave Boyle

**Young children and young families:** Simone Royle, Wendy Wilson & Penny Bryans

**Buildings, site & gardens maintenance:** Rob Cheetham, Steve Prestwich

## **Church roof update – caution advised**

The work to repair the church roof started on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please do not interfere with the scaffolding or allow children to play on it. Since Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> part of the car park to the right of the entrance to the church has been fenced off and is not available for use. One of the disabled car parking spaces has also been relocated.

Please do not move the cones/fencing and do not interfere with the skip or the equipment in the fenced-off area. Work is expected to last between 6 and 8 weeks depending on the weather.

## **Eco Tip of the Month: Clean Air Day 20<sup>th</sup> June**



This is the first Clean Air Day event to be held in Kenilworth. It will take place on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. This is the nearest weekend to the official **Clean Air Day which is taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. The event will take place between 10am and 3pm in Abbey End.

*What are the aims of the event:*

The aim of the day is to raise awareness of air quality as a health issue and an environmental issue, and to promote active travel in and around Kenilworth where possible – to reduce congestion, improve air quality and improve health and well-being. The event aims to be fully inclusive, to be low carbon and avoid single use plastic and other unnecessary waste.

<https://bemore.eco/home>

**We are still looking for a family or individuals who have a passion for creation, to take on the role of Ecochurch coordinators at St John's church.**

**Felicity and I will be happy to meet up to explain what we do.**

**Contact Gill Palmer**

## Dates for the diary

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	CHIT curry night
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Church Ceilidh
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Talking Jesus roadshow
<b>Fri &amp; Sat 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Learning Community 5

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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

### New faith film coming to Showcase Coventry

Kova International is a Christian company with a mission to get faith-based film into mainstream media and outlets. They brought The Chosen to the UK. They now have a new film, 'Unsung Hero', coming to the Showcase Cinema de Lux in Coventry on 14th June. It tells the story of the Smallbone family as they journey from Australia to America, searching for a brighter future and trusting God and each other through the adventure. Click on this link to watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TWke4jX1ro>.

In order to be able to bring Christian content to mainstream cinemas in the UK and Ireland, Kova International needs the support of churches so please go along to see this film if you can and invite your non-Christian friends too.

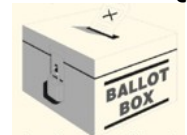
### General Election 2024 – HUSTINGS

A "Love Kenilworth" event organised by Churches Together in Kenilworth and District.

**Tuesday 18 June 7.00pm - 9.00pm Kenilworth Methodist Church, Priory Road CV8 1LQ**

Questions from the public are invited **by 7.30pm on FRIDAY 14 JUNE**

To reserve a space and to submit a question go to [www.lovekenilworth.uk](http://www.lovekenilworth.uk)



### The Clean Green Bash

Activities, Entertainments, Ideas to Save Energy and Money – **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

#### 2 – 5pm All ages Refreshments

- Upcycling, Crafts, Games, Art stuff
- Stalls, Displays, Information, Experts
- Insulation, Thermal Imaging, Recycling
- Fantastic walkabouts – **Earthbound**

#### 7 – 11pm Starts at 7.15pm Bar

- Stalls, Displays Information, Experts
- Spoken Word, Open Mic, Disco
- The 10-Minute Optimistic Opera Co.
- Live music – **Rebel and the Banned**
- **Comedian Stuart Goldsmith**

Free – EVERYONE WELCOME

Booking preferred (for catering)

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/887539092317?ref=ebtn](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/887539092317?ref=ebtn)

[www.thersa.org/events/fellowship/2024/06/the-clean-green-bash](http://www.thersa.org/events/fellowship/2024/06/the-clean-green-bash)

## **Taizé Service – Churches Together in Kenilworth and District – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm**

... at **All Saint's Church Leek Wootton CV35 7QZ.**

The theme is "Trusting in God".

Ecumenical worship, hosted and led by different fellowships within CTKD, and based on the worship style of the internationally renowned Taizé Community in Burgundy, France.

[www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)



## **Festival of Holidays with Flowers Fri-Sat 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 4pm**

... at **Abbey Hill URC, Abbey Hill, Kenilworth, CV8 1LW**

Wednesday 29th May, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 30th May, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

With Refreshments --- Free Admission

Come with us on a journey in flowers through a variety of countries and holiday experiences.

Preview evening on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7 – 9 pm.** Tickets £5 to include a drink and nibbles.

Available from Kenilworth Books or contact [anne.gilmore@abbeyhillurc.co.uk](mailto:anne.gilmore@abbeyhillurc.co.uk)

## **Top tips from St John's Primary School Digital Leaders**

Here are some top tips from the children at St John's Primary school to help keep you safe online.

Want to keep yourself safe on social media platforms? Follow our five top tips and stay connected safely.

1. Block and report unkind and inappropriate messages.
2. Don't share personal details on social media platforms.
3. Do not share other people's photos and videos without consent.
4. Keep an eye out for scams on social media channels. If something is too good to be true, then it probably is.
5. Ensure that you have regular breaks to stop yourself from continuously scrolling for content.

Look out for more tips from St John's School Digital Leaders every half term.

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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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### 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]

#### Churchwarden:

Phil Swards  
[warden@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:warden@stjohn316.co.uk)

#### PCC Secretary:

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

#### Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

#### Youth:

[youth@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:youth@stjohn316.co.uk)

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Charlie Palmer  
[safeguarding@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjohn316.co.uk)

### 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

Respond  
Inform  
Support  
Empower

Unite  
Pray



[RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse | Mothers' Union \(www.mothersunion.org/riseup\)](http://www.mothersunion.org/riseup).

***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.***