

# Church Essentials

## What's on this week



**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*At the cross: Joseph of Arimathea finds courage*  
*John 19:38-42*  
*Leader: Revd. Andrew Attwood; Speaker: Denise Coomber*

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

**Thurs 29<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 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 8am** **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**  
*1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*  
*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: Lindsey Attwood*

**6pm** **Healing and Refreshing**  
*Keep on keeping on*  
*Leaders: Ann Gibbons, Lynda Howells*

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Community**  
*At the cross: Mary finds trust*  
*Luke 2:25-38*  
*Celebrant: Revd. Pam Stote*

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

## Give a gift of dignity this Mothering Sunday

Through your support more women could grow their independence, take on leadership roles and build a better future for their children.



By choosing a **Gift of Dignity** you'll be making a difference for mothers and their families through the ground-breaking work Mothers' Union does around the world.

You might want to buy directly for your mother, choose to dedicate your gift in memory of a loved one, or help the grandchildren to surprise mum with these alternative and very special gifts.

Go to <https://mueshop.org/collections/make-a-mothers-day-2024> to place an order.

## **Thank you for your prayers and support**

Karen and Michael would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and kindness following the recent death of Karen's mum.

## **Housekeeping reminder**

Just a reminder that the temperature in church should be left at a constant 18°C. Please do not alter the thermostat on the wall which is set to this temperature. Also, a brief reminder if you are the last person to leave the building, please check that all the lights are out (including those in the toilets). Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Visit to CHIT in India**

Kim & Jenny Matthews and Kal Rai will be going to India on separate dates around the 24th March to visit the children's homes. If anyone would like to send a present to a sponsored child they will deliver them. Light things please as weight is an issue as the presents will go in their luggage.

## **Living Out – 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Just a reminder that Andy Robinson of Living Out will be coming to talk followed by Q&A at St John's on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**. Please make a note in your diary if you are able to attend.



To help the local church explore the pastoral and biblical issues around faith, marriage and sexuality, Andy Robinson, from the highly regarded 'Living Out' team, will be visiting St. John the Evangelist for an evening where we can explore together the challenges of being biblically faithful yet pastorally welcoming.



## **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>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

### Eco Tip of the Week

#### Spring has Sprung!

How lovely it has been to go for a walk and see the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils.

How it raises our spirits and to wonder at our creator God's amazing work.

Discovering how all ecosystems are linked through the "wood wide web" takes our wonder to a whole new level - check out this video clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWOqeyPIVRc>



### Heart of England Filling Station – date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Heart of England Filling Station will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm for 7.30pm** in **Knowle Village Hall**, St John's Close, Knowle, Solihull B93 0NH. The speaker will be the Revd Chris Beard, retired minister. Further details can be found on the website: [www.thefillingstation.org/station/heart-of-england](http://www.thefillingstation.org/station/heart-of-england).



The Heart of England Filling Station is an informal gathering of Christians and their friends in the West Midlands. Why not join us with a new friend for

- Refreshments and chat
- Lively worship
- Inspiring messages
- Opportunity for personal prayer

## The Big Plastic Count is back

Registration is now open for the Big Plastic Count which runs from 11-17 March. Register now at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up> to take part or visit [www.thebigplasticcount.com](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com) for more information.

**THE BIG  
PLASTIC  
COUNT  
11-17 MARCH**

## Gaza, West Bank, Israel – Will the light of the Christian community go out?

Everyone is invited to a Churches Together Kenilworth & District event at St Francis Parish Centre, Warwick Road at **6.30 for 7pm – 8.30pm** on **Wednesday 13th March**. Peter Rand, retired Trustee and Vice Chair of Friends of the Holy Land (FHL), will provide an update on the current situation which you will not read in the media. This is from his FHL's contacts on the ground and his many visits to Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. **02** to help planning. 01926 852163 or email [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com) See the notice on the right-hand side for more details.

Share the journey with Christians in the Holy Land this Lent  
Hear the latest challenges facing the small Christian community in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel

# Will their light go out ?



A Lenten reflection and update by Peter Rand MBE

## Wednesday 13th March

6.30 for 7pm to 8.30pm  
Join in prayer for their future.

**Free**  
St Francis Parish Centre  
Warwick Road  
Kenilworth CV8 1HL

**LOVE KENILWORTH**

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**  
Peter's up to date knowledge is based on personal connections from his 14 years as Vice Chair and Trustee of Friends of the Holy Land, a national ecumenical charity based in Kenilworth.

RSVP - [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com) phone 01926 852163  
An Initiative from Love Kenilworth - Churches Together in Kenilworth and District

## Save the Children Charity Spring Fayre – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 to 2.00

Coffe and cake raffle – crafts – stalls  
cards and jewellery



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Centre, 110 Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL

Free admission, car parking available.



## Charity fundraising concert with the King's Chamber Orchestra – 15<sup>th</sup> May

Kenilworth Cancer Research committee is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a fundraising concert by the King's Chamber Orchestra at St John's on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**, featuring classics and music from stage and screen. Tickets will be available from eventbrite, Boothroyd & Co (19 The Square, Kenilworth CV8 1EF), committee members or by emailing [kenilworthcruk@gmail.com](mailto:kenilworthcruk@gmail.com).

Admission £25 to include a drink and canapes.

Please see notice to the right:

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464), Scotland (SC041666), the Isle of Man (103) and Jersey (247). Registered address: 2 Redman Place, London, E20 1JQ.

## 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.”*




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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  
[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



## CHARITY SPRING FAYRE

COFFEE AND CAKE  
RAFFLE – CRAFTS - STALLS  
CARDS AND JEWELLERY

**Saturday 9th March 2024**

**10.00 till 2.00**

St Francis of Assisi Parish Centre  
110 Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL

free admission

car parking available

For details phone 07913351512



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