

Church Essentials

What's on this week



Weds 10th July 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control
1 Corinthians 10:19-27
Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

Sun 14th July 8am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)**
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
Leader & Speaker: Phil Swards

10am **Hearing God's Word**
Sinful nature versus the fruit of the Spirit: Peace
Galatians 5:16-24; John 14:27
Leader: Kim Matthews; Speaker: Jenny Matthews

6pm **Holy Communion**
Mary: Let your will be done to me
Lk 1:26-38; 46-55
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Haines

Weds 17th July 10.30am **Wednesday Midweek Community**
Seven signs from John's Gospel: Water into wine
John 2:1-11
Celebrant: Revd Pam Stote; talk: Revd Neswyn Firth
Doors open at 10am and the service will begin at 10:30.

Thursday 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 or via stjohn316.co.uk/watch-again.

Roadworks in July

National Grid have advised us of upcoming roadworks in the area in order to lay cables for the new housing development as follows:

Whites Row	24th June-15th July
Warwick Road	6th, 7th, 13th and 14th July
St John's Road	1st-15th July

Please allow extra time when coming to church on those dates.

Framed photos of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The church office is currently undergoing a sort out. Three framed photographs of the late queen have been found. If anybody would like one of these, please can you let Sue in the Church Office know (admin@stjohn316.co.uk).

Kitchen and cleaning supplies

A small number of supplies are kept in the church office and the church administrator can order further supplies when required. If you run any church activities which use these products, please can you let Sue in the church office know when you run low so that she can restock or order more items as required. As an Eco Church, St John's is gradually trying to move across to using Fairtrade or environmentally friendly products where possible and Sue has a list of approved cost-effective suppliers and products she is able to order from.

Summer with C. S. Lewis

Over 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 is this week's quotation:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen;
not only because I see it but because by it, I see everything else."
from "Is Theology Poetry" a paper read by Lewis to the Socratic Club on Nov. 6, 1944.

Missional Prayer – joint service with Stoneleigh – 6pm 21st July

Please note there will be no 6pm service at St John's next Sunday 21st July. Instead, there will be a service of Missional Prayer at St Mary the Virgin Church, Stoneleigh, to which you are all welcome.

The service will be led by a team headed up by Revd Petrica Bistran (the vicar at Stoneleigh).

Additional stewards required

We have a small band of people who are available to act as stewards at funerals and weddings in church. With several people stepping down from this role after a long period of service, we could ideally do with a few more volunteers to come forward to replace them. The number of weddings and funerals we conduct per year is not large so you would not be called upon to steward very often. If you feel that this is an area in which you could serve the church or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Sue in the church office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk).

CHIT curry night – 15th June

The CHIT curry night on 15th June made our largest ever amount apart from donations: £1,663.27 after expenses.

Well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work and support.

Kal & Mary Rai

Church Accident book

Just a reminder that there is an accident book in church (Red book by the fire bell, marked 'Health and Safety Log Book'). This is checked regularly and any entries taken out of the book and recorded. Please remember to use this to record any accidents that occur in the church building.

Who to go to during Andrew's Sabbatical 2024

Andrew goes on Sabbatical on May 25th. 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 14th. Please do not interfere with the scaffolding or allow children to play on it. 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.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 19th October Church Ceilidh

Wednesday 6th November Talking Jesus roadshow

Fri & Sat 8th & 9th November Learning Community 5

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

Kenilworth Museum

Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society (KHAS) who run the museum & heritage centre in Abbey Fields (housed in "The Barn" between the Gatehouse and the children's play area) are looking for volunteers to help run the museum on summer Sunday and Bank Holiday

Monday afternoons when they are open from 2.30 – 4.30 pm. No prior knowledge or experience is needed as there will always be members of the Society there as well. There are opportunities for room stewards, meet & greet, or just to generally chat with visitors.

If you know anyone who might be interested in volunteering, please email KHAS at: contact@khas.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
[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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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

PCC Secretary:

Roger Homes
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Standing Committee:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the PCC Secretary

Youth:

youth@stjohn316.co.uk

Safeguarding Officer:

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.

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).

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.