

## Church Essentials

### What's on this week



- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**  
*Grace: Justified by Grace*  
*Romans 3:21-26*  
*Celebrant: Revd Rob Latham*  
**Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.**
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**  
*1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26*  
*Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai*
- 10am** **Learning Christ's Ways**  
*How Jesus dealt with spiritual conflict and opposition*  
*Luke 4: 1-37; Matthew 23:1-36*  
*Speaker: Revd Andrew Attwood*
- 6pm** **Missional Prayer**  
*A short talk leading into Missional Prayer*  
*Leader: Revd Andrew Attwood*
- Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**  
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### Funeral of Tim Brewer

The funeral of Tim Brewer will take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at **midday** at **Oakley Wood (North Chapel)**. Refreshments will be served afterwards at The Leopard Inn in Bishop's Tachbrook. If anyone requires a lift to the funeral, Andy Powell has a few places in his car.

### Christians Against Poverty Zoom Prayer meeting

The next CAP Zoom prayer meeting is on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** at **9.30am**. Everyone is invited to pray for CAP on Zoom with Andrew, Darren, Adrian and others. Do come along for the 30-minute prayer time. Please ask the Church Office ([admin@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn316.co.uk)) if you need the Zoom link.

### The problem with the CofE: An open letter to Stephen Cottrell

Andrew would encourage church members to read Ian Paul's open letter to the Archbishop, and to pray for a commitment to honesty, truth and real accountability in the C of E.

<https://www.psephizo.com/life-ministry/the-problem-with-the-c-of-e-an-open-letter-to-stephen-cottrell/>

### Preparation of new Electoral Roll and APCM

Every six years we are required to prepare a completely new electoral roll. This year is one of those years. Even if you have been on the church electoral roll previously, you will still need to apply in order to be included in the new electoral roll. Benefits to being on the church electoral roll include being able to have a say in decisions made in church, being able

to participate in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for the PCC and Deanery Synod. Application forms for the electoral roll can be found on the welcome desk in church or can be obtained from the church office ([admin@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn316.co.uk)). Please return completed forms to Sue in the office by **29<sup>th</sup> March**.

The 2025 annual church meeting (APCM) will take place at the beginning of the **10am** service on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. It will involve the election of any new PCC members or any wardens, and will review the previous 12 months of church life.

If you have applied to be on the electoral roll of this church and would like to stand to be a member of the PCC or a churchwarden, please contact Sue in the church office ([admin@stjohn316.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohn316.co.uk)) for an application form or speak to any PCC member or the church warden, Phil Swards to learn more about the roles available. A list of current PCC members can be found on the wall in church.

## Safeguarding

Dear Friends,

Since Safeguarding Sunday in November (2024), the issue of Safeguarding in the Church of England never seems to have been far from the national news headlines. There continue to be serious questions for national church leaders.

I want to reassure you that locally, Safeguarding work continues as usual. For example, I submitted a new referral to the Diocesan Team this week and received a response the same day. A number of people have found the focus on Safeguarding to have stirred up memories from the past. I'm always happy to listen should you wish to talk.

Charlie Palmer  
Parish Safeguarding Officer

## Notices from Mothers' Union



### Men's clothing required

The speaker at Mothers' Union on 20th February, Paul Morris, will be talking about his involvement with homeless charities in Coventry, and he is happy to take in any men's clothing and shoes, as well as donations of tinned food. Please get in touch with me if you have anything, and I will try to put a box under the stairs in church too.

All welcome to the meeting, at **2pm** on **20<sup>th</sup> February** in the hall.

### Recycling candles

I am going to send off the candles for recycling soon, so please put any you have in the basket in church asap!

Felicity

## News from CHIT

Our next curry night will be on **Saturday 8th March** at 7pm in St. John's Church. Cost £15 for 3 courses. Vegetarian/vegan options & non-curry option. Take-aways available too. Please contact Mary Rai to reserve a place by midday on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks.  
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## Church Weekend Away 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May



Our guest speaker will be Caroline Hammond who will be talking about 'Intimacy with Jesus'. Do let us know if you are keen on coming. More details to follow shortly.

## Church Ceilidh 2025 – Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> October 7-10pm – Save the Date!

For all church members and any of your family and friends.

**Church Ceilidh 2025!**

Saturday 18th October, 7-10pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

For all church members and any of your family and friends  
Do come along and have fun with the church family!

## Breakthrough Fasting – additional resources

Hi all - this short booklet may be worth reading ahead of starting our rhythm of fasting (see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DFwg7On-ls](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DFwg7On-ls)) - How to spend a day with Jesus.

<https://cornerstone.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/How-To-Spend-A-Day-With-Jesus.pdf>

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# Spring 2025 Term Cards

10am

Jan-Apr 2025 Sunday morning Rhythm  
**Trained by Jesus/Recognising opposition**

In God's Presence IGP	Hearing God's Word HGW	Learning Christ's Ways LCW	Shared Life & Mission SL&M
Holy Spirit	Father	Son	Church

Date	Focus	Content
29 Dec		
5 Jan	IGP	(plus fasting feedback)
12 Jan	HGW	How we can be trained by the Gospels
19 Jan	LCW	Jesus as our instructor today: learning a life of obedience
26 Jan	SL&M	MC Stories
2 Feb	IGP	(plus fasting feedback)
9 Feb	HGW	Understanding what Principalities and Powers are
16 Feb	LCW	How Jesus dealt with spiritual conflict and opposition
23 Feb	SL&M	MC stories
2 Mar	IGP	
9 Mar	HGW	Hosting Jesus as a church temple together
16 Mar	LCW	Guided together by the Spirit
23 Mar	SL&M	MC Stories
30 Mar	HGW	Set free from the love of money (Giving talk)
6 Apr	IGP	
13 Apr	HGW	How the cross breaks the control of evil powers
20 Apr	LCW	Easter Sunday: New Creation begins
27 Apr	SL&M	APCM

6pm

Jan-Apr 2025 Sunday @ 6pm

H&R: Healing & Refreshing, HC: Holy Communion, MP: Missional Prayer, ET: Extended Teaching

Psalms

Date	Service	Scripture/Theme
5 Jan	H&R	Psalm 131
12 Jan	HC	Psalm 2
19 Jan	MP	
26 Jan	ET	Psalm 37
2 Feb	H&R	Psalm 139
9 Feb	HC	Psalm 46
16 Feb	MP	
23 Feb	ET	Psalm 51
2 Mar	H&R	Psalm 6
9 Mar	HC	Psalm 139
16 Mar	MP	
23 Mar	ET	Psalm 73
30 Mar		
6 Apr	H&R	Psalm 40
13 Apr	HC	
20 Apr	EASTER	Luke 24:1-12
27 Apr	ET	Psalm 121

## Dates for the diary

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	CHIT curry night
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	APCM
<b>Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Church weekend away
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Church Ceilidh

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

### Grace and Truth – a Christian Institute meeting near you – Leamington

Speaking on controversial topics of the day.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Emmanuel Church, Heath Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV32 5LY

Speaking at the meeting will be Deputy Director Simon Calvert, Senior Researcher Rhys Curnow and Communications Officer Nathan Jeal.

*Helping you apply your faith to the whole of life.*

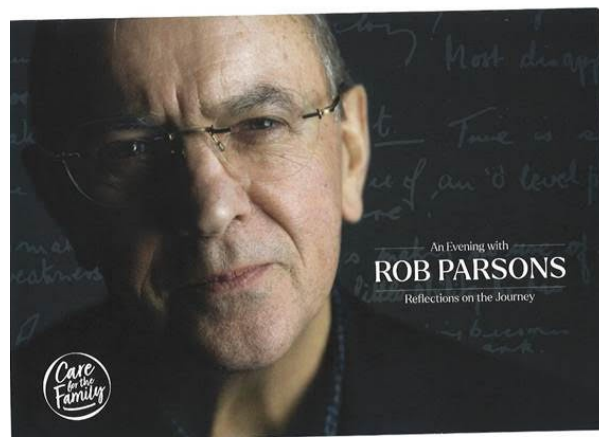
### An Evening with Rob Parsons – various venues

All events 7.30pm

Early bird £6, Group rate £8, Standard tickets £11

[cff.org.uk/robparsons](http://cff.org.uk/robparsons). 029 2081 0800

A Christian initiative to strengthen family life, offering support to everyone. Care for the family is a registered charity.



## Spring Tour 2025

<b>Orpington</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Bedworth</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Preston</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Aberdeen</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Wimbledon</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Bedford</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Huddersfield</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Glasgow</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Stratford, London</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Halesowen</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Leeds</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Dunfermline</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Early bird offer ends 11th Feb	Early bird offer ends 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Early bird offer ends 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Early bird offer ends 13 <sup>th</sup> May

# The Omega Course – Holy Trinity Church Hall Leamington Spa

## Booking and enquiries

The Omega Course experience offers participants a safe space to consider death and learn how to support others. In the friendly environment many laughs are heard.

The course is inter-active and each week's experience builds into the next. Much of the benefit comes from discussion with others. You will benefit most if you come each week.

### TO BOOK A PLACE

scan the Eventbrite QR code:

or click or type:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-omega-course-tickets-1109281333329?aff=oddtcrator>



or email: [Courses@omegacourse.co.uk](mailto:Courses@omegacourse.co.uk)

[www.omegacourse.co.uk](http://www.omegacourse.co.uk)

Led by experienced + knowledgeable facilitators, with clinical, counselling and education backgrounds, The Omega Course will provide a space for questions, thoughts and discussions, held in a supportive environment.

The content will cover living life fulfilling your wishes; preparations and planning for the future; opportunity to discuss choices for end of life; Mental Capacity Act; Lasting Powers of Attorney; how to talk to people who are sick or bereaved; as well as topics raised by participants. The informal format will help 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 friends or neighbours
- Decreased fear of the unknown



## The Omega Course



Getting good at community involvement by being prepared yourself.

**Holy Trinity Church Hall  
Leamington Spa**

Weekend and online formats also available



## The Omega Course

Tea, Coffee and biscuits as well as all teaching materials will be provided. Please bring a snack supper for session 4 (see below).

Session	Time	Topic
5 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm-5pm	Facing mortality
12 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm-5pm	Living well
26 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm-8pm meal break	Listening skills for communication
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2pm-5pm	Practicalities and planning
9 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm-5pm	Supporting other people



## The Kenilworth Centre (Abbey End) Youth Club

Years 5, 6, 7 – All Welcome

Term Time Fridays 6pm – 7.15pm

- Arts & Crafts
- Pool
- Table Football
- Outdoor Sports
- Podcast Recording

Registration Required -

<https://qrco.de/bdKIVN>



## The Kenilworth Centre (Abbey End) Board Game Hub

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month

3pm – 5pm

Jan, Feb & March – Free Soup

Enjoy – board game instruction, BYO board game, free play

Pay What You Can Café

No booking required, just turn up and play

supported by Compassionate Kenilworth and Rotary in Kenilworth



## Concert of HOPE for the Holy Land at St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7pm

Featuring classical folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers, as well as dance displays.

There will also be a brief talk by Fr Mamdouh Abusada (a Melkite priest from Bethlehem who will be visiting the UK) about life and conditions in Bethlehem and the Holy Land.

The artists are supporting this charity to gain much needed funds for the region of the Holy Land.

Acts include OneLife Music, Elena Wilcox classical violinist and friends, Rosemary Robinson soprano and friends, DMJ folk, MacSiúrtáin Irish music, McCarthy/Felton Irish dance and other acts to be confirmed.

Tickets £25 via Eventbrite

Sponsored by Friends of the Holy Land.

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/2025/01/friends-of-the-holy-land-fundraising-concert/>



CONCERT OF  
**HOPE**  
FOR THE HOLY LAND

**FHL**

ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL  
BIRMINGHAM

7PM | THURSDAY 27TH FEB

TICKETS VIA EVENTBRITE

OUR MISSION IS TO SECURE A RESILIENT AND ENDURING COMMUNITY  
FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE WEST BANK, GAZA, ISRAEL AND JORDAN

## Fundraising Fashion Show and Shopping Event in support of Guide Dogs

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm

at The Holiday Inn, 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1ED

Ticket: £10 including complimentary glass of prosecco

Tickets to be bought **in advance** from Arden's Coffee Shop, 17 Talisman Square (near Waitrose) – cash only please.

In association with SOS Charity Fashion Shows. All your favourite brands with up to 75% off.

Marks & Spencer ● White Stuff ● Planet ● Monsoon ● Warehouse ● Wallis ● Hobbs ● Boden and many more

Tickets are non-refundable.



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For further information, find us on Facebook: Kenilworth Guide Dogs or email: [guidedogskenilworth@gmail.com](mailto:guidedogskenilworth@gmail.com)  
Tickets are non-refundable



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Scottish 00058978 and Isle of Man 03246 8306 06/23



## 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

### 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

### 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

[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.***