

Church Essentials

What's on this week



- Weds 15th Jan. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Grace: What is grace?
Ephesians 2:8-19
Celebrant: Revd Pam Stote; Speaker: Denise Coomber
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.
- Sun 19th Jan. 8am** **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
Celebrant: Revd Mary Rai
- 10am** **Learning Christ's Ways**
Jesus as our instructor today: Learning a life of obedience
Matthew and Luke's gospels
Matthew 23:8-10; Luke 6:46-49; John 14:23-24
Leader: Simone Royle; Speaker: Kal Rai
- 6pm** **NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**
- 6.30pm** **Churches Together Service at St. Nicholas Kenilworth**
Farewell to Revd. Jim Perryman of Leek Wootton
- Weds 22nd Jan. 10.30am** **Wednesday Midweek Communion**
Grace: The Prodigal Sone
Luke 15:11-32
Celebrant: Revd Andrew Attwood
Doors open 10am and the service will begin at 10.30.

Unity Service on Sunday January 19th at 6.30pm

Dear all,

Ordinarily on Sunday 19th we would be having Missional Prayer at 6pm.

However, to recognise the retirement of Rev. Jim Perryman (from Leek Wootton church) we will join Jim and other churches at **St. Nicholas'** church at **6.30pm**.

Jim has been a faithful, bible-believing Anglican minister for decades. He has been especially passionate about mission and unity. He will still be working part time for ICS (<https://www.ics-uk.org/>).

Do come along!

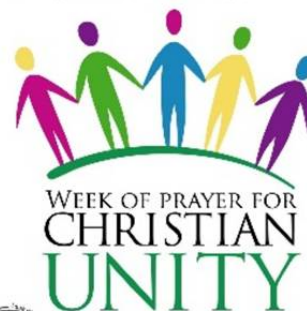
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Please note there will be no 6pm service at St John's on 19th January.



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**United Ecumenical Service
at St Nicholas, Kenilworth
Sunday 19 January, 6.30pm**



Judith Wild

Judith Wild, wife of John, died on 1st January. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's for about 5 years but deteriorated over Christmas and went into hospital on Boxing Day. John and Judith have been members of St John's for many years and were also very involved with the King's Table cafe. They have not been in the church building for several years now, but still watched on YouTube. Do keep John and the family in your prayers.

The funeral of Judith Wild will take place at St John's on **Wednesday 29th January at 1.30pm.**

Meet and Eat is Back! Thursday 16th January from 6 pm



Annual PAT testing

The annual PAT safety testing of electrical appliances will take place on **Tuesday 4th February**. If you are in possession of any church-owned electrical appliances, please can you drop them off at the church office by **Monday 3rd February**. Please note that the church office will be closed in the week commencing 27th January due to holiday. If there is no-one around who can put them in the church office for you, please leave them with a warden or outside the office clearly marked 'For PAT testing'.

Church Weekend Away 16th - 18th 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.

PCC Meeting – 21st January

The next PCC meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st January**. If you have any questions you would like the PCC to consider at this meeting, please contact the PCC Secretary at pcc@stjohn316.co.uk by close of play on **Friday 17th January**.

Welcome Supper @ St John's – Thursday 30th January @ 7pm

If you have recently joined the church (in the last year) or are thinking of joining and would like to find out more about the vision and ethos of the church, please join us for this event.

For further information and to book a place, please contact: the church office – admin@stjohn316.co.uk.

Please book by **Monday 27th January**.

Used Christmas Cards and candle recycling

Christmas cards with pictures of The Christmas Story are perfect for Christmastime craft so we're collecting for next year.

Do trim/tear off greeting part and place cards in the box in church.

Thank you
Janet.

There is also a box alongside it for recycling old candles. If you have any old candle wax including scraps, scented and coloured candles, tealights in tins or candles in jars, please feel free to leave them in there for recycling.

Thank You from Friends of the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land have written to thank St John's for their generous donation to support Christians in the Holy Land and for their water appeal.

Letter for thanks from Brenna-Górki church in Poland

We have recently received the following letter of thanks from our partner church in Brenna, Poland.



PARAFIA EWANGELICKO-AUGSBURSKA

BRENNA - GÓRKI

Brenna, December 2024

Reved. Andrew Attwood

**St John the Evangelist
205 Warwick Road
Kenilworth
CV8 1HY**

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

On behalf of our parish community, I sincerely thank you for the congratulations you have sent to us on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of our partnership with the Parish of Dresden-Hosterwitz. The fact that we have been walking together in our partnership for so many years is a testimony to God's guidance and blessing. This partnership unites us at the same time with you – brothers and sisters in Kenilworth. We are grateful that Fiona Trewick attended the meeting in Brenna and sent greetings and good wishes on behalf of your parish. Thank you for the wonderful painting - it is a very beautiful gift which we were delighted to receive.

We warmly invite you to Brenna, it will be a pleasure to welcome representatives of your community among us.

We wish you a good Advent and Christmas and all the blessings for the coming year.

Rev. Roman Kluz

Use of the church building – please book!

We have a very lovely church building which is now being well used. If you wish to use the church for anything, from an informal small gathering to larger groups, please check with the church office first (admin@stjohn316.co.uk) to make sure the space is available for the time and date you require.

News from CHIT

Kim and Kal will be going to India on behalf of CHIT on Friday 31st January 2025 and returning on Monday 10th February. If you sponsor a child and would like to send a little gift please can you get it to Kim or Kal in plenty of time.

For others, if you would just like to bless the children in some way then money is always appreciated. In the past we have used such monies for buying sports equipment, a special meal or a treat of sweets/ ice cream, depending on the resources available to us.

Our next curry night will be on Saturday 8th March (details below).

Many thanks

Kal



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

Thursday 16th January	Meet and Eat
Thursday 30th January	Welcome Supper
Saturday 8th March	CHIT curry night
16th - 18th May	Church weekend away

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

Warwickshire termly CrossTeach prayer breakfast

CROSSTEACH

Happy New Year!! We pray 2025 will be full of joy, hope, peace and more encounters with God!

At the start of last term we launched our termly prayer breakfasts. They are an opportunity for us to gather together to lift up the term and the diary to God, to pray for the coming term's work and to enjoy fellowship together over breakfast. We know we can't do any of our work in our own strength and it is a joy to praise God for all he has done so far this academic year!

We will be at **Saltisford Church in Warwick**, from **9-10am on Saturday 18th January**. Please sign up so we can cater accordingly: <https://bit.ly/JanPray>
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AILlv8DPMa_8kx6ZNAQzOZ9k_ZGaO1UfxEIU5wR7xqM/viewform?edit_requested=true]

We look forward to seeing you there!

CROSSTEACH prayer breakfasts

At the start of each new term crossteach is hosting a prayer breakfast. Come along, eat breakfast and join others in praying for the work of crossteach for the coming term.

Scan here to sign up
(for catering purposes)
Or use the web link below



<https://bit.ly/JanPray>

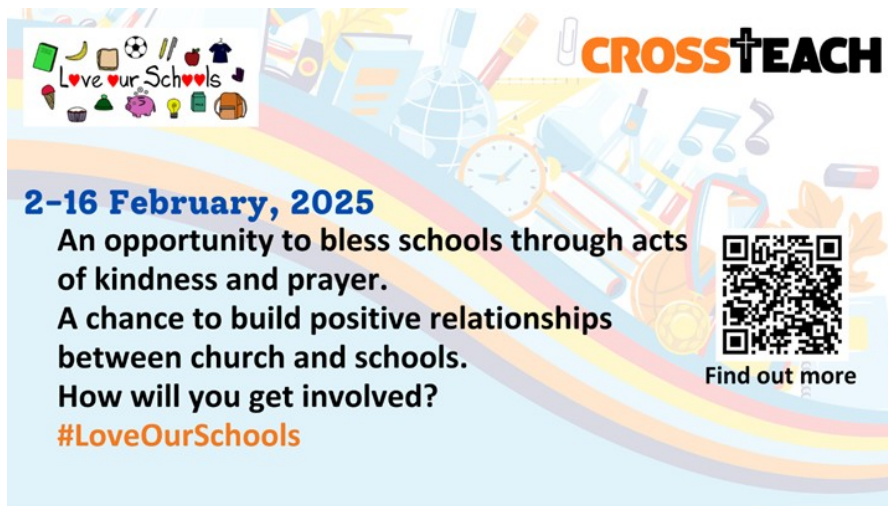
Dates:

Saturday 18 January 2025
9-10am
@ Saltisford Church,
Warwick

Saturday 10 May 2025
@ Emmanuel Church,
Leamington Spa

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4.6

<https://crossteach.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c4a7b803dfbb5ed436a8373f2&id=2e877cb223&e=968cf307f3>



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

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).

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Revd. Andrew Attwood

Churchwarden:

Phil Swards
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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.

For more details on the Mothers Union campaign, go to the relevant page in the MU section on the Coventry Diocese Website

Respond
Inform Unite
Support Pray
Empower



[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.

Christmas 2024

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CARE, CONNECTION, COURAGE

Thank you for your partnership in prayer!

We have so much to be thankful for. Here are some of the ways you can join us in thanking God:

- This term, Our group mentoring helped 49 girls improve their wellbeing and 52 improve their self esteem. We've supported 43 girls through 1:1 mentoring, helping them understand their worth and equipping them with the tools they need to flourish now and in the future.
- We have recruited a new Head Of Services, Nic, to support our growing team, who will be starting in January.
- Our Flourish Advisory Board (made up of girls who have received our support) has gone from strength to strength, with 17 girls now on board, helping us develop new resources and services for other girls like them.

Please do pray for

- The girls we will support in 2025: that we would be able to help them know their incredible worth and equip them with the tools they need to flourish now and into the future. Please pray that we would see all girls saying "My confidence has grown; I have hope for the future"
- That more women would join us in supporting girls as volunteer mentors: that God would put it on the right women's hearts, that they would have the time to volunteer, and that God would enable them to draw alongside mentees well.
- Funding: we face a significant shortfall for this financial year, and the fundraising environment is increasingly challenging. Please pray that we would be able to raise sufficient funds to continue being there for girls now and in the future.
- Our new Head of Services, Nic, that she would settle in quickly and help our team thrive.

"The Flourish Course has helped me see things in a different way and feel more confident." - Mentee, Autumn term



**We're looking for more
volunteer mentors!
Find out more here**

