

Weekly Reminder 11 April 2021

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St John's Church



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If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Denise in the Church Office (see above)

Quiet Space

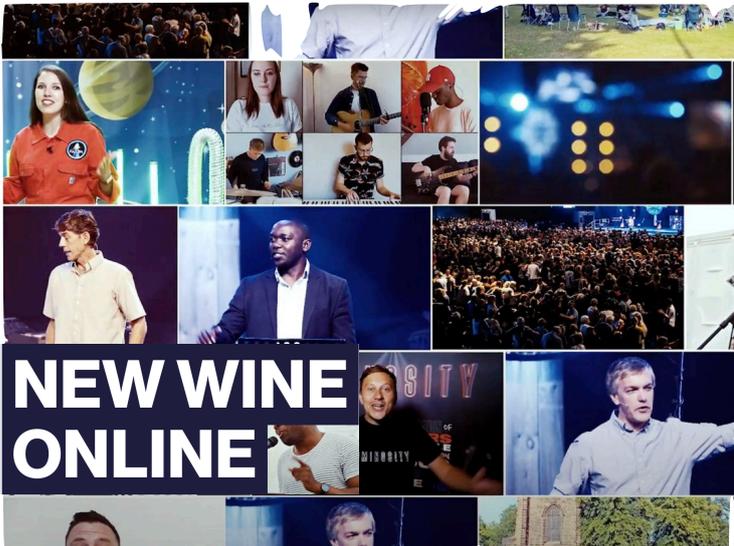
(Opening the Church Building for Private Prayer)
Wednesday 10:00-14:00
Sunday 13:00-15:00

PCC Notice, Job Descriptions and Revision of the Electoral Roll

Please see the last page for details

New Wine Online

New Wine had to be cancelled this year, but there are still resources available from New Wine Online. Please see their website... new-wine.org



New Testament Puzzle

Teach your children the Books of the New Testament with this fun puzzle...

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aXTyphhAA254qu4poFuBmO79jRD6mNGC/view>



The Omega Course gives you the opportunity to discuss death and dying in a friendly and safe atmosphere, and goodness knows we could all do with that this year.

By talking and learning together The Omega Course dispels the taboo around dying and gives skills to be better friends, relatives and neighbours. We focus on how to live our remaining life to the full and how to ensure our wishes are known, especially after losing the capacity to speak for ourselves.

Do you get tongue tied with a dying friend? We'll help with tips and techniques so you can remain a good friend to them. We look at best ways to help the bereaved.

Doing the Omega Course develops confidence in talking and planning for death, talking to friends and neighbours about it, and reducing fear of dying. We proved that with a research evaluation by Warwick University Medical School.

The Omega Course Online is now available for booking, but places are filling up quickly. Search on Eventbrite or [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-omega-course-online-5-sessions-730pm-121926-april-1017-may-2021-tickets-142233210361?](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-omega-course-online-5-sessions-730pm-121926-april-1017-may-2021-tickets-142233210361?fbclid=IwAR2pLwwGL9bU0Nde4DxoOj1_6OXmYzJzKenZeoXu81km4j_j5MqD_VUOWh0)

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Starts April 12th and runs each Monday evening for 5 sessions.

Prayer Topics

Those who are Unwell

Eloise Lawson for details, please see eloisezoe.com)
Hannah Montagu
Leyann and Ray,
Kallum,
Pat Eason - Leg Wound.
Ron Newbold
Ann Reeder

The people affected the brutality of others and by natural disasters.

Children and young People.

The Omega Course (starts Monday April 12th)

Tastelife, CHIT, Spring Playgroup, Flourish, Restored Lives

The Royal Family on the death of Prince Philip

Chris Waters

The Stoker Family

Unity in the Church.

The Roadmap out of Lockdown and how that will affect our meeting together

Online services and preparations to start meeting in Church Buildings

Those new to the Faith

Government

Unrest in areas of the UK and countries throughout the world

Those moving house

The Lonely and Depressed

Those working in front line jobs, eg Carers, teachers, health workers etc

Thanks for an effective 'roll out' of the Covid 19 Vaccination

Those who saw our Easter blessings (see p3-5) - that it will make them think about the real meaning.

Churches ostracised for standing up for Biblical

Principles eg See this Premier Christian News Link https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/we-have-felt-prosecuted-judged-and-sentenced-unfairly-jesus-house-hits-back-after-sir-keir-starmer-apologises-for-visiting-church?utm_source=Premier%20Christian%20Media&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12283919_daily%20news%2008%20April%202021&utm_content=1&dm_i=16DQ,7BABZ,61BFB4,TNZIS,1

The Persecuted Church

This week we are praying for Christians in Sudan

PLEASE PRAY

Lord God, thank You so much for answering decades of prayer from Sudanese Christians and those who support them. We pray that the change in the law would make a meaningful difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters in Sudan, and that the culture of the country would change with them. Let Sudanese believers live lives openly devoted to you, shining the light of Christ in a country that has spent so many years in darkness. Amen.

See opendoorsuk.org or contact the Church Office for details of how you can be sent details of how to pray

Daily Hope

24hr telephone line, with Bible Readings, Music, Devotions etc. Designed for those who cannot access services via the internet. **0800 804 8044.**

Help Needed -We still need help with youth work and with Tech.

If you can help, please contact Michelle or Denise (youth@stjohn316.co.uk or admin@stjohn316.co.uk)

Home to Rent/ House Sitting

Chris Waters is looking for a Home to Rent in the Kenilworth area or for a place he can 'house sit'. It must have 4 bedrooms and a drive for his large van - and maybe a Garage/ Shed. If you can help, please contact Denise in the Church Office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk 07734 489835)

Reflections

Dave and Kay Stoker have started posting some reflections on the KM WhatsApp Group. Maybe the ones written below will be challenging for all of us (some of the wording has been changed to make the reflection fit our context)...

How will you find space to reflect within your day?

It might be going for a walk and mulling the question over is the best way for you, or it might be sitting in your favourite place in the house and being still.

Either way, make sure you use a pen and paper to write down your thoughts and ideas during or after.

Consider if you would want to pray and reflect with others during this month, and how you can make sure that happens.

How confident are you on waiting on God and seeking direction from God?

Consider three things that could make this process more pleasurable and engaging for you as you enter the month.

Be specific, and try to put them into practice throughout April.

How do others see our church?

If the Archbishop of Canterbury came to Kenilworth, what would he perceive the strengths and weaknesses of our church to be? How would your next door neighbour describe our church? Are they even aware that it is there? Consider other members of your household, what words would they use to describe our church? How does this make you feel?

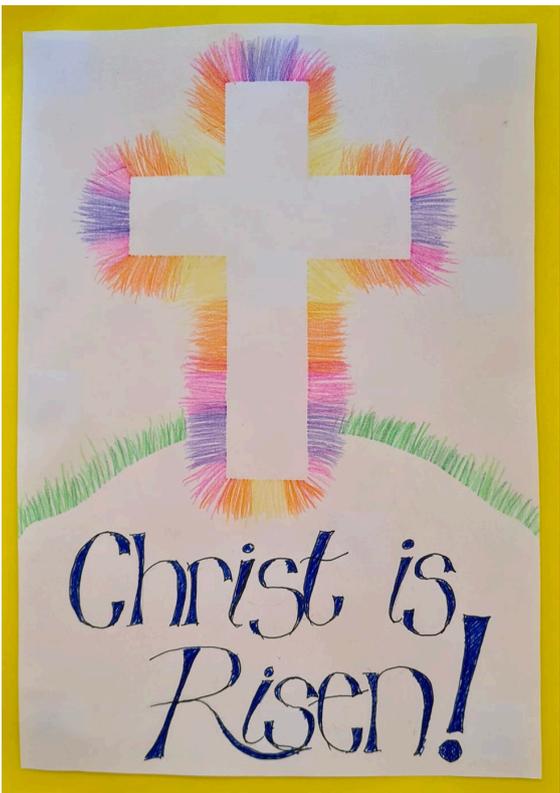
How has our Church enabled you to walk closer to Christ?

During this last year, how much of your personal walk with God has relied on your experience of (a) receiving from and (b) serving in the Church Community? How else has your relationship with God been sustained and grown? What aspects of your faith can only be developed in community with others?

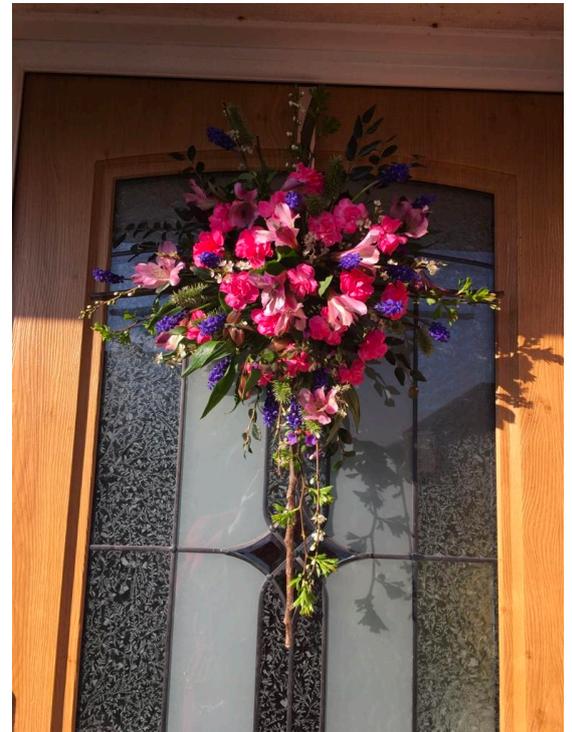
What specific skills do you bring to the Church Community?

Realistically, what are you able and willing to commit to in the year ahead within the KM community? What sacrifices might you need to make to invest more in this church

Some Pictures from the Easter Weekend



See also <https://kenilworth.nub.news/n/kenilworth-churches-raise-the-easter-cross> and <https://www.kenilworthweeklynews.co.uk/news/people/kenilworth-churches-raise-the-easter-cross-3190481>



Easter Garden

The Easter Garden and Easter Activities have been in the Church Grounds over Holy week and will be there until TODAY (Sunday 11th April).

This has being advertised in Kenilworth Vibes and we've asked The Courier to include a picture of our seasonal exhibit and

'The Community Easter Garden in the garden of St John's Church, Kenilworth and made by families, is displayed until Sunday 11th April.



The Church Doors displayed a selection of Bible Verses about the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, as well as the usual information about Church Services etc.

There was an Easter Garden inside the Porch as well.

Hopefully, these displays have provided a witness to the Good News about Jesus in our Community

CHIT (Children's Homes in India Trust)

Prayer Update March 2021

The Lodge, Farringdon,
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Please address correspondence to Howard Mathers, Chair of Trustees

Overview. The new normal is taking shape, with COVID routines in place. We are however anxious about the second wave that is being reported, both in the press and directly from Babu. Again, so far, we are thankful that none of our friends have been badly affected. **Please continue to pray** for them, in particular that the Easter message of hope will blot out their fear.

In India New stairs ! Also, through good meetings with our American friends at Friends of Children's Village (FCV) we have agreed to share the cost of the new compound wall around the school between us. Discussions with FCV reveal a close alignment in our hopes for the work in India, and our concern with some of the pressing issues. **Join us and their community in praying** for new revenue streams in India; for good relationships with those capable of obstructing the work, for example the Children and Women's Committee, CWC, that regulates the homes; and for leadership arrangements to follow Babu.



Last summer we heard that new banking regulations would require the children's homes to open a new bank account in Delhi by 31 March. We were concerned that with many other NGOs doing likewise, there could be a hold-up in money transfers, so in March we sent an advance of two months' funds. As it has turned out, the account has been opened, and it now "just" needs to be certified to receive foreign money transfers. **Please pray** that this would be smooth and quick.



Disinfection Spraying



Thermal Screening



Palm Sunday Preparations... and Procession



In the homes, the new routines include frequent cleansing of the premises and thermal screening of the students. Everyone seems to have adjusted well. But remember they are wearing masks all day in temperatures that promise to rise into the 40s centigrade in April and May. For most, the summer holidays have been delayed to catch-up with missed lessons, which means studying through this intense heat. For the year 10s, there will be no holidays: they work right through to exams starting on 7 June, and then, fairly soon afterwards, should go to college. Students and staff are facing a very tough few weeks: **please pray** for them.

Despite all this, there is still time to celebrate Easter!

In UK. All quiet.

With love, Howard

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The annual church meeting (APCM) is in April this year, and so before then we are updating the Electoral Roll to add any new church members and remove those who have left or died. If you are already on the Electoral Roll then you do not need to do anything this year, but if you would like your name adding then please complete an application form and return it to our Electoral Roll Officer (Kevin Broadbent) at kevin.broadbent@ntlworld.com or to the Parish office (admin@stjohn316.co.uk). It is good to have an up-to-date list of the church members, and by joining the Electoral Roll, you are also entitled to attend and speak at the APCM and stand for election to the PCC.

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms for addition to the Electoral Roll for this year's annual meeting is **Sunday 4 April**.

PCC at St John's

The PCC currently has 5 vacancies.

Positions that we would like to fill at the up and coming APCM (Late April)

We are looking for PCC member who would be interested in having a specific role on PCC.

4 of these roles are outlined below.

If any of these roles interest you please speak to one of the Wardens or Andrew for further information.

PCC Secretary

The PCC secretary is in-charge of all the documents relating to the current business off the PCC.

You could think of the PCC secretary as the glue that holds the PCC together.

It is primarily an administrative role.

A brief description of the role would be:-

Preparing meeting agendas, listening and making notes in meetings so as to prepare meeting minutes and accurately record resolutions. Handling reports and polices.

Circulating papers to PCC and occasionally chasing up members on actions.

Advising PCC on policy and rules of Church of England.

Some attributes that might be useful,:-

Organised, gift of administration, good listener, patient. Desire to help the PCC run smoothly.

You would also be a member of Standing committee working closely with the vicar, wardens and treasurer.

GDPR Lead on PCC

We are looking for a PCC member to take a lead on our data protection and privacy responsibilities. This is an important role to make sure that we follow good practice in how we look after personal data. You would be responsible for ensuring our GDPR policy and privacy notices are up to date, bringing recommendations for improvements to PCC. Working with the clergy, wardens and staff team you would ensure that our policy is translated into practice and that we have the right procedures in place.

Children's Work Lead on PCC

We are looking to recruit someone who will act as a link person between the children's workers and the PCC. They should have a passion for children especially seeing them impacted by the Gospel. They will need to liaise with the leaders of COGS as well as the Youth Minister. It is vital that they commit to pray for the children and teachers and represent any needs or concerns at PCC meetings.

Building Maintenance Lead on PCC

This role would be a contact for the group of people (known as the Monday morning team) who volunteer to look after all the buildings and our site. To keep the PCC informed about their activities.

Occasionally prepare proposals for PCC where work requires significant expenditure and PCC approval. (Example of this would be the work on the roof just about to start)

Over-site to insure routine maintenance is carried out and recorded.

For example, testing electrical equipment, fire extinguishers and so on, reporting any issues to PCC.