

Prayer

The Prayer Ministry Team is available after the 9.15am in the Soldiers' Chapel, and after the 6.30pm service if you would like someone to pray with you.

Collect for the second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Please pray for those who are unwell including:

Sheena Moss, Stephen Newman, Bob Pilsbury, John Shaw, Kathy Simpson (Matt's mother) and Jenny Wallace

We pray for these people at the 8am Sunday service and 10am Wednesday service. There is a book in the Soldiers' Chapel and people entered in this are prayed for daily.

Prayer for the Church beyond Knowle

Marie Curie Hospice. We pray for our local hospice giving thanks for all the love, care and dignity given to patients there. We pray for all the doctors and nurses caring for and treating these patients and for all the other staff and volunteers that they may be sensitive in all areas. Thank you for those from KPC who volunteer at Marie Curie. May they be guided and strengthened in their ministry there. We pray that God's presence will be felt within the hospice giving peace to surround patients and their families.

What's on this week...

Mon 10 Dec	8.30am 9.15am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer for the community and the world Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Bellringing
Tue 11 Dec	9.30am 11.10am 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Rainbow Tots – St John's Hall Rainbow Tots – St John's Hall KPOW – Knowle School Crib Service Box Filling – Guild House Music Group Practice - church
Wed 12 Dec	9.15am 10.00am 12.30pm 12.30pm 3.30am	Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Holy Communion Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Jaffa Club – Knowle School Holy Communion at Birchmere
Thu 13 Dec	6.45am – 7.30am 10.15am 12 noon 12.15pm 1.45pm 7.30pm	Prayer and Breakfast in St John's Hall New Horizon – Guild House Friendship Club Lunch – St John's Hall Jaffa Club – Knowle School Mothers' Union – St John's Hall Choir Practice - church
Fri 14 Dec	9.15am 10.00am 12.30pm 2.15pm 5.30pm	Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Bumps and Babies Café – Guild House Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Infant Nativity Service Children's Christmas Party – St John's Hall
Sat 15 Dec	10.00am	Cobbles coffee and cake – Guild House
Sun 16 Dec	8.00am 9.15am 4.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion: Julian Phillips Christmas Praise: Ann Peachey Carol Service: Matt Simpson Carol Service: Matt Simpson

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Becoming lifelong followers of Jesus Christ

Are you new 'or newish' to the church? If so please complete a welcome card and hand to one of the clergy or a member of the welcome/sidesteam so that we can welcome you personally. It would be helpful if you could include an email address. Welcome!

We welcome Andy Piggott, retired Archdeacon of Bath, as our speaker at both 9.15 and 11am services this morning.




8am Holy Communion Speaker: Stephen Mayes
Philippians 1: 3-11 (p1178)
Luke 3: 1-6 (p1029)

9.15am Morning Worship Speaker: Andy Piggott
Countdown to Christmas
Isaiah 11: 1-9 (p697) *Graham Bignall*
Prayers: *Nick Houghton*
Groups during the service:
Crèche (0-2s) St John's Small Hall
Toddlers (Ages 2-3) Guild House
Scramblers (Nursery and Reception) St John's Hall
Initi8 (School Yrs 1-2) Junior School
Gener8 (School Yrs 3-4) Junior School
Reson8 (School Yrs 5-6) Junior School
'SMS' (Yrs 7-13) Guild House upper/youth room
Would parents of Scramblers collect them during the last song. Parents of Crèche and Toddlers please collect your children at the end of the service. Initi8 and Gener8 and Reson8 end at 10.30am.

11am Morning Prayer Speaker:
Isaiah 11: 1-9 (p697) *Alf Hughes*
Acts 13: 16-23 (p1107) *Sandra Brown*

3pm Baptism Ann Peachey
Charles William Mackay

6.30pm Contemporary Carol Service in St John's Hall
Speaker: Ann Peachey

 Induction loop available for those hard of hearing.
 Accessible toilets are located in St John's hall.
 LARGE PRINT orders of service are available.
CHURCH EMERGENCY EXITS:
Front – pass the choir stalls to doors right and left.
Rear – through main doors.

All items for inclusion in the notice sheet – in writing and not more than 60 words – should reach Jenny Carrington at the Parish Office by **9.15am on Wednesday at the latest.**

News Headlines



Alpha Course. Starts Thursday 24 January in the function room at the Red Lion on Knowle High Street. A great opportunity for people to learn more about Jesus Christ in an informal atmosphere. Please be thinking about who you can invite to come on this course – you are welcome to join them as well if that would help. Leaflets are available at the back of church. For more details contact Tony Lumb – alpha@kpc.org.uk or call 07546 887202.

Outside Giving. Each half-year, KPC makes gifts to other local churches and to local and international charities that we support. Gifts totalling £14,750 have just been made as follows:

Charity	£
Anawim	500
Agape	250
lcFEM	1,000
St Andrews Chelmsley Wood	2,000
St Christopher's	1,500
St John's Sparkhill	1,500
Tear Fund	1,000
This Way Up	1,500
Birmingham Diocese - Malawi Partnership	1,000
Scripture Union	1,000
Urban Saints	1,000
International Needs	1,000
Reachout Network Ministries	1,000
Mission Direct	500

St Anne's cottage will be opened up **every Sunday morning** between the end of the 9.15am service and the beginning of the 11am service. You will not need the key! This is **to enable people to chat/pray** away from the business of St John's Hall or to continue conversations, possibly started in church. Coffee and tea making facilities are available or bring a coffee across from St John's Hall. (As you will be aware St Anne's is already accessible on a daily basis using the keys after you have obtained the code). We do pray that you will take advantage of this wonderful space to spend time in God's presence.

Vacancy news. A description of our church created by the PCC for those interested in applying for the role as our new vicar – the 'Parish profile' – can be viewed on the KPC website.

Other News

Can you help advertise our Christmas services?

Please check the boxes of **Christmas Flyers** at the back of church to see if you live in one of the roads we have not yet delivered to: Alveston, Barcheston, Broadfern, Chantry Heath, Cook, Dell Farm, Easenhall, Fletcher, Gilberry, Hillmorton, Holland, Hollywell, Kenilworth, Landor, Langfield, Lodge, Longdon, Lady Byron, Newton, Purnells, Queen Eleanors, Shortland, St Annes, St Johns, Station, Tilehouse Green, Ullenhall, Warwick, Whateley Hall, Woodrow, Woodside, Wychwood. Thank you!



Why not come along on Thursday, 13 December at 1.45pm in the Guild House to hear from Sue Leach from St Alphege Mothers' Union about the Suffragettes and her family's involvement. This will be followed by coffee or tea and biscuits. All very welcome.

Carol Service Musicians are warmly invited to be part of our Christmas carol services. If you play an orchestral instrument then there will be an ensemble to accompany some of the carols and we will be rehearsing in church at 11am on 16 December. Please contact Stewart for more details as soon as possible - stewart.wallace@kpc.org.uk.

Home for Christmas. In previous years the church has organised a Christmas Day lunch in St John's Hall for people who would otherwise be on their own. This year we want to encourage people to link up with each other, where possible, to share their Christmas lunches together. Please take the step of inviting anyone you know who might appreciate being with a family, or forming a group, to spend part of the day together. If you do not know anyone to invite but do have a spare place or two at your table, please contact David Pickering on 07867 537360 or davidpickering84@gmail.com. We will then look to match up hosts and potential guests. Many thanks.

Cobbles Christmas Dates.

Saturday 22 December - drinks and mince pies (our loyal bakers have a week off)
Saturday 29 December - Cobbles closed.
Cobbles is open on Saturday 5 January 2019 as usual.

Noticeboard

If you would like to order or renew your order for **Bible Reading Notes for 2019**, please speak to Susan Ditchfield at the church bookstall or ring her on 01564 774737 and she will be happy to order some for you.

Congratulations to Georgina Asbury who celebrated her 90th birthday on 6 December.

Youth Team.

Youth Christmas Café. Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week and next at 46 Crabmill Close. 3.30-6pm. Drinks, Snacks and Outdoor Christmas Cinema.

Thursday 13 December – **Ice skating** in Birmingham at 8pm (6.40pm train from Dorridge station). No Thursday Evening Games.

Tuesday 18 December - **Carols from the Tower.** Please come and support the Moldova Mission Trip team singing Christmas Carols from the top of the church tower from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Winter Wonderland Christmas Ball in St John's Hall on Thursday 20 December at 7pm. Tickets (£10) on sale from Young Leaders.

Children's Team.

Children's Christmas Party! For all those in years 1-6, on Friday 14 December from 5.30-7pm. There will be games, food and lots of fun and as it's National Christmas Jumper Day, why not come in your Christmas jumper! It will be £3 per person and you need to book in so please contact Sarah or Lizzie to make sure you secure your place!

Coffee & Tea are available in St John's Hall between the 9.15am and 11am services and the **Bookshop** is open with Leprosy Mission Christmas cards and children's Christmas story books.