

Prayer

The Prayer Ministry Team is available after the 9.15am and 6pm services 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 Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for those who are unwell including:

Margaret Aitchison, Colin Burley, John Davies (in Stoke) John Mabon, Stephen Newman and Mike Wilkin

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.

We remember the family and friends of the late Gordon Kiteley

Prayer Focus

Archbishop of York's prayer for the current situation in Parliament.

God of eternal love and power, save our Parliamentary Democracy; protect the High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice, that they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy. Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good. The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength, therefore we pray earnestly, Father, send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength. Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.

Praying Together Diocesan Prayer booklets for 10 March to 6 July are available at the back of church. Do pick one up!

-  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 40 words – should reach Jenny Carrington at the Parish Office by 9.15am on Wednesday at the latest.

What's on this week...

Mon 18 Mar	8.30am 9.15am 12.30pm 3.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer for the community and the world Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Stepping Stones – St John's Hall KPC Girls' Football – St John's Hall Bell ringing Youth Homegroup - years 11-13 – 46 Crabmill Close
Tue 19 Mar	9.30am 12.30pm 7.45pm	Rainbow Tots – St John's Hall KPOW – Knowle School Marriage Preparation Course – Guild House
Wed 20 Mar	9.15am 10.00am 12.30pm 12.30pm 3.00pm 7.00pm	Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Holy Communion Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Jaffa Club – Knowle School Service at Birchmere Mews Youth Alpha – Youth Room
Thu 21 Mar	6.45am – 7.30am 10.00am 12 noon 12.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Prayer in St John's Hall Friendship Club Coffee – Guild House MU Lent Lunch – St John's Hall Jaffa Club – Knowle School Choir Practice – church Youth Games Evening – St John's Hall Alpha – Red Lion
Fri 22 Mar	9.15am 10.00am 12.30pm	Stepping Stones – St John's Hall Bumps and Babies Café – Guild House Stepping Stones – St John's Hall
Sat 23 Mar	10.00am 5.00pm	Cobbles coffee and cake – Guild House Music Group Practice - church
Sun 24 Mar	8.00am 9.15am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion: Morning Worship: Morning Prayer: Holy Communion: Informal Evening Service in St John's Hall:

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Becoming lifelong followers of Jesus Christ

Welcome! If you are new or newish to the church please complete a welcome card and pass to one of the clergy or welcome/sides team so that we can welcome you personally.

8am **Holy Communion** Speaker: Steve Mort
Romans 12: 1-8 (p1139)
Matthew 26: 19-24 (p996)

9.15am **Morning Worship** Speaker: Ann Peachey
Stories by Jesus: The Rich Man and Lazarus
Luke 16: 19-31 (p1050) Brian Hopkins
Prayers: Welton's Homegroup

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.ase collect your children at the end of the service.

11am **Holy Communion** Speaker: Ann Peachey
Stories by Jesus: The Rich Man and Lazarus
1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (p1194) Anne Smith
Luke 16:19-31 (p1050) Judy Cooper

6pm **Evening Service** Speaker: Matt Simpson
Images of God's Mercy. In prison and set free
Psalm 107: 10-16 (p611) George Adam
Mark 5: 1-20 (p1007) Ron Nicolson
Prayers: Alan and Diane Hollis

6.30pm **Informal Evening Service in St John's Hall**
Speaker: Matt Simpson
Images of God's Mercy. In prison and set free
Psalm 107: 10-16 (p611)

Coffee & Tea are available in St John's hall between the 9.15 and 11.00 services and the **Bookshop** is open.

News Headlines

Many MANY thanks for all the prayers and support that went into the interview process. Candidates were incredibly appreciative of the welcome they were given and, despite the challenges of the two days, had a real sense of support from our family. In answer to prayer the panel and all those involved (some 200!) were sensitive to God's leading, appreciative of the positive aspects of each candidate and open to discussion and the discernment of others. This culminated in a strong alignment of what we believe was the right decision at the end of the process. However, in the Archdeacons words ... 'We are not yet able to say anything specific about the outcome, other than that the process is continuing and the Bishop appreciates all those who join him in continued prayer for the vocations of our church and those who have shared with us. We hope to make a further announcement sometime before the end of March'. Again, many thanks.

APCM and PCC nominations. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Wednesday 27 March at 8pm in St John's Hall. Please plan to be there if you can. At the meeting, we will be electing 3 members of the PCC for a term of 3 years. Nomination forms are available at the back of church; these include details of who is eligible to stand. For information about being on PCC, email rw.carr@btinternet.com A copy of the revised Church Electoral Roll is also available for inspection in the Parish Office.

Men's Curry night 'Is it Au Revoir?' Thursday 28 March – 7.30pm. Lloyds Restaurant. Not to be missed!! Speaker: Colin Knight. Full details on the Church website. Tickets £15. Great food, atmosphere and thought provoking talk. An ideal event to bring friends to. Advance booking essential. Invitation cards at the back of church. To reserve spaces please e-mail kpcmen@gmail.com or text 07714 694000.

Have you been baptised and/or confirmed? We are planning immersion baptisms for those who have not been baptised as infants on Easter Sunday (21 April) at KPC followed by a confirmation service (hosted at St Alphege) on the evening of Wednesday 22 May. Please contact one of the clergy if you are interested in taking this step of commitment.

Our next combined service at 10.30am is on 14 April (Palm Sunday). We will not be having a 'Bring and Share' lunch following this, instead we are encouraging people to 'Bunch to Lunch'. There will be sign-up sheets available and we hope that you will consider either hosting some people for lunch on Sunday 14 April or going to someone else's house.

Other News

'**Inspiring Music in Worship**' is the title of a Lent talk by Rev Helen Bent and based on her book, which is being hosted by RSCM at the Diocesan offices in Birmingham on Tuesday 19 March at 7pm. Tickets available from Alison Vining (rscmbham@gmail.com) at £5 per person. More details from stewart.wallace@kpc.org.uk

Please join **Churches Together** for an evening to share and pray together for our Knowle, Dorridge, and Bentley Heath Churches' Mission and Ministry at St James' (in Bentley Heath School) Tuesday 19 March 7.30pm for an 8pm start until 9pm.



Lent Lunch – Thursday 21 March from 12 noon to 13:30 in St John's Hall. Join us for our regular Lent Lunch with homemade soup, bread, cheese and hot-cross bun followed by tea or coffee all for £4.50 – pay on the door. All welcome.

Special K is a group that aims to develop friendship amongst single, separated, divorced or widowed people within the church. So, if you are on your own, male or female, aged between 40 and 75 why not join us for lunch once a month? We meet again on Sunday 24 March at the Wilson's Arms at 12.30pm. Please pick up a card with dates from the back of church or contact Val Davies (775800) for more details.

Has God equipped you to be a treasurer? Within this diocese there are small churches that haven't been able to find a treasurer, which means the Vicar ends up doing the role taking them away from their primary calling. Do you feel able to offer to do the role as part of your missional calling? If interested please speak to Paul Holden.

Noticeboard

A big **thank you to Deb Ment and the team** for their efforts with the 'Bring and Share' Lunch last Sunday, and also to the Youth who helped set up and tidy away. It was a great success.

Moldova Meal Thank you! The Moldova Mission Trip Team want to thank everyone who supported the Barn Dance, particularly Karen and Nick Humby for creating the delicious feast, Kate and Mike Coulson for running the barn dance and all the wonderful volunteers who helped set-up and pack-down afterwards. Over £700 was raised to help support victims of trafficking, disabled children and their families in Moldova.

Claire Carter has put together a resource on her Facebook page [therealmealdeal.com](https://www.facebook.com/therealmealdeal.com) called #climateactionlentchallenge. Every day around 7.30am she posts a tip about making a difference to **climate change/reducing waste**. She hopes it will inspire people to make a difference.

Have you lost a pair of black leather gloves? They are in the Parish Office.

Youth Team notices.

Youth Alpha: Baptism/Confirmation preparation course and introduction to the Christian Faith. Running every Wednesday in the Youth Room from Wednesday 20 March to 15 May, 7-9pm. Food provided.

Elderberry Blacks Youth Cafe: Monday 26 March 6-8pm. Tickets £1. See Paul/Anna for more details.

Youth Easter Cafe: Monday to Thursday for the first 2 weeks of April in the Guild House from 3.30-6pm. Drinks, snacks, and games. All secondary school students are welcome!

Save the date, Saturday 27 April **Water World**.

If you're going to Soul Survivor please contact Henry with the tents you'd like to be in