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## Becoming lifelong followers of Jesus Christ

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This Sunday there will be a service in Church starting at 10am. This will also be live streamed and can be viewed on the [Church YouTube channel](#). Alternatively you can watch a recording of the service later on the YouTube channel.

Preacher: Tony Brown

*Gideon – the unlikely leader: The ever present danger*

Reading: Judges 8: 22-35



### Also today:

10am: Live Zoom service by Children's Team (Zoom details from Sarah or Lizzie)

9am: Youth Alpha at Penny's (book at [www.kpc.org.uk/kpc-youth/pennys-youth-cafe](http://www.kpc.org.uk/kpc-youth/pennys-youth-cafe))

Penny's Youth Service on YouTube at 6.30pm or at Penny's at 6pm (book, as above, to watch at Penny's)

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### What's on this week...

**Monday 19 October at 8pm:** Years 9 – 13 Discipleship group by Zoom (book as above)

**Wednesday 21 October at 11.30am:** Holy Communion in church (no need to book)

**Thursday 22 October at 5.30pm:** Year 8 Breakaway Discipleship group by Zoom (book as above)

**Sunday 25 October at 10am:** *Unmasking the hidden idols: Pride. To book a place in Church for this service, please phone or email the office before noon on the Friday before the service.*

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### Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Please pray for those who are unwell including:

**Jane Tall** is continuing to experience the debilitating effects of "long Covid", after contracting the virus earlier in the year. Please pray that she will recover from this.

**Kevin Evans** is grateful for prayers and reports that he has experienced some improvements in his condition. He asks for continued prayer that the treatment for his peripheral nerve damage will be effective.

**Anne Hewitt** is still unwell and currently in Warwick Hospital.

**Stephen Andrews** is feeling supported by the prayers of friends and homegroup. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma.

**Janet Stewart** would value your prayers as she is undergoing chemotherapy for recurrent myeloma.

**Barbara Lanham.** Please pray that she will have peace and be free from pain and distress in these next weeks.

**Peter Welby-Everard** is continuing oral chemotherapy which will last for six months and would value prayer during this time.



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### World Church Prayer Focus

We pray for the 22 children and the staff of **Karibu Nyumbani**, a Christian orphanage near Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. As they emerge from a self-imposed lockdown because of the Covid-19 pandemic, pray that they will remain safe and that the orphanage will remain virus-free.

We thank God for the vision, enthusiasm and faith of Fiona and Ester, co-founders of the orphanage, who two years ago set up a school close to the orphanage in order that their children and children of local villagers could receive a better education. We thank God for the generosity of donors who made it possible for facilities to be built for the two pre-primary years.

To provide education at Primary level and so allow pupils in pre-primary year 2 to continue their education at the school, the school must be registered. This requires the building of three new classrooms and a library by the start of the new academic year (January 2021). We praise God that funding has been found for the construction of the buildings. We pray that the buildings can be completed in time and that donors can be found to enable the fitting out of the classrooms with desks and chairs, blackboards and cupboards.

The school is a blessing to so many children and their families. It has brought the orphanage truly into the heart of the community. Some parents have sought advice as to how they can pay for their children's school fees and the orphanage has been able to help them set up small businesses so they can lift themselves out of poverty.

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## News Headlines

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### KPC Youth Corner

### **Penny's is open!**

Penny's Youth Cafe is open this week but closed from next Monday for Half-term. Please follow us on Instagram @pennisyouthcafe to stay updated on future events and potential changes.

### **Sunday Youth Services**

The two Sunday Youth Services (at 9am and 6pm) will take place at Penny's so please book in using the calendar on [www.kpc.org.uk](http://www.kpc.org.uk) as we have a limited number of 15 places at the COVID-secure Cafe.

### **Youth Discipleship Groups**

Two Discipleship Groups for Years 8 to 13 will run on Zoom this week so please check the calendar for the dates and times but then will not take place during half-term next week. The Year 7 discipleship group will begin again later in the year.

### **Penny's Christmas Lego**

Young people will be creating a working LEGO Nativity and Polar Express Christmas Scene in the window of Penny's for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has already donated LEGO to Penny's. If anyone would like to make a donation please drop it off at Penny's Monday-Thursday (9am – 3pm) or email the team ([pennisyouthcafe@gmail.com](mailto:pennisyouthcafe@gmail.com))

### **Lit Residential 2021**

This summer's trip to ROCK UK in Wales has been postponed (again) to April 16th-18th 2021 (the last weekend of the Easter holidays). We hope to do indoor rock climbing and gorge walking as well as visiting The Big Pit and a beach. The total cost of the trip is £180. If you are interested in finding out more about the residential please email Paul ([paul.holden@kpc.org.uk](mailto:paul.holden@kpc.org.uk)).

### **Prayer**

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for our young people during this turbulent start of their new education journeys both in secondary school and university. We are pleased to report that our students have coped well with the lock-down measures imposed both in our local area and further afield at universities. Please keep Emily, Hannah, Dan, Daniel, Saul and Tom in your prayers as they adapt to their new lives away from home! Thank you again for all your support.

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### **Message from the Children's Team**

KPC Kids is continuing online for the time being! Our plans for the coming weeks are as follows:

18<sup>th</sup> Oct            Live zoom service @ 10am.

25<sup>th</sup> Oct            Pre- recorded Youtube service

We will be in touch next week with the plans for half-term through to Christmas!

Let us tell you about our Light Party! It will be a bit different this year as we can't gather together in person but we are looking forward to celebrating with you. There are two parts to it this year:

#### **Part 1**

Light Party packs for you to do at home. If you have pre-ordered a pack, they will be ready to be collected next week. If you are able, please collect from the children's team at the Parish Office on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct between 9:30 and 12:30** or **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct between 2:30 and 3:30pm**. If you are self-isolating, or unable to make those times for any reason please let us know and we will arrange something specific with you!

#### **Part 2**

**Saturday 31st October @4pm** - Zoom gathering with light party games, challenges, come dressed in your brightest colours as we also think about how Jesus is a light in the darkness! More details on how to join this will follow but please put the date in your diary!

We continue to share ideas and resources to help you nurture the faith of your children at home through email, Facebook or WhatsApp, depending on your preferred method of communication. If you would like to be connected in to any of these please contact Sarah on [sarah.covington@kpc.org.uk](mailto:sarah.covington@kpc.org.uk).

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### **Helen, Gareth and Natalie need someone to join their team!**

We are looking to recruit an Administrator & Communications Facilitator to join the team working in the Parish Office. This is a part time post (20 hours per week): more details can be found on the KPC website at <http://www.kpc.org.uk/about-kpc/job-opportunity-at-kpc-office> Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further information or, if you know someone who may be suitable, please tell them about the opportunity. Closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> October.

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## **Other News**

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### **Virtual coffee time**

As people from different households can no longer meet inside we have decided to trial a monthly virtual coffee time after the 10am Sunday service to give people the opportunity to socialise with others from church. The first one will be next Sunday at 11.30am. As this will be on Zoom, we are limited to 100 connections to the meeting, so would appreciate people from the same household sharing a screen. An invitation will be sent out during the week which you will need to accept in order to attend.

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### **APCM**

The church APCM was held on Zoom this week. You can read a summary of the highlights from the meeting and also read Geoff's keynote talk on the KPC website at <http://www.kpc.org.uk/whats-on/events/apcm-highlights>

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### **Can you help?**

The children's team is looking for someone to help them create an animated/moving image video for a project they are working on! If you have done video making before or would like to know more, then please do get in touch.

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## Prayer Ministry Support

Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". Our prayer team are available for you.

### How can we pray for you?

**We can either pre-arrange a prayer meeting with you:** at St Anne's Cottage 2 members of our prayer team can meet with you in a Covid secure way at a suitable pre-arranged time.

**Or we can offer prayer cover without meeting up:** alternatively, you may prefer to talk to someone from our prayer team by phone who will then pray regularly each day for you.

### How can I ask for prayer?

Please contact the church office. Just your name and contact details only and then a member of the prayer ministry team will contact you.

By phone 01564 779123

By email [prayer@kpc.org.uk](mailto:prayer@kpc.org.uk)

By the web site, Contact Us page. <http://www.kpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Alternatively, you can post a sealed envelope labelled "prayer" into the church office front door letterbox. The envelope will be passed unopened to a member of the prayer team to open and contact you.

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## KPC "Stopgap" Job Change Service

KPC is restarting its "Stopgap" Service. This is a service to all the local community providing **confidential, one to one advice and support** to anyone who has lost their job, may be needing to change careers or is contemplating starting their own business. We have a small team of church volunteers all equipped with a wealth of relevant experience. If anyone is interested in knowing more about this service or is aware of anyone who might find it helpful, please initially contact James Thorne on [cjameslthorne@hotmail.com](mailto:cjameslthorne@hotmail.com) / 07775 705636 or via the Parish Office. We believe word of mouth is an essential way of broadcasting this new service and we would ask for your help in doing this, particularly at such a challenging time for employment.

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## Christianity Explored – an update

We held the second of the Christianity Explored sessions earlier this week – looking at the identity of Jesus and how his actions and his teaching demonstrate that he is the Son of God. The discussion groups and films seem to be appreciated, even though we miss not being able to share coffee and cake as well! Please do pray for everyone involved to be excited about the great Christian truths that we are looking at together and how they can change our lives. Nick Houghton.

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**Donations wanted:** Sadly Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid, who run a number of refuges, are seeing more people than ever and are short of items to help them as many turn up with just the clothes on their back. They are looking for toiletries for women (deodorant, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, sanitary towels and tampons, tooth brush & toothpaste etc.) and items for babies and new mums (nappies & baby wipes, powdered milk, baby skin care (baby shampoo, bath, moisturiser & oil), cotton wool, baby food (jars & packets) & brand new packs of underwear (for mum)). Items can be left at 17 Hallcroft Way (porch will be open) or 42 Crabmill Close.

**Thank you:** We have already been able to take over 200 items that have been donated, to Women's Aid, and they were very grateful. Please consider donating, if you have not yet done so, as these items don't last long and there is a continuous need.

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## Parish Magazine

The November issue of the Parish Magazine is being delivered on Friday 30 October, a week later than usual, and will be distributed over the following few days. If you would like a copy delivered or posted please let the Parish Office know. You can pay when you are next back in church.

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## Noticeboard

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### Thank you from Dorridge Surgery

Dorridge Surgery held a flu clinic in St John's Hall last Saturday. They vaccinated almost 800 people and want to express their thanks to the volunteers from KPC who supported them on the day.

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### Matt Simpson

Matt's installation as Team Rector of Lytchetts and Upton takes place this week on 21<sup>st</sup> October. You can follow the event live online from 7pm on the church website at [www.lytchettminsterchurch.co.uk/liveservices.htm](http://www.lytchettminsterchurch.co.uk/liveservices.htm)

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### Ann Peachey

Ann Peachey has been appointed associate minister at St. John's Church, Westwood, Coventry. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and is excited to take on this new role.

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*All items for inclusion in the notice sheet – in writing and not more than 50 words – should reach the Parish Office by 9.15am on Wednesday at the latest.*

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