



Letting our light shine at the village centre as a house of God's light for all peoples and generations

News Headlines

Changing Tunes is a KPC mission beneficiary and Christian charity working with music to help transform lives. They're back at KPC for their annual concert on **Saturday 4th October 7.30-9.30pm** in SJH. Listen to a variety of great music and hear from those with lived experience of local prisons. Tickets are £10 from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/changing-tunes-birmingham-annual-concert-2025-tickets-1586910073749> or from James Thorne after this Sunday's 9.30am service.

Join the 3-2-1 Course Explore life as Jesus sees it Look out for cards in church – the course is held on four Tuesdays in the Red Lion (upstairs) from 7.45-9pm. It starts on **30th September**, all are welcome. To book email 321course@kpc.org.uk

Harvest Collection for the Foodbank. We're collecting non-perishable, in-date items for the Narthex Foodbank. They are desperately short of: UHT milk, rice pudding/custard, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and dry/tinned pulses & lentils. **Please bring items** to one of the Harvest Services on 5th October. We are transporting the donations to the foodbank in Tyseley on Monday 6th October at 9.30am. Can you help with the delivery? Please contact: Jamie Walsh 01564 774846 or 0777 4131252 Jamie1.walsh@btinternet.com. If you have boxes/containers to transport goods, please bring them along.

Sunday 28th September

Prayer ministry is available Sundays after the 9.30am service in St John's Chapel & after the 6.30pm service in the Hall.

Morning series theme: Practical prayer

7.45am Holy Communion Roy Carr 'Released - Praying with spiritual authority' Acts 19:11-18, Matthew 10:1-7

9am Pre-service prayer in UGH

9.30am Family service Rick Carstairs 'Released - Praying with spiritual authority' Acts 19:11-18, Matthew 10:1-7

11.15am Morning Prayer Roy Carr 'Released - Praying with spiritual authority' Acts 19:11-18, Matthew 10:1-7

6.30pm Encounter with Holy Communion Steve Johnson 'Moving beyond words – Creativity, imagination and emotion' Psalm 42

The week ahead SJH = St John's Hall. LGH = lower Guild House. UGH = upper Guild House

The Week Ahead

Monday 29th September

9am Stepping Stones

7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Tuesday 30th September

9.15am Rainbow Tots session 1 SJH

10.45am Rainbow Tots session 2 SJH

6.30pm Music group rehearsal

7.45pm 3-2-1 course upstairs at the Red Lion pub, Knowle High St.

Wednesday 1st October

9am Stepping Stones

10am Holy Communion in the **Guild House** Steve Johnson 'Forgive us our sins' Colossians 3: 12 - 14; Matthew 18: 21 - 35 followed by refreshments

2-4pm Renew Café LGH

3.45-5pm Year 9 Craft Club in Youth office

7.45pm Let's Pray for Revival & For Future Generations SJH

7.45pm Make@KPC Craft group Email: sarah.chapman@kpc.org.uk

Thursday 2nd October

6.45am The Waiting Room (prayer) SJH

10am New Horizons LGH

12 noon Let's Pray for Revival LGH

12.30pm Friendship Club Light Lunch SJH

5pm Years 7 & 8 Discipleship group - Youth office

6-7pm Youth Club in SJH

7pm Years 10 & 11 Discipleship group - Youth office

7pm Choir practice – earlier start time

Friday 3rd October

9am Stepping Stones

10am Bumps and Babies LGH

Saturday 4th October

10am Cobbles Café LGH

7.30pm Changing Tunes concert SJH – see notice above

Please pray for...

Heather Goodyear, in the QE hospital following a fall.

Lindsay Melvin following surgery after a bike accident.

Hazel Pilsbury who asks for prayers for healing and wholeness.

Deb Dubar who is still very unwell.

Laurie Freck.

Sue Ashton and family after the death of her husband Brian.

Audrey Patricia (Pat) Chaloner's funeral will be at Knowle Parish Church on Tuesday 7th October for a Thanksgiving service at 12.45pm then onto Robin Hood Crematorium for a service at 2pm. All welcome. Family flowers only please, and the family thanks everyone for their prayers, good wishes and kindness.

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Family 'Time Out' – book in now for families with children in years 1-6 groups. Sunday 5th October straight after the 9.30am service (10.45am- 12 noon) in St John's Hall. Experience Sunday morning groups as a family – with games, a Bible story, drama, quizzes – plus fun and lunch. Please let Barbara know you're attending: barbara.carstairs@kpc.org.uk

The architect and archaeologists on the 'For Future Generations' project are working in church 7.30am-4.30pm weekdays for approximately another 2 weeks. The church will not be available on weekdays, but Sunday services will continue as normal. If you are on chemotherapy, have an impaired immune system, or have significant lung disease you may be more vulnerable to infection from the microorganisms which will be released, and you may want to ask your medical team whether you should avoid the church building until after the work is finished. The Wednesday at 10am service will be in the Guild House so will not be affected by the dust.

Newcomers' Tea – are you new (or new-ish) to Knowle Parish Church? We'd love to welcome you to our tea at 3pm on Sunday 19th October. Please contact the parish office with your name/contact details and dietary requirements: tel 01564 779 123 office@kpc.org.uk . This is a chance for us to get to know you and for you to find out what's happening at KPC.

Stepping Stones is enrolling now! The Ofsted 'Outstanding' Pre-school in St John's Hall is enrolling 2- and 3-year-olds. Government funding options are available if eligible. Read more on the church website or call 07749 333056 for details.

From Midwife to Master: On Thursday 9th October, Mothers' Union will welcome the Revd Debbie Collins to share something of her story of the unexpected turns in her career from the NHS to ordination and finally to Temple Balsall. All welcome to join us at 2pm in St John's Hall.

Choral Evensong will be at 4.30pm on Sunday 12th October. Come along and invite friends and neighbours! If you would like to join us in choir rehearsals for this, we'll rehearse Thursday evenings 8.15pm in church and there's an extra session on Sunday 12th at 3pm. Any questions please contact office@kpc.org.uk and we can pass them onto Charlotte our choir leader.

Parish Magazine delivery We'd love to expand our pool of *ad hoc* deliverers for the magazine to help occasionally if other deliverers are unwell/on holiday. If you can help, please ring Graham Bignall on 01564 730135 or leave a message with the office.

If anyone would like to help or support asylum seekers in any way at this difficult, distressing time for them please contact the Parish office or Susan Ditchfield 07944 585052.

Trainers and backpacks needed Churches Together in Solihull are meeting a lot of people seeking asylum whose only footwear is flip-flops, so if anyone has spare trainers (size 39-45) or backpacks please contact Susan Ditchfield.

Coming Home Birmingham – How can we respond to the housing crisis? Find out more on **Saturday 4th October 10am – 1.30pm**. St John's and St Peter Church, Darnley Rd, Ladywood, B16 8TF. This event is aimed at anyone who is interested in responding to the housing crisis and the Rt Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, lead Bishop for Housing for CofE, will be joining as the keynote speaker. Please book via this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgd24BxngD3CDAspxh-ZIirp7mCxzh67ILD2pvMP8IEp6dHQ/viewform>

There will be another **'Restore' volunteer course** (Birmingham Churches Together) at St John's Church, Harborne on 4th October 9.45am-4pm. This is for anyone who would like to find out about befriending a refugee. Contact jasmine@restore-uk.org for details/queries or to book in.

Keep in touch – kpc.org.uk

Notices should be sent to office@kpc.org.uk by 9.15am on Wednesday at the latest. They may be edited for space.

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