



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

## News Headlines



**9.30am Service Review** We're currently reviewing the 9.30am service to equip the church to meet the challenges of the future. We would love as many people as possible to help shape our collective thinking. **We've only had 28 replies so far and we'd love to hear from more people.** Please follow this QR code which will take you to a short survey. Paper copies are available in church, but we encourage you to complete the survey online if possible.

**Book today! Weekend Away** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026. **The booking deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> November and the balance is payable by 16<sup>th</sup> November.** There are a limited number of rooms remaining. Please sign up as soon as possible – forms are available at the back of church. Any questions? Please contact a member of the Weekend Away Team via the Parish Office.

**Job Vacancy** Could you oversee the smooth operation and maintenance of KPC's buildings and grounds? Gareth Roberts-Davies is retiring so we're looking for a new Facilities Manager. **[Click here to read all about the role and how to apply.](#)** Please share this great opportunity among your networks.

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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

7.45am Holy Communion Nick Houghton 'Faithful with What You've Been Given' Acts 1: 1-9, Matthew 25: 14-30

9am Pre-service prayer in UGH

9.30am Family service Nick Houghton 'Faithful with What You've Been Given' Acts 1: 1-9, Matthew 25: 14-30

11.15am Morning Prayer with Cenotaph service Nick Houghton 'Faithful with What You've Been Given' Colossians 3: 12-17, Matthew 25: 14-30

6.30pm Encounter Tony Lumb 'The Gifts of Words of Knowledge, Wisdom, Visions, Dreams' John 4: 7 - 30

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

### The Week Ahead

#### Monday 3rd November

9am Stepping Stones SJH  
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

#### Tuesday 4th November

9.15am Rainbow Tots session 1 SJH  
10.45am Rainbow Tots session 2 SJH  
11am Funeral of Laurie Freck  
6.30pm Music group rehearsal

#### Wednesday 5th November

9am Stepping Stones SJH  
10am Holy Communion 'We believe ... He rose again' Hebrews 1: 1-4; Luke 24: 1-8 followed by refreshments  
2-4pm Renew Café LGH  
3.30pm Year 9 Girls' craft club Youth office  
7.45pm Let's Pray for Revival and For Future Generations SJH  
7.45pm Make@KPC Craft group for adults. To book, email sarah.chapman@kpc.org.uk

#### Thursday 6th November

6.45am The Waiting Room (prayer) SJH  
10am - 12 noon Church cleaning  
10am New Horizons Bible study LGH  
12 noon Let's Pray for Revival LGH  
12.30pm Friendship Club Light Lunch SJH  
5pm Year 7 & 8 Discipleship group - Youth office  
6pm Youth Club SJH  
7pm Years 10 & 11 Discipleship group - Youth office  
7.30pm Choir practice

#### Friday 7th November

9am Stepping Stones SJH  
10am Bumps and Babies LGH  
1pm Funeral of Alan Wragg

#### Saturday 8th November

10am Cobbles Café LGH  
10am Dads and Toddlers playgroup SJH

### Please pray for...

**Yvonne Abrahams** who is having a knee operation on 5th November.

**John Rutledge**, recovering at home.

**Lindsay Melvin**, that scheduled intensive physiotherapy will mobilise functionality in the thumb and index finger.

**Laurie Freck's** funeral will be at 11am on 4th November - all are welcome to attend and there is no need to wear black unless you wish to. Please continue to pray for Jenny Freck and the family.

## More News

**Remembrance Sunday 9th November** The Intergenerational (shortened) service next Sunday starts at the earlier time of 9.15am before the main Remembrance service at 10.45am. **Road closures** in Knowle on 9th are as follows: 10am to 1.30pm A4141 from Wychwood island past the Royal British Legion, High Street Knowle, Kenilworth Road and Wilsons Road.

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**Catherine Robinson** leaves her post as Communications Officer & Parish Magazine Editor on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Catherine, please could you either drop your contribution through the Parish Office letter box in an envelope marked 'Gift for Catherine' (cheques payable to Knowle PCC) or make a bank transfer to this account: Payee\*: Knowle Parochial Church Council Sort Code: 40-26-22 Account Number: 01094610 (please put 'CatherineGift' as a reference). (\* when you are asked for the full account name, you may need to enter 'Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Knowle Solihull' which is KPC's legal name)

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**Young adult get-together** with games, chat, soup & scones. Come and invite your friends to join us from 3:30-5:40pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 126 Widney Manor Rd, Solihull B91 3JJ. RSVP and any food allergies to Maryann Richard 07763-208058 by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to meeting you - Bruce & Maryann Richard

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**New song** We're introducing a new song for the 9.30am service called 'The Joy' - do have a listen and become familiar with the song if you can ! [https://youtu.be/WYcpL6otp\\_Y?si=ortHv95vBIPgY8Py](https://youtu.be/WYcpL6otp_Y?si=ortHv95vBIPgY8Py)

**Christmas singing with St John's Choir** If you would like to be an extra singer to join the choir for the Christmas carol services (14<sup>th</sup> December) then come along to rehearsals on **Thursday evenings 8pm from 13<sup>th</sup> November onwards**.

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**Eco News** COP30 is being held in Brazil 10<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> November. As leaders from all over the world gather, please pray for a climate response that restores, transforms, and brings hope. More info and resources can be found on [Tearfund's website](#)

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**Toys4Birmingham** Christmas appeal is asking for NEW children's toys (**unwrapped**, and no electrical items or requiring batteries) for the most vulnerable children. You can drop toy donations off to the KPC office during normal office hours.

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**Geoff Lanham** will be installed as a Canon at Birmingham Cathedral in a Choral Evensong service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. The service is not ticketed, and people are welcome to attend.

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**Sharing Hope to the City:** Mothers' Union welcome Wes Erpen from Birmingham City Mission to its meeting at 2pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November in St John's Hall. All welcome to hear about BCM's work amongst the marginalised in Birmingham, proclaiming the gospel, sharing God's love, and bringing practical help and hope to young and old, the homeless and those struggling to make ends meet.

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**Dads and Toddlers** playgroup is meeting Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am in St John's Hall – refreshments provided!

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KPC's first **International Sunday** is 16<sup>th</sup> November. Join us at 7.45am or at a 10am Unity service, to celebrate the diverse heritage of our church family. Bring your national flag or wear national costume if you have one. If you'd like to get involved in making a special video of the Lord's Prayer with different languages, please contact [Amy.tan@kpc.org.uk](mailto:Amy.tan@kpc.org.uk)

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**The Bishop of Bolivia**, Walter Torro, is visiting Birmingham in November. He is also pastor of KPC's twinned church in Tarija and will visit KPC on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This will be a lovely, informal occasion in St John's Hall, to hear more about life in Bolivia and the challenges and joys of his Christian Ministry. The Bishop will also be preaching at our Encounter service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

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**Verdi's Requiem** will be performed by Chandos Choir with 4 great soloists at Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm. Tickets £17, under 18s free. On the door, from their web site or by calling 01564 779962.

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**Keep in touch** – [kpc.org.uk](http://kpc.org.uk) Notices should be sent to [office@kpc.org.uk](mailto:office@kpc.org.uk) by 9.15am on Wednesday. They may be edited for space.

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