



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

News Headlines

Friday Night Girls' Night Christmas Special is on **Friday 28th November** at 7pm for 7.30pm start, in St John's Hall. Hot punch and mince pies on arrival! Gifts, prizes and inspirational life changing stories. Why not invite a friend along? Free of charge and no need to book.

Andi Thomas from St Andrew's, Chelmsley Wood (one of our partner churches) is coming to our 9.30am service on **Sunday November 30th**. Andi would like to say 'thank you' for the support his church family is receiving from KPC. **Invitation:** Andi will be introduced during the 9.30am service and we are all invited to join him afterwards, in the Guild House, to hear about all the amazing work God is doing at St Andrew's. Do come along if you are able to.

Our **Christingle Service** is on **Sunday 30th November** at 4.00pm in the church. It's a short interactive service, suitable for all ages. **To book your place** please email sarah.chapman@kpc.org.uk.

Healing Services - Sunday 23rd November

7.45am Holy Communion Steve Johnson 'Healing' James 5:13-16; Matthew 8: 14-17

9.30am Family Service Steve Johnson 'Healing' James 5:13-16; Matthew 8: 14-17

11.15am Morning Prayer Steve Johnson 'Healing' James 5:13-16; Matthew 8: 14-17

6.30pm Encounter - Bishop Walter, Bishop of Bolivia will be preaching

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

The Week Ahead

Monday 24th November

9am Stepping Stones (SJH)

12.30pm Funeral of John Bradnock

2.00pm Knitwits (LGH) - notice below

7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Tuesday 25th November

9.15am Rainbow Tots session 1 (SJH)

10.45am Rainbow Tots session 2 (SJH)

6.30pm Music group rehearsal

Wednesday 26th November

9am Stepping Stones (SJH)

10am Holy Communion Healing Service

James 5: 14-16; Matthew 8: 16-17 followed by refreshments (LGH)

2-4pm Renew Café (LGH)

3.30pm Year 9 Girls' craft club (YO)

Thursday 27th November

6.45am The Waiting Room Prayer Group (SJH)

10.00am Friendship Club Coffee (LGH)

12 noon MU Advent Lunch (SJH) - notice below

12 noon Let's Pray for Revival (LGH)

4pm Knowle Christmas Lights Switch On

5pm Year 7 & 8 Discipleship group (YO)

6pm Youth Club (SJH)

7pm Years 10 & 11 Discipleship group (YO)

7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday 28th November

9.00am Stepping Stones (SJH)

10.00am Bumps and Babies (LGH)

11.30am Funeral of Michael Aston

7.00pm Friday Night Girls' Night Christmas Special

Saturday 29th November

10am Cobbles Café (LGH)

Please pray for...

Yvonne Abrahams thanks people for their prayers; she is continuing to slowly recover

Linda Law, now recovering at home

Deb Dubar who is still bedbound and making slow progress; she appreciates your continued prayer

Charlotte Barber's father, **Roger Barber**, awaiting the results of tests for cancer

David and Susi Carter and family, following the death of David's father Michael

More News

The Knowle Christmas Lights Switch-On Come along to be part of this community event - it starts 4pm on **Thursday 27th November**. Beforehand, we will be serving hot chocolate in St John's Hall from 3.30pm and there will be craft activities for families. All welcome!

New Job Vacancy - Deputy Pre-School Leader at Stepping Stones Would you like to join a friendly team seeking to give children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe and nurturing environment? Could you support the Leader of Stepping Stones in the running of the pre-school at KPC? [Click here for all the details.](#)

Safeguarding survey The CofE Birmingham is continually working to ensure churches are places of safety, care, and compassion, reflecting the unconditional love we receive from God. To support this, the Diocesan Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel, chaired independently, is seeking to capture a *snapshot of safeguarding culture* across our diocese. They would be grateful if you would complete this survey: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2025>

Urgent financial need in Bolivia – can you help? Bishop Walter Toro and the church in Tarija need to leave their building this month, which serves as church and the Bishop's home. Because of the economic crisis and devaluation of the Bolivian peso by 50%, the church has a shortfall of some £10,000 needed to find new accommodation. Donate via [Just Giving](#) if you wish to help our link church. Over 70% of the total has already been raised! **A collection will also be taken for the Bolivia appeal at our Encounter service this Sunday, at which Bishop Walter is speaking.**

Supermarket Food Collection for Sparkhill Foodbank Can you spare 90 minutes to help this collection by working with others to receive and date food donations, or to give out leaflets to shoppers? This collection will provide a vital service to our near neighbours in need at Christmas time. **When:** Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November Tesco in Knowle. Please contact Jamie Walsh jamie1.walsh@btinternet.com 0777 4131252 / 01564 774846 for details and your availability.

An Advent Lunch: Join us from 12 noon to 1.30pm in St John's Hall on 27 November, where Mothers' Union will be serving a lunch of home-made soup, bread, cheese, mince pies and coffee, all for £6. All welcome. Any profit will go towards the MU Literacy & Financial Education Project, which helps to empower marginalised communities, especially in some African countries, through acquiring basic literacy and numeracy skills.

KnitWits: We will meet this Monday, 24 November at 2pm in the Guild House. All are welcome – to knit or learn to knit – patterns available. You may wish to knit small hats for tiny babies in hospitals or something of your own choice – it is up to you!

Christmas decorating On Tuesday 25th November from 2pm until 3.30pm if you would like to help us decorate SJH for Christmas, that would be greatly appreciated! From The Children's Team.

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 (14th December) then come along to rehearsals on **Thursday evenings 8pm from now onwards.**

Christmas Posters - Churches Together have produced a poster for people to display in their window for passers-by to see, reminding them of the true meaning of Christmas. They will be available soon at the back of the church if you'd like one.

'Our Freedom' free event - all welcome to an afternoon of celebration showcasing how Knowle residents (including those at KPC's Cobbles Cafe and Friendship Club) responded to the question 'What does freedom mean to you?' There'll be a cream tea, music performances and an exhibition: Sunday 30th November 2-4pm Knowle Royal British Legion (1611 Warwick Rd).

If you would like your **Children's Society Box** opened this year, please let Sheila Andrews know (01564 773195).

Jelly Beans Lunch Club at Knowle Academy needs an additional volunteer to help Wednesday lunchtimes 12:15 - 1:15pm. You will need to complete a KPC DBS check and Safeguarding training. If you are interested, please speak to Sarah Covington.

Christmas Craft Fair - all proceeds to Blood Cancer UK. Friday 28th November 10am-2pm and 7-9pm at 69 Purnells Way B93 9JP. Crafts, cards, gifts, cakes, wreaths to order. £2 for tea/coffee and mince pie.

Keep in touch – kpc.org.uk Notices should be sent to office@kpc.org.uk by 9.15am on Wednesday. They may be edited for space.

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