



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

News Headlines

Alpha Course starts 21st January 2026

A different kind of hope. Wednesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm in St John's Hall. Email alpha@kpc.org.uk or call 01564 779123. Please be thinking and praying about who you could invite to try Alpha.

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Parish Office will close at 1pm on Tuesday 23rd December and will reopen at 9.30am on Friday 2nd January 2026. During the holiday the answerphone and emails will not be monitored - we will reply to any messages when we reopen. The next newsheet will be available on Friday 9 January.

Sunday 21st December

7.45am Holy Communion *The virgin will conceive* Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25
9.30am Holy Communion *The virgin will conceive* Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25
11.15am Holy Communion *The virgin will conceive* Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25
6.30pm Encounter Christmas Service

Sunday 28th December

7.45am Holy Communion *Lifted in his arms* Isaiah 63: 7-9, Matthew 2: 13-23
10am Unity Service *Lifted in his arms* Isaiah 63: 7-9, Matthew 2: 13-23

Sunday 4th January

7.45am Holy Communion *Loved: Who me?* 1 John 3: 1-3, Luke 19: 1-10
9.30am Intergenerational Service *Loved: Who me?*
11.15am Morning Prayer *Loved: Who me?* Psalm 63: 1-5, 1 John 3: 1-3
6.30pm Encounter *Philippi - wish you were here* Philippians 1: 1-2

Please pray for...

A full and speedy recovery for **Chris Simons** (father of Jo Hamilton) who is currently in hospital.

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

Kay Laird, awaiting results from X-rays on her knee

And please pray for all those for whom this Christmas will be the first Christmas since they lost a loved one.

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

22 Dec – 4 Jan

Monday 22nd December
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Wednesday 24th December
1.30pm Nativity service
3.00pm Nativity service
4.30pm Nativity service
11.00pm Midnight Communion

Thursday 25th December
7.45am Holy Communion
10.00am All age Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday 28th December
See above for service details

Monday 29th December
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Wednesday 31st December
No Wed@10 service

Friday 2nd January
Parish Office reopens

Saturday 3rd January
10.00am Cobble's Café (LGH)

Sunday 4th January
See above for service details

5th Jan onwards

Monday 5th January

9.00am Stepping Stones (SJH)
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Tuesday 6th January

6.30pm Music group rehearsal

Wednesday 7th January

9.00am Stepping Stones (SJH)
10.00am Holy Communion Psalm 15: 1-5, Matthew 5: 1-12 followed by refreshments in LGH
2.00pm Renew Café (LGH)
3.30pm Year 9 Girls' Craft Club (YO)
7.45pm Let's Pray for Revival (SJH)
7.45pm Make@KPC (LGH)

Thursday 8th January

6.45am The Waiting Room Prayer Group (SJH)
10.00am Friendship Club Coffee (SJH)
12 noon Let's Pray for Revival (**UGH**)
2.00pm Mothers' Union Annual Service and AGM
5.00pm Yrs 7&8 Discipleship Group (YO)
6.00pm Youth Club (SJH)
7.00pm Yrs 10&11 Discipleship Group (YO)
7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday 9th January

9.00am Stepping Stones (SJH)
10.00am Bumps and Babies (LGH)

Saturday 10th January

10.00am Cobbles Café (LGH)
10.00am Dads and Toddlers (SJH)

More News

Thank You The KPC staff team would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts which they have received - they are much appreciated. We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyful 2026. Thank you so much to all those who have helped (or will be helping over the next few days) in any way with the many Christmas services and events.

Message from Geoff I'd like to say a massive thank you to those who have given to the Bolivia / Tarija Just Giving page. The page is now closed and the money will be sent over (£10,350). The money will either be used to help the church find a new premises and place for Bishop Walter and his family to live or it will be used to enable the church to pay an increased rent on its current premises. Very recently there has occurred a remote possibility of the landlord agreeing to re-negotiate the rent of the existing place. Even if this happens, it will be at a substantially higher price. So either way, the money will help to secure the short-term future of the church in Tarija. Once again, we are very grateful for your help.

Mothers' Union In 2026, MU Worldwide celebrates 150 years since its founding. Our Knowle Annual Service with AGM is on Thursday 8 January at 2pm in church, with Amy Tan speaking and Rowena Nicholls, Diocesan MU President joining us. We will give thanks to God for the past year and look forward to all He will do in 2026. This is followed by refreshments and fellowship in St John's Hall: all welcome to come along.

Cobbles Cafe Please note that Cobbles will be closed between Christmas and New Year (Sat 27th December).

Gift for Gareth Gareth Roberts-Davies will be retiring on 14 January. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Gareth, please could you either drop your contribution through the Parish Office letter box in an envelope marked 'Gift for Gareth' (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](https://www.kpc.org.uk/01094610) (please put 'GarethGift' as a reference).

(*Note – 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)

Friday Night Girls Night The next event is on Friday 16th January, 7pm for 7.30pm. Esther Prior, the Bishop of Aston, will be the speaker.

Christmas Cards Please remember to check the boxes in the foyer of St John's Hall for Christmas cards awaiting collection.

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