



## News Headlines

### Sharing good news and praying

**Friday Night Girls' Night** The last four FNGNs have been building towards exactly what we witnessed last Friday, and it didn't disappoint! A beautiful church, full of beautiful women seeking God. We served our tasty refreshments in a warm cosy hall then moved into our wonderfully welcoming church. Our KPC ladies' giftings were used to full strength... Bishop Esther was absolutely delightful and ministered with such authority, that a large number of women were prayed for at the altar. My recollection of the evening was of smiling faces, towards each other and the Lord. So much happened on Friday in the spiritual realm and there is so much more to come, so thank you to all at KPC who have helped to facilitate FNGN – *Barbara Carstairs*

**The Alpha course** We give thanks for a fantastic first night at Alpha. We welcomed 27 of the 34 guests who signed up, split into 4 groups as people got to know one another, enjoyed a wonderful meal and began to consider what faith in God might all be about. We heard some wonderful stories about how God had been at work in guests lives already bringing them to this point and lots of hope and expectation for what's to come. 'There might just be something in this...' Please keep praying for Alpha this year.

**Jelly Beans** We have been pleased to once again start our weekly lunch club - Jelly Beans - in Knowle Academy for children in Year 1. Sign-up has been great - we have 48 children registered to come along each week, and in this first week we shared the story of creation with the children and sent them home with a creation themed craft! Please be praying for us as we continue next week and beyond.

**Family lunch** - please pray for the KPC family lunch (for those who have pre-booked) happening on Sunday in St John's Hall, that this will be a joyful event and an occasion for everyone to get to know one another better.

#### Stewardship Sunday 25th January

7.45am Holy Communion Geoff Lanham Sabbatical feedback Proverbs 4: 10-12 and John 17: 13-19

9.30am Family service Geoff Lanham Sabbatical feedback Proverbs 4: 10-12 and John 19: 25-30

11.15am Morning Prayer Geoff Lanham Sabbatical feedback Proverbs 4: 10-12 and John 19: 25-30

followed by Renewal of Vows Service

6.30pm Encounter Amy Tan 'The mind of Christ' Philippians 1: 27 - 2:11

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

#### The Week Ahead

SJH - St John's Hall

LGH - Lower Guild House

YO - Youth Office

##### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Stepping Stones SJH

2pm Knitwits LGH

7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

##### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

9.15am Rainbow Tots session 1 SJH

10.45am Rainbow Tots session 2 SJH

6.30pm Music group rehearsal

##### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Stepping Stones SJH

10.00am Holy Communion Geoff Lanham 'Geoff's sabbatical'

2-4pm Renew Wellbeing Cafe LGH

3.30pm Year 9 Girls' Craft Club YO

7.30pm Alpha SJH

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

6.45am The Waiting Room (prayer group) SJH

10.00am Friendship Club coffee SJH

12 noon Let's Pray for Revival LGH

5pm Years 7 and 8 Discipleship group YO

6pm Youth club SJH

7pm Years 10 & 11 Discipleship group YO

7.30pm Choir practice

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Stepping Stones (SJH)

10.00am Bumps and Babies LGH

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.00am Cobbles Cafe LGH

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

7.45am Holy Communion

9.30am Family service

11.15am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Encounter

## Please pray for...

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

Rebecca Hailes' mother **Jenny Ward**, currently undergoing treatment for bowel cancer, for healing and reassurance of God's loving presence.

We are sad to share that Deb Dubar died last weekend. Please remember her daughter Melissa and the rest of the family in your prayers.

We are also sad to report that John Harris has died. Please remember his family in prayer, and also his very good friend Wendy Brookes.

**The flowers on the Altar** this week are provided by Gill Baylis in memory of her parents **Sydney and June Werran**. With love from all the family.

## More News

**The February edition of Knowle Parish Magazine** will be in church on Sunday. If you would like to subscribe for the year you can save £10 on the cover price and get free delivery in the local area. Please contact Graham Bignall on [magazine.subscriptions@kpc.org.uk](mailto:magazine.subscriptions@kpc.org.uk) or phone 01564 730135, or see Graham and Susan Adams after the 9.30am service this Sunday. **Parish Magazine Round 3 Vacancies** Can you deliver Knowle Parish Magazine to either Bentley Heath, Starbold Crescent or Dorridge please? To find out more please contact Graham Bignall on [magazine.subscriptions@kpc.org.uk](mailto:magazine.subscriptions@kpc.org.uk) or phone 01564 730135. Alternatively, if you are only available as an occasional holiday relief deliverer we'd love to hear from you. Many thanks!

**The Jan/Feb Eco News** is now available with details of the forthcoming Lent series: copies of this and the Lent Course card can be collected from the back of church. **'Understanding Creation Care'** begins on Tuesday 24th February with **God Cares About Biodiversity Loss** – Prof. Darren Evans, Professor of Ecology and Conservation, University of Newcastle. All the talks are at Knowle Parish Church starting at 7.45pm.

**We need your car** for the KPC Weekend Away! The music and tech team have a lot of equipment that needs to get to Staverton Park on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Everything from music stands to speakers needs to traverse the county and we need your wheels to help us get it there (and back\*)! If you are able to help move equipment in your car on the morning of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb (leaving KPC around 10am) to arrive at Staverton Park for 11am then please can you let Alex know by email [alex.dengate@kpc.org.uk](mailto:alex.dengate@kpc.org.uk) \*We will also need help getting equipment back to church at the end of the weekend too 😊

**Can you help?** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (when many will be at the Church Weekend Away) there will be just one service at KPC – a Unity service at 10am. Most of the people who usually welcome will be at the Weekend Away. Could you help with welcoming to the 10am service that day? If so, please contact the office who would be delighted to hear from you.

**Church cleaning** will happen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to help keep church clean and welcoming, please come along from 10am. Cleaning materials and equipment are provided by the parish office.

**Cobbles Café** – there will be no Cobbles café on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February as most volunteers will be at the Church Weekend Away.

**Victor Hu will be travelling to Tanzania** in early February where he is involved with supervising a research project on reducing blindness from glaucoma with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He would be very grateful if anyone would be able to donate a used laptop and a tablet computer which are in reasonably good condition for the project. Please contact [victor.hu5@icloud.com](mailto:victor.hu5@icloud.com)

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