



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

Christmas Services

All are welcome at our Christmas Services

Pre-school Nativity (10.30am Saturday 21st Dec), **Christmas Café Church** (6.30pm on 22nd), **Nativity services** (1.30pm, 3pm 4.30pm on Christmas Eve), **Midnight Communion** (11pm Christmas Eve) and on **Christmas Day** we have services at 7.45am and 10am.

Sunday 22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.45am Holy Communion Amy Tan 'The with-us God' Matthew 1: 18-25
9.30am All Age service Rick Carstairs 'The with-us God' Matthew 1: 18-25
11.15am Holy Communion Geoff Lanham 'The with-us God' Matthew 1: 18-25
6.30pm Christmas Café Church

Sunday 29th December

7.45am Holy Communion Julian Phillips 'Nations come to the light' Isaiah 60: 1-3 and Matthew 2: 1-12
10.30am Unity service Peter Lewis 'Nations come to the light' Isaiah 60: 1-3 and Matthew 2: 1-12

The two weeks ahead SJH = St John's Hall LGH = lower Guild House UGH = upper Guild House

Monday 23rd December

7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Tuesday 24th December

1.30pm, 3pm and 4.30pm Nativity Services
11pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December

7.45am Christmas Day Holy Communion
10am Christmas Day All Age Christmas Celebration

Sunday 29th December

7.45am Holy Communion
10.30am Unity Service

Monday 30th December

7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Thursday 2nd January

6.45am Waiting Room Prayer Group SJH
10am Friendship Club Coffee SJH

Friday 3rd January

10am Bumps and Babies

Saturday 4th January

10am Cobbles Café

Please pray for...

Janette Oxley who is in Marie Curie hospice, Solihull.

Deb Dubar who asks for prayer for improved mobility.

Pat Chaloner who is now home after time in hospital. Please pray for increased strength as she is very weak following her time in hospital.

News Headlines

Curious about faith? Join our new **Alpha course** starting January 22nd on Wednesday evenings. Pick up a flyer from church, see posters around the church site or https://www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/432598/Alpha_2025.aspx Email: Alpha@kpc.org.uk This popular course has been running for years in Knowle and is ideal for anyone with questions about the Christian faith. Sessions are friendly and relaxed. Come with questions or just sit and listen. Try the first session with no pressure to come back.

Thank You The staff team would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and good wishes which they have received - they are much appreciated. We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyful 2025.

Thank you so much to all those who have helped us this Christmas in the many preparations, services and events.

Please note, the Parish Office will close at 1pm on Monday 23rd December and reopen at 9.30am on Thursday 2nd January 2025. During the holiday the answerphone and emails will not be monitored, so any messages will be answered after we reopen. The next Weekly News will be issued on Friday 3rd January.

Cobbles Café A reminder that Cobbles will be closed between Christmas and New Year (Saturday 28th December).

Saturday 4th January (2 - 4pm) Carolyn Cornfield will be holding a party in St John's Hall to celebrate her birthday: everyone from church is welcome. If anyone could help set up tables for the event, please contact Carolyn.

Magazine deliverer needed please! We need someone to deliver on Longdon Road to start at the end of January. Could you join our magazine team? Please contact Graham Bignall 01564 730135 or email magazine.subscriptions@kpc.org.uk

Outside Giving 2024 In 2024 KPC gave nearly £40,000 to our 3 regional churches and UK and International mission projects. Details of how it was divided can be seen at https://knowle2.hubb.church/Groups/407073/Global_Mission.aspx (If you can't access the website, please contact the Parish Office for the information.) We also gave £27,000 to the Diocese (above our ministry costs) to support mission work throughout the Diocese.

Retiring Collections at Christmas services

This year the retiring collections from last Sunday's Carol Services and our other Christmas services will be divided between The Family Care Trust and International Needs' Kenya Street Youth project.

The Family Care Trust is a Solihull charity, offering professional care and support services to individuals with mental health conditions, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities. It aims to empower these individuals to live their lives with dignity, choice, and independence through a variety of services, including work-based learning at Newlands Bishop Farm, the Blanning Dementia Day Centre and supported living sites. **International Needs' Kenya Street Youth project:** in Kenya's capital city Nairobi, there are around 60,000 homeless children and young people, over 70% of whom are boys and young men. International Needs works to support and empower them and aid their reintegration back to their families and into society. They are looking to build a residential Leadership and Talent Centre, to be a place of safety for 25 boys/young men at a time.

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

Monday evenings from 13th January: "Becoming like Christ" is a 6-week course on Zoom. This "Way of Discipleship" module looks at who Jesus is and what He came to do through His life, death, resurrection and ascension. It shapes our character to become more like Him by looking at how we change and the kind of practices that grow Christlike self-giving love in us. It also looks at how God sees and uses the difficult times in our lives. You can browse the content at <https://wayofdiscipleship.org/> Contact guydc@cofebirmingham.com to book.

KPC Keep in touch

KPC is on Facebook @knowleparishchurch so do please give us a follow on social media

*All items for the notice sheet – in writing and not more than 50 words – should reach the parish office by **9.15am on Wednesday at the latest.***

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