



**Knowle**  
Parish Church



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

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

7.45am Holy Communion Geoff Lanham 'New birth' Ezekiel 36: 22-27; John 3: 1-15

9.30am All Age service Rick Carstairs 'New birth' John 3: 1-15

11.15am Morning Prayer Christine McCone 'New birth' Ezekiel 36: 22-27; John 3: 1-15

6.30pm Evening Worship in SJH (preceded by refreshments) Steve Johnson 'Living to please God' I Thessalonians 4: 1-12

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

### Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May (Parish office closed today)

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9.15am Rainbow Tots session 1, 10.45am Rainbow Tots session 2 SJH

4-5pm Youth drop-in Years 10-13

5-6pm Youth discipleship Years 10-13

6.30pm Music rehearsal in church - all welcome to come and listen

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

9am Stepping Stones SJH

10am Holy Communion Geoff Lanham: 'Crossing boundaries' Mark 5: 21-43; Psalm 130 Followed by refreshments in LGH

2-4pm Renew Café wellbeing space – all welcome LGH

3.15pm onwards (straight after school) until 4.45pm Year 6 group

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day

6.45am The Waiting Room prayer group SJH

10am Friendship Club coffee SJH

12 noon Let's Pray LGH

2pm Mothers' Union 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service in church – notice below

2pm Table Talk English conversation LGH

3.30pm Youth drop-in Years 7-9

5-6pm Youth discipleship Years 7-9

6-7pm Youth club Years 7-9

8.15pm Ascension Day service

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

9am Stepping Stones SJH

10am Bumps and Babies LGH

11.30am Funeral of Alison Jones

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Christian Aid Plant Sale outside in front of the Guild House

10am Dads and Toddlers SJH

10am Cobbles Café LGH

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

7.45am Holy Communion Julian Phillips 'New identity' Luke 15: 11-24; Galatians 4: 1-7

9.30am Family service Steve Johnson 'New identity' Luke 15: 11-24

11.15am Morning Prayer Steve Johnson 'New identity' Luke 15: 11-24; Galatians 4: 1-7

6.30pm Evening Worship in church Tony Brown: 'Matters of life and death' Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11

**Save the date** - the next Big Church Prayer Meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> May in St John's Hall. This is a great opportunity to hear about and pray for different areas of the church, so do come if you can!

### Please pray for:

**Val Joyce** recovering from a hip replacement operation.

**Sam Lung**, currently in hospital with pneumonia; for his full recovery.

**Deb Dubar** as she recovers from recent severe burns.

**Janet Stewart** who requires further chemotherapy for her myeloma.

**Adrienne Curtis** who will be having surgery next week to remove a tumour in her kidney.

**Alan Turner** who is in Heartlands Hospital following a fall.

The funeral of **Ali Jones** will take place at KPC on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am. Any offers of help for Chris and the family should be passed to Patti Rollinson please. Patti's contact details are on Churchsuite or via the parish office.

## News Headlines

**Knowle Mothers' Union 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - We would love you to join Knowle Mothers' Union for our celebrations on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May with a service in Church at 2pm, including dedication of our new banner, and afterwards in St John's Hall for some light refreshments of sandwiches and cakes. There will be prayers, thanksgiving, memories, displays, fun and of course fellowship and afternoon tea.

If you missed the **APCM** and would like to hear the presentation which Geoff gave at that meeting, please contact the office who will send you a recording of it.

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**Thy Kingdom Come** Join us for prayer every morning in church, St John's Chapel, front right from 7am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a time of reflecting and open prayer, Thy Kingdom Come prayer stations, copies of the Prayer Journals and "Pray for 5" memory aids. Please sign up for 1 hour prayer slots during our 24 hours of prayer (in Church 7am-8pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and then on Zoom 8pm throughout the night and concluding 7am Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May). The sign-up board will be in church throughout the services and at the Big Church Prayer Meeting 8pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Find out more about Thy Kingdom Come here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> You can download the Prayer Journal with QR code to watch Thy Kingdom Come videos here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/2024-prayer-journal>

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**Church opening hours** At the moment KPC is open to visitors from 9am–3pm during the week and from around 9am–1.30pm on Saturdays. We would love it to be open for longer, but to do this we need volunteers willing to lock the church Monday – Saturday (and to open it on Bank holidays when the office is closed). We also need someone to organise this rota of volunteers. If you would be willing to join the rota or organise it, please contact the Parish Office – we'd be delighted to hear from you.

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**Christian Aid Plant Sale** Come along next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May for a plant sale on the cobbles outside KPC from 9.30am to 11.30am to raise funds for Christian Aid. If you have any plants that you'd like to be included in the sale, please leave them outside St John's Hall after 6.00 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May or bring them along on Saturday morning if frost is predicted the previous night.

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There's a **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** at the United Reformed Church 10am-12 noon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May with cakes and drinks to enjoy. All welcome!

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**Table Talk** English conversation club is on Thursdays 2pm in the Guild House on: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> June (party). If you're new to the UK this is a chance to become more familiar with the English language. Please email [office@kpc.org.uk](mailto:office@kpc.org.uk)

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**A 'Hong Kong Welcome Course'** is at St Philip's Church in Dorridge Friday evenings at 7:30pm. Meet other HKers, and to learn about life in the UK. Come as a first timer or as a repeat if you think the course will help. We look forward to seeing you - Jan & Bill Wilson (07966 448370).

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**Fun at the Run!** We're delighted to have a great response for Knowle Fun Run on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - there are just one or two helpers needed now. It's going to be a great community event for all ages. Please contact James Thorne on 07775 705636 or email [cjameslthorne@hotmail.com](mailto:cjameslthorne@hotmail.com) to find out more. It's not too late to sign up as a runner either - children or adults!

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This year at church we are participating in **'No Mow May'**, leaving some sections of the churchyard free from the mower in order to allow grass and wildflowers to grow for the benefit of pollinating insects. This campaign encourages us all to leave some of our lawns unmown. Even a small patch can help. To read more see <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

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**Job Vacancy** The charity WorkCare West Midlands (focussing on workplace chaplaincy) has a vacancy for an interim Chief Officer. Details are here: <https://www.cigb.org.uk/> Please share with anyone who may be interested.

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**The Filling Station** meets next on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** (not 6<sup>th</sup> May due to the Bank Holiday), starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm, and in the usual venue - Knowle Village Hall. Our speaker this month is our very own Revd. Emily Spencer!

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**At Lichfield Cathedral: eight million stitches expressing God's love!** 'Threads through Creation' is a free textile art exhibition, on show from now until 2nd June at Lichfield Cathedral. It consists of 12 beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from the Bible. They're nearly 3m high. It's one of the largest textile art projects by a single artist and took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson three years, and eight million stitches! [www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org) and [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk)

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**Keep in touch** 😊 [kpc.org.uk](http://kpc.org.uk)

KPC is on X @ \_KPC and 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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