



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

## Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## MUSIC

Great is Thy Faithfulness (MP 200)

The Lords my Shepherd ("I will trust in you alone") (MP 1008)

Ten Thousand Reasons

King of Kings Majesty (MP 1000)

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart (MP936)

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to St John's for our worship this morning, in the building and at home. The interim seating plan will be in place for several weeks (or even months) and we will continue to use the Worship booklets for our services of Holy Communion. We are limited by people's concern and the general air of uncertainty, but we will continue to make St John's a safe place and my thanks go to the Wardens and all the team who make this possible.

Geoff, Anne and Lily moved in this week so welcome to Stoneleigh Park Road! Geoff will be concluding his 3 part series on prayer this morning. He has prepared a prayer card for use at home by your bedside, loo(!) kitchen notice board or in your Bible as a bookmark. We encourage everyone at St John's to commit in some way to pray regularly for our church community and the wider community of Stoneleigh.

Next week we begin a 4 week series called "Forgotten Liturgies" looking at Psalms 8, 23,24 and 121.

Most of this week (Monday to Friday) I am involved with the care of our grandchildren but do contact Geoff in any emergency.

God bless you

Ken

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

On Thursday this week (29th), we finally moved into the Vicarage on Stoneleigh Park Road. We are now surrounded by boxes and far too many possessions (note to self: learn to live lighter!). Anne, Lily and I would like to thank once again everyone who has done so much to make us feel welcome and especially for all the work carried out by Ken M and team on preparing the house for our arrival. We look forward to being your new neighbours and hearing your top tips for local entertainment. Blessings to all!

Geoff

## THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking place. For the Zoom link, please email the office.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## KEEPING IN TOUCH AND PRAYERS

The WhatsApp group, Facebook and website will continue to be updated so please keep in touch. Any prayer requests for the prayer board can still be submitted to Jean Tutton.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

All live services in church are now being streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

For those joining manually the code you need is 9655 8696378.

To join using the telephone, please dial 020 3051 2874

You will be asked to enter the meeting ID followed by # (hash).

Key in: 96558696378#. You will be asked for a personal ID, just press # again and you will be connected to the Service.

*Tim Rogers*

## MEETING GEOFF

I'm encouraged to see that many have been in contact to arrange a visit with Geoff. Please get in touch with the office if you'd like to meet with him.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## SUMMER AT ST JOHN'S

Programme cards are now available. Please take one as you leave church today. There will be reflections on four well know Psalms and some forgotten liturgies.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION

**Sandown Park October 12-14**

This has returned to Sandown Park and gives an eye watering opportunity to see what churches are doing across the country

Booking at [www.creonline.co.uk/tickets](http://www.creonline.co.uk/tickets)

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Can you kindly note the following:

- Reception of the elements by intinction as we do now by Ken only but Geoff will stand beside him with the chalice instead of using the Credence Table.

- Sanitising as we do now.

- Ken and Geoff will wear face coverings for the administration of Holy Communion.

- Face coverings are encouraged but not mandatory

- Singing is encouraged

- The doors of the church will be open and the seating plan should accommodate the needs and concerns of all of us.

Any questions, please speak to myself, Geoff or one of the Churchwardens.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

**Advance Notice Justin Welby's visit to the diocese  
24th-27<sup>th</sup> September**

Tickets for 'Evening with Justin Welby' are now available and can be booked via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-160856571335>

The Archbishop will also be answering questions at a local event being held at Blenheim High School on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm and tickets are available via [Big Questions with the Archbishop of Canterbury \(Epsom\) Tickets, Sat 25 Sep 2021 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#).

If attending one of these events, you are encouraged to take friend with you. **Rev. Ken Hobbs**

**OFFICE**

The office is closed this week. I will be back in on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Please speak to Ken or Geoff for anything urgent.

**Kerrie Winter**

**FOODBANK**

One of the things I used to love when I lived opposite the sea was the fact that no matter how chaotic the sand looked after the visitors had gone at the end of the day a tide would come in and go out again leaving the beach all fresh and smooth again. The 'new normal' after Covid is providing a similar blank sheet permitting thoughtful change and new opportunities. I received an email from the Foodbank this week outlining their plans for remodelling their services for the future with the principle aim of working to reduce the reliance on the foodbank by developing projects to support people who find themselves caught in poverty. They invited comments and a vote on the suggestions for a change of name but sadly didn't get this out in time for me to be able to involve you. If anyone would like to read it, please ask and I'll forward it to you. Suffice to say though that the tide of Covid has enabled them to think more adventurously about the future.

**This week they urgently need:-**

Honey, Cooking sauce, Crisps, snacks, chocolate bars and treats for kids, Bags for life.

**The also still need:-**

Powdered Milk, Sponge Pudding, Coffee, Tinned Vegetables, Noodles (such as egg or rice noodles), Peanut butter, Mayonnaise, Milk UHT Semi & Full fat only, Pasta/Beans with Meat, Sugar (small, 500g bags, ideally), Long Life Fruit Juice, Meat (hot dogs, meatballs etc – not SPAM or corned beef), Tomato ketchup, Shaving Foam, Baby wash, Pump soap, Shower Gel, Washing powder and pods (bio and non-bio), Female deodorant, Male deodorant. **Polly Elder**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER EWELL – INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Do you have a heart for Ministry with young people and families? Are you, or someone you know, aged between 18-24? We want to invest in you! We're looking for someone to join our team part-time, as well as taking part in our local New Wine Discipleship Year Hub in London. If you're interested, or would like to find out more about the role, please visit <https://www.ruxley-church.org.uk/werelookingfor.htm>

**Order of Service**

From our worship booklets

**O Lord open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Reveal among us the light of your presence that we may behold your power and glory.**

Greeting p5

**Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness (MP 200)**

Confession p8

**The Lords my Shepherd ("I will trust in you alone") MP 1008**

**Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of our grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Revelations 5: 6-12 read by Chris Redrup**

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

**Gospel Reading Matthew 7: 7-12 read by Chris Redrup**

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

Sermon Geoff Andrew

**Song "Ten Thousand Reasons" (Matt Redmond)**

Creed p14

Prayers p15

Peace p17

**Hymn King of Kings Majesty (MP 1000)**

Communion Prayer p24

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

**Hymn Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart (MP936)**

Blessing p23

**Book of Remembrance**

John Adrian Froud, Reg Simon, Alice May Denyer  
Venus Mantle, Ronald Dan Wiltshire

**Rev. Geoff Andrew's Sermon Notes**

Today is our third and final sermon on Prayer, looking at the A and Y in our P.R.A.Y. These stand for Ask and Yield.

Asking things of God for ourselves (petition) or others (intercessions) is at the heart of most prayer, as is the Lord's Prayer.

Scripture tells us to pray 'audaciously' in faith and expect God to answer.

Nothing is too big or too small to pray for (from 'Your kingdom come' to 'give us today our daily bread')

When we pray for others we should get:

- Informed (to pray knowledgeably),
- Inspired (to pray specifically),
- Indignant (to pray passionately)
- In sync (pray in accord with others)

What about unanswered prayer? Look at Jesus' example in Garden of Gethsemane: 'take this cup from me'

Ultimately we must accept God's world (it works a certain way), God's war (we are in a spiritual battle) and God's will.

Yield: Your will be done, not mine' – learning to be obedient and trust in his goodness.