



# St John's, Stoneleigh

## Weekly Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### READINGS

Ezra 7: 11-24

Luke 6: 32-38

### MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

How Deep the Father's Love

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

This week we welcome back Rev Ken and Margaret from Cornwall...and say farewell to me and Anne and we head off to the same part of the world for a few days. Thanks very much to all of you who helped distribute the magazines and service postcards during the past week. Today is our third of three sermons on Stewardship and we're talking about 'Treasure', our money. I hope everyone has received their stewardship letter. If not, please speak to me or Tim. We would like everyone to complete the 'Giving' form that came with the letter and return it to church next Sunday, Sep 26th. Thank you! For those of you in church on Sunday, you will see how neat and tidy it looks at the back. Many thanks to Janis & Brian, Ken & Jane for doing a splendid job of cleaning and clearing more space. And feel free to make use of the library – there's some great books on the shelves!

Geoff

### THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking please. 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*

### MIDWEEK FOCUS

I am delighted to tell you that Midweek Focus resumes at St Paul's Howell Hill on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This won't be a lunch event but will start at 2:30pm. Please contact me for more information.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISIT

If you haven't got your tickets already, they are still available to book [www.bigquestions-epsom.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.bigquestions-epsom.eventbrite.co.uk). If you are unable to book for yourself, please call the office (020 8786 7048) on Wednesday between 9am and 11am and Kerrie will book a ticket for you. The event is at Blenheim High School on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm. There is plenty of parking onsite. This is a unique opportunity and I encourage you to go either by yourself, or take a friend with you.

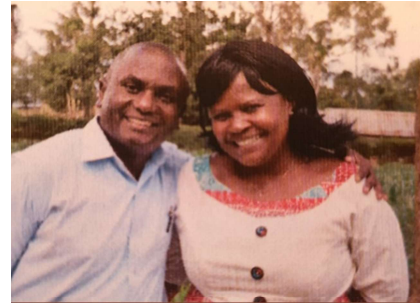
*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

I am delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew will be joining us on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at our Harvest Festival.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### RUSH SCHOOL



We received a letter from Alison Mbugua at the RUSH School. She says "Thank you very much for your recent donation of £500 for RUSH Kenya. As you will know, this ministry is run by Andrew and Lucy Amukowa in the district of Kakamega

Kenya. They serve vulnerable families in Kakamega through various ministries including primary and secondary schools, a vocational centre, women's empowerment work, running a church and more. They have boldly followed God's call on their lives to step out in faith to grow an ambitious ministry to reach people in desperate needs"

A full copy of the letter is available from the office or online here <https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/rush-kenya/>

*Claire Cornell*

### FOODBANK

Potholes! Is there anything good about potholes I might hear you ask? Well as I weaved my way along the single track road to the Foodbank Resources Centre this week it was of some comfort to know that the state of the track speaks loudly of the number of vehicles taking donations in and others taking the stocks for the Distribution Centres out. Some of the volunteers do a grand job in filling the holes when they get the appropriate materials but it's great that you keep them busy! Thank you one and all.

### This week the Foodbank needs:-

Long life sponge puddings, UHT milk - full fat or semi skimmed, Meat pies, Sugar (500g bags), Rice, Mayonnaise, Rice pudding, Washing up liquid, Washing powder & pods (bio & non-bio), Bags for Life - we urgently need these

Please, no more donations of the following items at this time: pasta, baked beans, porridge, baby shampoo, tampons, sanitary towels, marmalade, cat/dog food, adult toothbrushes.

*Polly Elder*

### START COURSE

I will be running a 'Start' course over 6 weeks from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. For more information, please see the flyer which is available at the front of church or speak to me.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### PRESENTATION OF SILVER WOLF

At our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Viv Frisby is to receive the Award of The Silver Wolf (Presentation was to have been made on Mothering Sunday 2020). We shall be welcoming Joe Rogerson, County Scout Commissioner and Phil Currie, Deputy County Commissioner to the service.

It is hoped that many will be coming to join us on this special occasion.

*Richard Denyer*

*Deputy District Commissioner*

### TUNES 'N' TEA

Thank you all at St John's for allowing us to use the hall for our Tunes'n'Tea on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. It was a great success and we would like to continue with this. The next one will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October and then every second Thursday of the month from then on. Put it in your diary!

*Alan & Carole Munday*

### Order of Service

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6: 38)

**Greeting** p5

**Hymn/ Song** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Confession** P6 (Almighty God...)

### Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Financial Report** Tim to outline current situation

### Reading 1 Ezra 7: 11-24 read by Tim Rogers

11 This is a copy of the letter King Artaxerxes had given to Ezra the priest, a teacher of the Law, a man learned in matters concerning the commands and decrees of the Lord for Israel:

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings,

To Ezra the priest, teacher of the Law of the God of heaven:

Greetings.

13 Now I decree that any of the Israelites in my kingdom, including priests and Levites, who volunteer to go to Jerusalem with you, may go. 14 You are sent by the king and his seven advisors to enquire about Judah and Jerusalem with regard to the Law of your God, which is in your hand. 15 Moreover, you are to take with you the silver and gold that the king and his advisors have freely given to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, 16 together with all the silver and gold you may obtain from the province of Babylon, as well as the freewill offerings of the people and priests for the temple of their God in Jerusalem. 17 With this money be sure to buy bulls, rams

and male lambs, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings, and sacrifice them on the altar of the temple of your God in Jerusalem.

18 You and your fellow Israelites may then do whatever seems best with the rest of the silver and gold, in accordance with the will of your God. 19 Deliver to the God of Jerusalem all the articles entrusted to you for worship in the temple of your God. 20 And anything else needed for the temple of your God that you are responsible to supply, you may provide from the royal treasury.

21 Now I, King Artaxerxes, decree that all the treasurers of Trans-Euphrates are to provide with diligence whatever Ezra the priest, the teacher of the Law of the God of heaven, may ask of you – 22 up to a hundred talents[a] of silver, a hundred cors[b] of wheat, a hundred baths[c] of wine, a hundred baths[d] of olive oil, and salt without limit. 23 Whatever the God of heaven has prescribed, let it be done with diligence for the temple of the God of heaven. Why should his wrath fall on the realm of the king and of his sons? 24 You are also to know that you have no authority to impose taxes, tribute or duty on any of the priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants or other workers at this house of God.

### Reading 2 Luke 6: 32-38 read by Tim Rogers

32 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

**Sermon** Rev Geoff

**Hymn/ Song** How Deep the Father's Love

**Creed** p13 (I believe in God....)

**Prayers** p15

**Peace** p17

**Hymn/ Song** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Communion Prayer** Prayer E, p31

**Lord's Prayer** p18

**Prayer of Humble Access** p20 (We do not presume...)

**Distribution of Communion**

**Prayer after Communion** p22 (Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us...)

**Hymn/ Song** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Blessing & Dismissal** p23

## Book of Remembrance

Lynda Lavinia White, Nigel Pavey,  
Arthur Roberts, Katherine Margery Duthie  
Minnie Alexandra Chapman

### Sermon

- 80 years after last week's events, Ezra himself travels to Jerusalem to ensure that the people are sticking to God's Law
- He carries a letter of authority from King Artaxerxes which includes substantial and generous financial support for the temple
- The generosity came from the king's heart
- We have plans to grow our family at St John's but it will take time and we are in a difficult financial situation
- Please prayerfully consider your financial support to the church and help us to secure our future for the benefit of the community
- God is lavishly generous to us and we respond in kind: 'God loves a cheerful giver'

## Stoneleigh for Africa



# THE BIG DONATION



**DROP OFF: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 10am – 4pm**

**St John's Parish Centre, Station Approach, Stoneleigh**



Sewing machines ~ manual, electric and treadle

Power tools ~ hand and bench drill, saws, sanders, jigsaws, lathe

Electricians' tools ~ allen keys, pliers, hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter

Gardening tools ~ eg. fork, spade, hoe, secateurs, short handle shears, rotavator

Carpenters' tools ~ eg. clamps, hand drills, files, hammers, planes, saws, pliers, rules, screwdrivers, squares. Screws, nails and bolts.

Plumbers' tools ~ all plumbers' traditional tools

Motor mechanics' tools ~ metric socket set, spanners toolbox, tyre pressure gauge, car jacks, axle stands

Knitting machines ~ machine, wool and needles

Haberdashery ~ needles, cottons, material, buttons, zips

Builders' tools ~ all types - shovel, spirit level, axe, crowbar, hammers, saw, tape measures, hacksaws



Every item should be in working order – we can restore but not repair.  
Items listed are only examples – similar items accepted.

#### We cannot accept:

- × IT or computer equipment including printers
- × ladders
- × lawnmowers
- × books
- × disability aids including glasses
- × clothes or shoes
- × bikes
- × kitchen equipment, household appliances or musical instruments

**ALL ACCEPTED DONATIONS WILL EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS THAT CREATE LIVELIHOODS AND TRANSFORM LIVES.**

Further information contact: [office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk)

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Items to be included in the next notice sheet should be emailed by 12pm on Wednesday to Kerrie Winter, the Minister's Administrator, at [office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk)