



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## READINGS

Psalm 23  
John 10: 1-10

## MUSIC

The Lord's my Shepherd (traditional) (MP 660)  
Faithful One (MP 825)  
Guide me O thou great Jehovah (MP 201)

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship here at St John's and at home. Today we are looking at the second in our series of reflections on the psalms - this week Psalm 23.

We are beginning serious planning for the autumn programme at St John's including a new service pattern from October 10<sup>th</sup> and the resumption of some midweek services. We will be sending out a parish magazine to every home in mid-September and details of this are given below.

Please pray for the team as we set all this up and do consider how you will be able to help.

Sally and Yagya are singing this morning They expect to return to Nepal in early September

I also commend to you Archbishop Justin's visit to our area at the end of September.

God bless you

Ken

## 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*

## 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*

## 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*

## PRAYER BOARD AND CANDLES

We have decided that the time is now right to re-instate the use of the prayer board and candles. You are therefore invited to use the prayer board for prayer requests and to light a candle in someone's memory if you wish. Prayer requests which are placed by Friday morning will be included in our intercessions at services on the following two Sundays.

You can of course still email or phone me with any requests for prayer if you prefer and I will pass this on.

*Jean Tutton*

## KEN MUSSELL

There will be drinks and nibbles served after the service this Sunday to celebrate Ken Mussell's 70th birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

*Jane Mussell*

## PARISH MAGAZINE

St John's will be sending a magazine to all those living in the parish and we welcome any thoughts or ideas on content. If you'd like to add something to the magazine, please can you send your information through to the office. Contributions to the magazine must be received by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August as we plan on distributing the magazine in early September. Please look out in the newsletter for an up coming notice regarding help with distribution of the magazine. All help welcome!

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

We plan on starting midweek services from the week commencing October 4<sup>th</sup>. Each Monday we will have Morning Prayer and each Wednesday we will have a Holy Communion service using the Book of Common Prayer. Both services will be held in the Lady Chapel at 9:30am.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Churches Together Ewell

Dorothy Baxter is stepping down from the leadership of the Ewell and Stoneleigh Branch of World Prayer Day and CTE are looking for someone to replace her. If you think this is

something you would like to be involved with, please contact the office ([office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk)) for more information.

*Jenny Meineck*

## **SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Rev. Danny Wignall will be joining us on 26<sup>th</sup> September where he will be talking about 'Future in an Uncertain World'.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### **FOODBANK**

I must admit that the news this evening distressed me greatly. So many people around the world are suffering; the daily evidence of the effects of global warming but little progress in tackling it; and so much inequality in every direction left me feeling helpless. How can we do our bit, what could inspire us to work together to solve these problems? The words of a hymn, not heard so much these days, then slipped into my mind "You in your small corner and I in mine" - does that ring any

bells? Each little contribution we can make does count - the Foodbank doesn't ask us to feed a whole struggling community but each gift we make contributes towards the massive amount required to keep this resource open to those that need it. So thank you everyone. Oh - here's another quote from an old song "if two and two and fifty make a million.. " anyone recognise that one?

**Urgently required:** Nappies & pull-ups: Size 5 & 6, Crisps, snacks, chocolate bars and treats for kids, Cooking sauce (not pasta sauce), Bags for life.

**Still needed:-** Long life sponge pudding, Powdered milk, Meat pies, Tinned vegetables, Mayonnaise, Tomato ketchup, Spaghetti in sauce, Honey, Noodles (such as egg or rice noodles), Peanut butter, Sugar (500g bags), Longlife fruit juice, Meat (hot dogs, meatballs etc – not spam or corned beef), Training pants and pull-ups, Shaving foam, Baby wash, Pump soap, Shampoo, Washing up liquid, Washing powder and pods (bio and non-bio), Shower Gel.

*Polly Elder*

### **Order of Service**

#### **Theme: Forgotten Liturgies: The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23)**

Opening line of Scripture "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life," (Ps 23:6)

Greeting p5

#### **Hymn The Lord's my Shepherd (traditional)(MP 660)**

Confession P8 ('Jesus Christ, risen Master...')

#### **Collect**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

#### **Reading 1 Psalm 23 read by Maggie Savill**

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,[a]

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

#### **Reading 2 John 10: 1-10 read by Maggie Savill**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Sermon Rev Ken

Response Songs Sally & Yagya Singh

Creed p14 ('Though he was divine...')

Prayers p15

Peace p17

#### **Hymn Faithful One (MP 825)**

Communion Prayer Prayer A, p24

Lord's Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion


Prayer after Communion p22

#### **Hymn Guide me O thou great Jehovah (MP 201)**

Blessing & Dismissal p23

#### **Book of Remembrance**

Irene Clara Davy, Alice Beatrice Morris,  
Michael Sheridan, Jean Margaret Washington,  
Rene Porter, Yvonne Tripcony

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# Big Questions

Why?

with the  
**Archbishop of Canterbury**


A unique opportunity to put questions to the Archbishop of Canterbury and hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times.


**Saturday 25 September**  
3.30-4.30pm

Blenheim High School, Longmead Road,  
**Epsom** KT19 9BH

Book your free places at  
[BigQuestions-Epsom.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-epsom)

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Justin Welby is visiting the Diocese of Guildford to listen to local people and help us tackle some of life's biggest questions.

As the UK and the world continue to fight the pandemic, everyone seems to be asking big questions:

- "How could this have happened?"
- "How do we find hope when life feels so fragile?"
- "What could the new normal be like?"
- "How can we remember those we have lost?"
- "Where do we go from here?"
- "How can we find happiness and purpose in life?"

What are your big questions about life? Ask Archbishop Justin when he visits Epsom.

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