



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

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READINGS

Psalm 24
Matthew 21: 1-11

MUSIC

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord (MP 631)
I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart (MP 307)
Broken for me Broken for you (MP 66)
We rest on thee our shield and our defender (MP 735)

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and at home. We are continuing our short series on the Psalms - "Forgotten Liturgies" and this morning Geoff will be preaching on Psalm 24.

Our preparation work continues for the relaunch and expansion of the work of St John's and I encourage you to pray for our outreach beginning with Justin Welby's visit at the end of September.

The newsletter will continue to keep you informed on what is happening.

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

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

PARISH MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

We are grateful to Mike Gittins for his help in producing our latest parish magazine and the deadline for contributions to the office is 31st August. If you would like to write a few sentences about the way in which St John's has helped you we can include them.

We are also grateful to those of you who can distribute this to the parish and Kerrie will coordinate the list of roads. Included with the magazine will be an invitation card for the services on Sunday mornings. We hope to distribute the magazine in mid September.

The Harvest Festival Service on Oct 3rd will be the last one at 10 am with the new pattern from October 10th except for occasional services like Remembrance Day.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

MIDWEEK SERVICES

We plan on starting midweek services from the week commencing October 4th. 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.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

PCC MEETING

The next PCC meeting will take place on 1st September, please send any agenda items to myself or Sue Pennington.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

SALLY AND YAGYA SINGH

Sally comes from Cheam and they are mission partners with an international Christian Mission Agency called Interserve. They manage projects under the auspices of Bridges Nepal UK Trust including income generation projects for poor rural families; education and literacy and health improvement. The purpose of Bridges Nepal UK Trust is to prevent exploitation and human trafficking in socially and economically disadvantaged communities in Nepal.

They are returning to Nepal on 10th September and their final service with us will be on 5th September.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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) for more information.

Jenny Meineck

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

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

Rev. Ken Hobbs

CLEANING CHURCH

Whilst we have a cleaning company to come into the Parish Centre to clean it, we do not have anyone clean the inside of the church. The church does need to be cleaned regularly and we are looking for 3 or 4 people who would be willing to help with this on a regular basis. Perhaps one person could clean the Lady Chapel, one person could Hoover the carpets, one person could wipe the window sills down regularly? Any help would be appreciated. Please speak to me if you are able to help.

Janis Forder

AFGHAN APPEAL

Afgans, so desperate to get out of their country they chase an aircraft down a runway, is just one of the distressing scenes beamed around the world from Kabul this week.

The Home Secretary announced today that the government will work with international partners to resettle up to 20,000 refugees in the UK.

But there's an urgent need for accommodation for the refugees coming from Afghanistan now. For more information about what you may be able to do to help, please visit <https://www.cofequildford.org.uk/whats-on/news/detail/2021/08/18/urgent-appeal-for-afghan-refugees-housing>

Rev. Geoff Andrew

OFFICE

The office will be closed the week commencing 23rd August, I will be back in the office on Wednesday 1st September. If there is anything urgent during this time, please contact Ken or Geoff. Thank you.

Whilst writing, can I request that when emailing the office you use the email address office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk. We do have an old BT email address that is often used and these emails will still be received, however, they often go into the spam folder and I'm worried they may get missed. Many thanks.

Kerrie Winter

FOODBANK

Hooray! The wishlist from the food bank this week is much smaller, I can't imagine how stressful it has been for the team to ensure that they have enough to support all the people relying on them. I've never heard any of the volunteers or the staff moan though. I tell you frequently how often they just want to express their thanks for the contributions from St Johns but I haven't reported how appreciative they are when I send a note to say that the Foodbank has been included in our intercessions or when someone has told me that they haven't been able to contribute cash or food but have felt that they could include the Foodbank in their prayers. That's the difference we can make donating through our church family.

Here is the wishlist for this week please

- Long life sponge puddings
- Powdered milk
- Cooking sauce (not pasta sauce)
- Tinned vegetables
- Meat pies
- Pump soap
- Children's toothbrushes
- Nappies and pull-ups: size 5 & 6
- Bags for Life
- Treats for kids, such as crisps, snacks, chocolate bars etc

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

Polly Elder

Order of Service

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it"

Greeting p5

Hymn Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord (MP 631)

Confession p6

Hymn I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart (MP 307)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

1st Reading Psalm 24 read by Tim Rogers

Of David. A Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,

the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory.

Selah

Gospel Matt 21 1-11 read by Tim Rogers

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Sermon Geoff Andrew

Creed p13

Prayers Ian Hargrave

Peace p17

Hymn Broken for me Broken for you (MP 66)

Communion Prayer p27

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn We rest on thee our shield and our defender (MP 735)

Blessing p23

Geoff's Sermon Synopsis

Sermon synopsis:

- According to the recent UN report, extreme global weather events are undoubtedly due to human influence
- We are heading into a 'chaotic' future from a climate perspective
- Psalm 24 teaches us that the earth belongs to the Lord, who in creation brought order from chaos
- As people of integrity ('clean hands and a pure heart'), Christians should be at the forefront of safeguarding the planet
- As people of hope, we know that God has reconciled all things in heaven and earth under Jesus (Colossians 1:20) and ultimately God will re-establish order and claim his victory, his triumph foreshadowed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem