



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

29th August 2021

READINGS

Psalm 121
Mark 9: 2-13

MUSIC

O worship the King All glorious above (MP528)
You are the king of glory (MP 790)
As the Deer (MP 37)
Hymn Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and at home. We are concluding our short series on the Psalms - "Forgotten Liturgies" and this morning we will be thinking about Psalm 121.

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.

Beginning on Sept 5th we have 3 Sundays entitled "Transforming Generosity" looking at ways in which we can give our talents, time and treasure to the work of God. The overall title comes from the Diocese of Guildford's stewardship campaign. We need to look carefully and prayerfully about how we can resource the ongoing ministry of St John's. The newsletter will continue to keep you informed on what is happening.

Geoff will be preaching on September 5th, 12th and 19th. September 5th will be worship for All Ages. The service leader and celebrant on the 12th will be the Rev. Michael Dunk and Margaret and I will be back at St John's on the 19th after two weeks break in Cornwall. (4th -18th).

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

PARISH MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Contribution - 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.

Distribution - There is distribution list at the front of the church with a list of road names in the Parish. Please put your name down if you're able to help with distribution. Kerrie will be in touch with the those who are delivering magazines when they are ready for collection. We hope to distribute the magazine in mid-September.

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

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.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/news/detail/2021/08/18/urgent-appeal-for-afghan-refugees-housing>

Rev. Geoff Andrew

OFFICE

The office is open again from Wednesday 1st September. 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

I'm writing this item early this week so I do not have a wishlist yet. I'll put it on our What's App when I get it. If you would like the list but do not have access to What's App please contact me & we'll work out the best way to get a copy to you.

Meanwhile I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Foodbank has widened its remit. The Furniture Project would appreciate a few items. Here is their explanation and list.

We need the following items for our Furniture Project.

Please only donate brand new only. People come to us when times are already hard enough for them and we see the difference it makes when we can give out brand new bedding and new towels.

We need the following:

Pillows (single or double packs), Fitted bed sheets, single and double, Flat sheets, double, Duvet sets (including pillowcases), single and double, Fitted cot sheets, Cellular baby blankets, Hand towels, Bath towels, Flannels, Bathmats

I know that these items are considerably more expensive than most items on the foodstuffs list but you may wish to keep an eye out for some bargains or contribute something like this to mark a celebration or anniversary. Please bear it in mind. Thank you.

Polly Elder

Order of Service

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?" (Psalm 121 v1)

Greeting p5

Hymn O worship the King All glorious above (MP528)

Confession p7

**Hymn You are the king of glory (MP 790)
(a version of the Gloria)**

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st Reading Psalm 121 read by Janis Forder

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Gospel Mark 9 2-13 read by Janis Forder

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. Then they asked him, 'Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' He said to them, 'Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.'

Sermon

Song from Sarah

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Prayers Ken Mussell

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Hymn As the Deer (MP 37)

Communion Prayer p27

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Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)

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Book of Remembrance

Marian Elizabeth Jones, Rose Amy Crooks
Leonard George Fenton