



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

10th October 2021

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and at home. Today we start our adventure of faith with our two services and we are delighted to be joined at 11am by some of our friends from All Nations Church who will be supporting some of our music. Please pray for this initiative as we develop it over time. Please bear with us if not everything goes according to plan!

Do feel confident in inviting family and friends to both services and if they are not sure about coming to Church, the 11 am will be very appropriate. Can I also reassure you that there is no expectation on anyone to attend both services but we are grateful to the team hosting the morning for their involvement in both. Coffee will be available in the church at 10:30am.

It was good to see so many last Sunday with Bishop Andrew including members of the uniformed groups and our congratulations to Bob Frisby, Viv Frisby and Richard Denyer for on their reception of long service awards at that service. Thank you for your generous gifts to the Food Bank.

God bless you, Ken.

UPCOMING SERVICES

We will be holding a special Remembering Loved Ones service on Sunday 31st October at 3pm. More details to follow. On 14th November there will be a Remembrance Day service, this will be at 10am.

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MIDWEEK SERVICES

Last week we were pleased to recommence our midweek services. On a Monday we have Morning Prayer and a Wednesday there is a Holy Communion service using the Book of Common Prayer. Both services are at 9:30am and held in the Lady Chapel.

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THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

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

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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.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9:30am service is 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

PERSONAL BIBLE READING

It is a vital and healthy habit and we commend it to you. The Bible Reading Fellowship and Scripture Union are two well established ways of doing this. On the table by the door are samples of Scripture Union's "Encounter with God", one of several produced by them and there is an order form there if you wish to give it a try. Annual subscription is either £16 or £19 per year. If you would like to know more about how Bible Reading Fellowship works, do talk to Sue Pennington.

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REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

"The Real Advent Calendar is a great idea. Not only does it raise money for good causes and is made from Fairtrade Chocolate but is also tells the Christmas story."

Alan Titchmarsh

The Real Advent Calendar is available to buy online only this year <https://www.eden.co.uk/real-advent-calendar/>

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JOB VACANCY

The Foodbank are recruiting for a full time Administration Assistant. For more information about this, let the office know and Kerrie can forward you the full email that we received from the Foodbank about the vacancy.

Polly Elder

START! COURSE



me know!

The Start Course is due to...start...on Wednesday November 3rd at 7.30pm here in church. There will be 6 weekly sessions of around an hour. This is a great opportunity for people to explore Christianity and the big questions of life in a relaxed and informal discussion group. Please pray that God will place someone on your heart that you think may be interested in joining and invite them to come. You may be interested yourself? All are welcome...just let

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PROGRAMME CARDS

Programme cards for Autumn 2021 are available at the front of church. The theme is 'Building for the Future, the Story of Nehemiah'. Please take one home.

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TWAM

Don't forget, we are collecting tools on Saturday, the Parish Centre will be open from 10am until 4pm. You're welcome to join us for coffee too.

Claire Cornell

DEREK PAVEY MEMORIAL – Time Correction

There will be a memorial for Derek Pavey on Saturday 16th October at **2:00pm**. All are welcome to come and celebrate the life of Derek. There will be refreshments afterwards so the family would be grateful if you would let them know that you are going to attend. Please email janiepave@hotmail.co.uk. For those that have already emailed the office, your email has been forwarded on.

The memorial service will be available live online at www.Stoneleigh.tv.

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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES SERVICE

Sunday 31 October at 3.00pm

We will be holding a special service on Sunday 31 October to provide us all with the opportunity to remember those who we have loved and lost. If you would like a name to be read out during the service please add the name to the list on the table or email/ring Jean Tutton: jean.tutton@ntlworld.com / 020 8393 3687. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please feel free to invite anyone you know who might like to join us.

Jean Tutton

CRAFT CLUB

At long last it is time to restart St John's Craft Club! Bring your knitting, sewing, paper craft or anything else you are crafting and join us on the 3rd Monday of each month, 10am to 12noon, in the Parish Room. Next dates are 18th October 2021, 15th November 2021, 20th December 2021. All are welcome. See you there!

Veronica Gittins

FOODBANK



Firstly, thank you all for the simply wonderful stack of gifts brought for the Harvest Service - every nook and cranny of the car was used to get it all to the Resources Centre. Furthermore I understand that over £170 has been transferred to the Foodbank account. This display of generosity was truly overwhelming. Many thanks to the Harvest team who packed all the bags and jammed them into the car - talk about many hands make light work!

Secondly there are changes afoot. When we first started the weekly collections several people kindly offered to help but we found that we did not need so many helpers on a regular basis. Now I need to be at home a bit more so John and Maggie Saville have volunteered to convey the weekly gifts to the Foodbank, John Simon and I will provide backup when they need a break and Claire Cornell will continue to accept cash donations - in an envelope please - through her door 95 Stoneleigh Park Road. Janis Forder has been transferring cash gifts to the Foodbank account for me for a few weeks now. Kerrie Winter added an item about the Foodbank to the our website; she also waits patiently for notice sheet copy each week and circulates anything which might be of interest. St Johns folk have been so generous and supportive that we now need quite a team to keep this aspect of our service to the community going. It's quite exciting to see just how much it has become an important part of the church's life.

We make a special effort to collect for Harvest but the list of items required for the Foodbank never seems to be quite satisfied. This week they have asked for Female & male deodorant, Powdered Milk, Shaving foam, Shower gel, Noodles (dried egg/rice noodle or straight to wok), Squash,

Tinned fruit, Coffee, Meat pies (no alcohol included in ingredients please), Bags for Life

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

I'll end with yet another grace - this one from my Guiding days and we used to sing it. Johnny Appleseed Grace - The Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need: the sun, the rain and the appleseed - The Lord is good to me. Oh every seed I sow will grow into a tree and someday soon there'll be apples there for everyone in the world to share. The Lord is good to me.

Polly Elder

DAILY HOPE

Do you know someone without internet access who would like to hear hymns, reflections and prayers on the phone? DailyHOPE is a free phonenumber from the Church of England. It is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

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NEW SIGN



Just in case you haven't had the opportunity to walk past St John's yet, here is a picture of the new sign we have up on the side of the Lady Chapel. A duplicate of this sign is currently being made and will be put up on Stoneleigh

Park Road too. I hope you all agree that it looks fantastic!

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Order of Service – 9:30am Holy Communion

“Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.” (Nehemiah 1:11)

Hymn/ Song To God Be The Glory (MP 708)

Greeting p5

Confession P7 (Most merciful God...)

Collect (19th after Trinity)

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading 1 Nehemiah 1: 1-11 read by Tim Rogers

The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. They replied, 'The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.'

When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, 'O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him

and keep his commandments; let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses. Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name." They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!

At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

Reading 2 Luke 14: 25-34

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

Sermon Rev Ken

Creed p14 (Christ died for our sins..)

Prayers p15

Peace p17

Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus (MP 746)

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 Lord for the Years (MP 428)

Blessing & Dismissal p23

Book of Remembrance

Pamela Gladys Scarlett, Harold Jeffries,
Dorothy Anne Bowen Sheridan
Iris Watkin, Charles Bracewell Senior