



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

17th October 2021

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today at St John's and at home and at 9.30am or 11.00am.

It is great that the Church of All Nations are joining with us at 11:00am and providing amazing live music for us.

This service is (a) Invitational (we can easily invite others) (b) Informal (c) Intergenerational and (d) International. Do pray for God's blessing on this service and do feel free to join us.

My thanks go to everyone involved in both services as Geoff and I continue to serve you.

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

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

CHRISTMAS

We are making plans to have a carol service on 19th December at 6pm and would love to have a choir present. If you'd like to sing as part of our choir, please let me know.

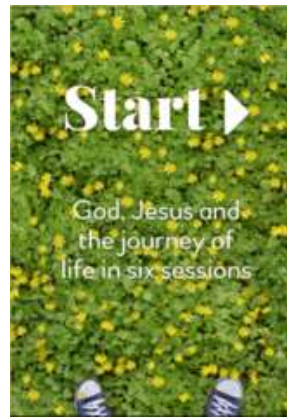
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PROGRAMME CARDS

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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START! COURSE



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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

Rev. Geoff Andrew

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

FOODBANK

I must admit to being a little confused. Last night I tried to recall some of the thought provoking videos which were circulated on social media at the beginning of the first lockdown, they focused on the damage in our society and world. I compared these to the news reports of thousands of containers of goods waiting to be transported around the country or even to be landed at ports all over the world at the moment. I had marvelled at the science which sent men into space for a ten minute look around but was aghast at the amount of fuel which was burnt up in the exercise. How I've wished that the messages in those thought provoking videos had stayed with us. I appreciate that I'm not looking at all the issues which

should be considered on these topics but just trying to work it all out in my head left me feeling confused and sad.

There is, however, one lesson which I think the whole country became aware of and has, thankfully, remained an urgent issue at the front of our minds; we learnt that there are many who struggle to keep the wolf from the door and how important community services like our Foodbank are just now. The numbers who need this help continue to rise. I keep boring you with requests for support and I appreciate that the congregation of St Johns has been extraordinarily generous but please, please do look at this list of needed items and see if you can provide just a little something to assist the Foodbank to support those who need our help at this time.

Sorry to be so heavy laden this week, - I'll return tonight hearted topics soon I promise.

On the Foodbank's wishlist this week are:-

Deodorant- for both males and females; Powdered milk; Shaving foam; Shower gel; Noodles (dried egg/rice noodles or straight to wok); Squash; Tinned fruit; Coffee; Meat pies (no alcohol in ingredients please); Bags for Life.

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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TWAM



Thanks to everyone who came to help on Saturday and Monday and to everyone who donated! It was a very successful day and TWAM were very grateful to St Johns for their continuing support.

Claire Cornell

Order of Service – 9:30am Holy Communion

“And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.”
(Nehemiah 2:8)

Hymn/ Song Crown Him with Many Crowns (MP 109)

Greeting p5

Confession P6 (Almighty God...)

Hymn/ Song At the Name of Jesus (MP41)

Collect (20th after Trinity)

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading 1 Nehemiah 2: 1-10

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, ‘Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.’ Then I was very

much afraid. I said to the king, ‘May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors’ graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?’ Then the king said to me, ‘What do you request?’ So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors’ graves, so that I may rebuild it.’ The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), ‘How long will you be gone, and when will you return?’ So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.’ And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

Reading 2 Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Sermon Rev Ken

Creed p13 (Apostles’ Creed)

Prayers p15

Peace p17

Hymn/ Song Father we love You (MP 42)

Communion Prayer Prayer H, p33

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 In Christ alone (MP 1072)

Blessing & Dismissal p23

Book of Remembrance

Roy Constable