



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

24th October 2021

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to St John's and at home for our services today at 9:30am and 11:00am. We are very encouraged by the initial response to the new service at 11am as some families with children have joined us along with our friends from All Nations Church. Please continue to pray for our witness through both services. We do need more help with our rotas, particularly coffee and if you can help in any way please speak to Janice and Ken.

Thanks to a generous gift in memory of Derek Pavey, a council refund on lost revenue on the St John's Centre in 2020 and a grant from the Communities Fund we are able to refurbish the Atrium into a café, and welcome space, redecorate the Lady Chapel and improve the interior workings of the organ. This work will be staggered over the next few months but we hope to have the Atrium ready for the beginning of December.

You will see details in this newsletter about the Remembering Loved Ones Service on October 31st at 3pm.

God bless you

Ken

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

Rev. Ken Hobbs

MORNING PRAYER

For those joining Morning Prayer via Zoom, if you'd like to receive the order of service to your email address, please let me know.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking place. 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

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

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 or put your name on the list at the front of church.

BAPTISM

We will be welcoming Jasmine Ashworth and her family to St John's on Sunday 31st October.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who responded to our Stewardship campaign last month. If you indicated that you were able to start giving, or increase your giving, for the work of St John's, could you please make the necessary adjustments to your standing order or other method of giving so that Tim can make a final assessment of the financial situation? We expect to be in a position to update everyone of the results of the campaign in early November.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

OFFICE

The office will be closed from Friday 22nd October until Wednesday 3rd November. If you have something urgent, please speak with the wardens or Ken and Geoff.

Kerrie Winter

CLOCKS CHANGE

Just a reminder that the clocks go back on Sunday 31st October.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES SERVICE

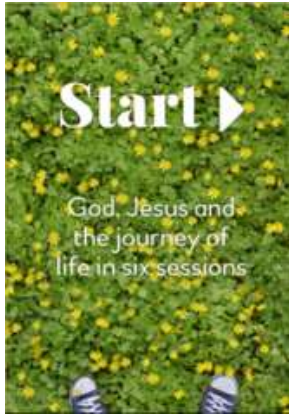
Sunday 31 October at 3.00pm

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.

This service will be streamed live via Stoneleigh.tv and the Book of Remembrance will be available to view in the Lady Chapel.

Jean Tutton

START! COURSE



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

me know!

Rev. Geoff Andrew

FOODBANK

Have you ever had a silly ditty or snatch of music go round and round your head for weeks on end? Mum & Mike are fed up with me belting out "what have you got for dinner Mrs Bond?" at every possible opportunity. Why an old obscure nursery rhyme is stuck in the washing machine of my brain I can't say. I'd just like to get rid of it though!

Food is mentioned in just about every sphere of our lives and not least in the Bible. I've recently enjoyed a series of studies on Eating Together in the Bible Reading Fellowship's New Daylight Notes. There can be a joy in sharing food with others and our own appreciation of what we eat can be blessed in the sharing.

The Foodbank's wishlist remains the same at the moment so they would appreciate:-

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

Next week will be half term for many and, hopefully, a time when friends and families can meet together; enjoy your meals this week. Perhaps if the conversation runs dry you can play a game in which each person has to name an incident in the Bible where food is mentioned or shared - keep going until you find a champion.....oh and if anyone knows a cure of how I can get rid of "dilly, dilly" please let me know!

Polly Elder

NEWS FROM NEPAL



We have now returned to Nepal and we ask you to pray for our little family, that we continue to settle back into a routine and for God to continue guiding our hearts as parents. Pray

for Vera as she hears and understands more Nepali and may she have the boldness to start speaking more fluently.

The Family Education project is going well with the children in school now. However the next step for this is to meet with the parents/families of these children and in light of Corona Virus, they are a little hesitant to have us visiting their homes. So, please pray for a way forward with that as we so want to build relationships well.

The water supply tank project needs to move to the next phase and the construction must begin soon, however monsoon rains have damaged roads which need to transport materials and tools etc. Pray for those roads to be fixed or cleared soon so we can begin.

There are two major festivals coming up this coming week and month, Dashain and Tihar. It's like the Hindu Christmas and New Year. Lots of families meet together, make sacrifices and do their worship. So we could see a new wave of COVID after this holiday season is over. Pray for their spiritual eyes to be opened to the light of the one true God - Jesus and for there to be peace and joy in the hearts of many.

Sally and Yagya Singh

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 phoneline from the Church of England. It is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

Order of Service – 9:30am Holy Communion

Theme Building Walls

"I will put together my church, so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell +will be able to keep it out!" (Matt 16 .18 in "the Message")

Greeting p5

Hymn Guide me O thou Great Jehovah (MP 201)

Confession p8

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1st Reading Nehemiah 2 11-20

So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start

building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.'

Book of Remembrance
Marjorie Elsie Orford, Adrian Michael Eagle
Kath Jones

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Song from Sarah

Creed p13

Prayers p15 Chris Redrup

Peace p17

Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (MP 590)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn God is working his Purpose out (MP189)

Blessing p23