



# St John's, Stoneleigh

## Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today In St John's and at home. Today we welcome Rev. Michael Dunk as our service leader and president. Geoff will continue the Nehemiah Series on the subject of "Handling Opposition." We also welcome the family and friends of Freya Middlemist who is being baptised at the 11 am service.

It was good to see so many of you at the services last Sunday including the Remembering Loved Ones service in the afternoon.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and the service that morning (at 10am) will include our uniformed organisations and will conclude with the outdoor ceremony as we approach 11am.

Margaret and I are away this week. Any problems to Geoff and the Wardens!

God bless you  
Ken

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 14<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Remembrance Day service, this will be at 10am. There will be no 9:30am Holy Communion or 11am Worship for Everyone on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### 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*

### BAPTISM

We will be welcoming Freyja Middlemist and her family to St John's today.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### ROTA

If you are able to help with any of the duties on the rota, please speak with me. We are especially looking for help with the coffee. Thanks.

*Janis Forder*

### RUSH

We are pleased to say that we will have some visitors from RUSH joining us at our services on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### 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*

### CHRISTMAS

We are making plans to have a carol service on 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

### START! COURSE

We had a positive start to The Start Course this week. There is still time to join us, don't feel you can't come along because you've missed the first session. Send me an email [Geoff.andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:Geoff.andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk) if you'd like to come along. Wednesday's at 7:30pm.



*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

### FOODBANK

Some time back I talked about each of us doing our bit in our own small corner.

I have a friend who is a lecturer at The College of Transfiguration in Grahamstown South Africa; he has just sent information about the Foodbank there, Ithemba Le Kamva - Hope For The Future. I thought you might be interested to hear a bit about it. They can only work with monetary donations and with them supply food parcels to families who are unable to adequately feed themselves. They currently distribute food parcels every third week. Each parcel costs approximately R120 (£5.86) to make up and consists of a tin of baked beans, two candles, bags of flour and yeast, samp (dried corn kernels, not so finely ground as mealie-meal) and beans, a few tea bags, salt soup, soap, a bag of rice, mealie-meal(coarse maize) and sugar. They distribute 160 parcels which impact the lives of approximately 800 men, women and children. To those people who do not receive parcels, they give peanut butter sandwiches. They purchase 80 loaves of bread and 11kg of peanut butter from a local supermarket to produce the sandwiches.

They have similar aims to our own Foodbank - ie to attempt to enable people to become independent of their services and they help with obtaining identity cards and redistribution of clothes. Interesting isn't it to note the similarities and differences.

Our own Foodbank has now opened its Christmas Appeal. Rather than use up a lot of space on the notice sheet Kerrie has kindly transferred the Appeal details onto a flier. Please help yourself to a flier from the Welcome Desk and take it shopping with you. If there are people who only see this notice sheet online and would like a copy of the flier or the original email please contact the Office. Most importantly, please note that there is a closing date for the receipt of items for the goodie bags as we need to deliver them by Friday 3rd December. You are all usually so generous at Christmas; I know things are a bit tight this year but every little donation helps so thank you in anticipation.

**Polly Elder**

## **Order of Service – 9:30am Holy Communion**

### **Theme Handling Opposition**

**“Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes”** (Ephesians 6 v10-12)

Greeting p5

**Hymn All Hail the power of Jesus. Name (MP 13)**

Confession p8

### **Collect**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **1st Reading Nehemiah 4: 1-14 read by Tim Rogers**

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews. He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, 'What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish—and burnt ones at that?' Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, 'That stone wall they are building—any fox going up on it would break it down!' Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their taunt back on their own heads, and give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover their guilt, and do not let their sin be blotted out from your sight; for they have hurled insults in the face of the builders.

So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work.

But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry, and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

But Judah said, 'The strength of the burden-bearers is failing, and there is too much rubbish, so that we are unable to work on the wall.' And our enemies said, 'They will not know or see

anything before we come upon them and kill them and stop the work.' When the Jews who lived near them came, they said to us ten times, 'From all the places where they live they will come up against us.' So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. After I looked these things over, I stood up and said to the nobles and the officials and the rest of the people, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your kin, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.'

### **Gospel Reading John 17: 10-19 read by Tim Rogers**

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sermon Rev Geoff

**Hymn Father we love you we worship and adore you (MP 142)**

Creed p14

Prayers p15 Ken Mussell

Peace p17

**Hymn Faithful One so unchanging (MP825)**

Communion Prayer P31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

**Hymn He who would valiant be (MP 224)**

Blessing p23

**Book of Remembrance**  
Marjorie Elizabeth Camp  
Bernard Rhodes  
Marie Florence White