



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

16th January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today in St John's and at home. Today we begin our Spring Series on Good News Down the Steet - meeting Jesus in Luke's Gospel, looking at the different "houses" Jesus visited in this Gospel. Today we are looking at "The Sick House" where Jesus heals Simon's Mother-in-Law and considering the topic of healing - then and now.

Look out round the building for a growing line of "houses" at the 11 am service constructed by Adrian Coppin as the series progresses.

God bless you
Ken

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

HELP!

As the ministry at St John's expands we need more help with Welcomers, Coffee makers, Café Hosts, Bible readers and Prayers. Please don't wait to be asked! Please talk to Geoff, Ken, Janis or me if you would like more information.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

NEXT PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th January. Please let Sue Pennington or myself know of any items for the agenda.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

START COURSE

Are you (or friend or neighbour) interested in exploring the meaning of life in the context of the Christian faith? Or maybe you need a refresher? The Start Course commences on Tuesday, February 1st at 7.30pm (venue TBD) and consists of 6 weekly sessions of 90 mins. Let me know if you're interested! Geoff.Andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk or 07706 353844.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

GUEST ORGANIST

Today we welcome Simon Morrison, from St Mary's Burgh Heath, who is playing today at 9.30am.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

LIVE MUSIC

We are grateful for the support of the Church of All Nations music group at 11:00am each Sunday. We hope to have more live organ music at 9:30am. In order for this to enhance our congregational singing we do need one or two singers who, using mics, can sing along with the rest of us to give a much needed vocal lead. If you are able to help with this please let us know.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ST JOHN'S CAFE

Do join us from 1.30pm to 3.30pm each Thursday in the church centre.

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LENT COURSE – ADVANCE NOTICE

I will be running a 5 week course called "Who do you think you are?" - the story of the Church from the book of Acts to the present day. This will be on Wednesdays Mar 9th to April 6th inclusive. Details and timings to follow and there will be sign up list in due course. We plan to invite other churches to join us.

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CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

I am aware that one of the casualties of the last couple of years has been maintaining our continuing prayer list. With the start of a new year I think that the time is right to start providing it again. This is a list of those we are asked to include in our prayers for longer than one or two weeks. It will be available for us to use in our private prayers. If you would like your name or someone else's to be included please let me have a name and brief details if these are not confidential. If the reason that prayers are needed has an end-date please also include that.

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MAUREEN LAHIFF

Some of you will remember Maureen Lahiff and her son, Michael, who had Down's Syndrome and the book she wrote about him. In July last year Maureen was diagnosed with cancer and she died on 12th January at home looked after by the palliative care team, carers, family and friends. She had a very strong Christian faith and shortly before she died she said that she felt enveloped by love and prayers.

Sue Pennington

CRAFT CLUB

The next Craft Club will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, 17th January, 10 am to 12 noon. Masks will be worn, tables will be socially distanced and the room well ventilated. Bring your crafting and see you there!

February date for your diary - Monday, 21st February .

Veronica Gittins

FOODBANK

Part 3 and the final section of the latest news from the Foodbank.

Nothing about us without us is for us' – that is the motto for our community commissioners, all of whom have experience of using the Foodbank. Meeting every few weeks with our new Poverty Lead, Tom Sefton, this group is now advising on our strategy to tackle the root causes of poverty in Surrey and how we can help to change the culture within other local organisations, to improve the lives of low-income families.

Recently we had an opportunity to feed into Surrey County Council's research into mental health and stigma. Our commissioners spoke passionately about their own experiences of mental health and other public services and how the pressure of living in poverty impacts on their mental health and vice-versa:

"Once you're in that position, there's no doors open for you. Although there are, you don't feel like there are. You're looked down at so much that you end up just becoming happy living on your own and away from everyone, not upsetting anyone, not asking anyone for anything."

It is no coincidence that rates of depression in the most deprived areas in the county are around twice as high as in the least deprived area. By listening to the real experts, we hope that the Council's policy recommendations will more accurately match the specific needs of people in poverty.

Urgently needed items this week are: Tinned meat pies, Brown sauce, Powdered milk, Long-life sponge puddings, Cereal (no porridge or bran as we have lots), Sugar (500g bags), Tinned potatoes, Instant mash, Squash for diluting, Washing powder, pods, tablets (bio and non-bio), Shaving foam

Also needed please: Tea bags, Pasta sauce, Long-life fruit juice, Custard, Rice pudding, Spaghetti in sauce, Dried pasta in sauce, Chocolate spread, Peanut butter, Adult toothpaste, Sanitary towels (daytime only, we have lots of night-time).

Polly Elder

9:30am Order of Service

The Sick House

"I am the Lord who heals you" (Ex 15.26)

Greeting p5

Hymn Through all the changing scenes of life (MP 746)

Confession p7

Hymn God forgave my sin in Jesus' Name (MP181)

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1st Reading Psalm 30 read by Chris Redrup

I will exalt you, Lord,

for you lifted me out of the depths

and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

2 Lord my God, I called to you for help,

and you healed me.

3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;

you spared me from going down to the pit.

4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;

praise his holy name.

5 For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favour lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

6 When I felt secure, I said,

'I shall never be shaken.'

7 Lord, when you favoured me,

you made my royal mountain[c] stand firm;

but when you hid your face,

I was dismayed.

8 To you, Lord, I called;

to the Lord I cried for mercy:

9 'What is gained if I am silenced,

if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;

Lord, be my help.'

11 You turned my wailing into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

Lord my God, I will praise you for ever.

Gospel Reading Luke 4 38-44 read by Chris Redrup

38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of illness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. 43 But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.' 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Sermon

Creed p14

Prayers p15 Ian Hargrave

Peace p17

Hymn Open your eyes see the glory of the King (MP 547)

Communion Prayer p24

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus (MP 746)

Blessing p23

Book of Remembrance

Marjorie Robinson, Arthur Richard Morgan
Thomas Arthur Aldridge