



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

23rd January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship this morning at St John's and at home. Today we are looking at the "Crowded House" in the second of our series on Luke's Gospel. In this story the 4 friends make every effort to bring their friend to Jesus. I would encourage us to do the same and that can include an invitation to our services, our courses and our café!

I have put more details in this week about our Lent Course on Wednesday evenings in March/April and I encourage you to sign up for that. Also a word from me to reinforce the START course starting next month.

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

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

START COURSE

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

LENT COURSE St John's Lent Course 2022

Who do you think you are?

The story of the Church from the Book of Acts to the present day, Wednesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm (in the Church). A fast moving presentation of Biblical and Spiritual issues in Church history.

March 9th - Foundation Stones-Canons, Councils, Creeds and the Church Fathers

March 16th - Seeds of Hope -The Medieval Church and the Road to Reformation

March 23rd - The Great Light- Reformation and Revival

Mar 30th - Faith under Fire -The Challenge of the Enlightenment

April 6th - Quo Vadis? - The legacy of the 20th Century and issues facing the church today.

After a presentation (with visuals) in church there will be "Coffee Plus" - an opportunity for short informal group discussions with questions based on the episode of the day.

The evenings will end with a short optional Q and A session. Lecture notes are provided. Please sign up in church or via the parish office.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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.

Jean Tutton

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NEWS FROM NEPAL



Yagya has visited the community at Jharlang this week to distribute some much needed supplies for the winter. Predominantly jackets, hats, blankets and a wheelchair for one needy boy. The whole village was blessed, and we hope and pray that they will know and feel God's love and grace through this time. He then visited the women's community centre a little lower down the mountains and they

seem to be doing well, but still in need of some carpet and furniture. He was also able to visit the site for the water storage tank which we hope to break ground on very soon. A busy few days, but a much needed visit! Please pray for those who he spent time with, that they will know that God is with them in this difficult cold season!

At home in Kathmandu, we have been managing the cold weather well enough, although we now have a few sniffles and coughs to show for our efforts. We are blessed and look forward to the coming months as the weather warms up and we can get out and about more! God bless you all and may He be with you this week whatever you are doing.

With our love, Yagya, Sally and Vera

CARE PRAYER DIARY – PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, we thank You for the Bible's revelation of Your holy and loving character, Your eternal purposes throughout history, and our promised future hope. Holy Spirit, please fill

us with understanding and faith as we study Your Word and see to follow Christ.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The stewardship campaign held last Autumn has resulted in an increase in pledged giving of 25%. We would like to thank all those who have committed to regular giving for the first time and those who have promised to increase their current level. It is encouraging to have financial as well as prayer support for growth and renewal at St John's and to see God's kingdom grow in Stoneleigh. If you missed out on the opportunity to respond to the stewardship campaign, it's not too late! Please contact either Tim or Revs Ken or Geoff to make arrangements. Regular giving really helps the planning and budgeting process. **Tim Rogers and Rev. Geoff Andrew**

FOODBANK

Urgently needed this week are: Tinned meat pies, Long-life sponge puddings, Powdered milk, 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), Brown sauce, Shaving foam, Adult toothbrushes, Children's toothpaste 0-2 & 6+

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

9:30am Order of Service

The Crowded House

From our worship book

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim the work of His hands" (Ps 19v1)

Greeting p5

Hymn Tell out my Soul (MP 631)

Confession p8

Hymn As the Deer (MP 37)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12 read by Maggie Savill

6 We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. 7 Instead, we were like young children[a] among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 8 so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. 9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. 10 You

are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Gospel Reading Luke 5 17-26 read by Maggie Savill

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal those who were ill. 18 Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.' 21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the paralysed man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'

Sermon Rev. Geoff Andrew

Creed p14

Prayers p15 Chris Redrup

Peace p17

Hymn Agnus Dei (to the tune "Repton" "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind")

1.O Lamb of God come cleanse our hearts, and take our sins away;

O Lamb of God your grace impart, and let our guilty fear depart; Have mercy Lord we pray. Have mercy Lord we pray.

2.O Lamb of God, our lives restore, our guilty souls release; Into our lives your Spirit pour, and let us live for evermore; In perfect heav'nly peace, In perfect heav'nly peace

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)

Blessing p23

Book of Remembrance

Stanley Washington, Norman Robert Johnson
Marjorie Kathleen Rhind-Tutt, Betty Marjorie Hooper
William Francis Farrow