



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

2nd January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN AND REV. GEOFF

Welcome to our service at St John's and at home. We trust you had a very happy Christmas in spite of everything! It was good to see many of you in the church and on screen over the Christmas period and my thanks go to the whole team who made our celebrations possible.

We look ahead to this New Year with hope and anticipation as more and more of us are vaccinated and we trust, the virus recedes. We have been able to enjoy communal worship and the church building is one of the safe indoor public places where we can be together.

We are thinking today of the challenges and promises of a New Year. Geoff is speaking at 9:30am and Pastor JB of All Nations Church at 11:00am. It has been a joy and a privilege to partner with All Nations and their music team at the 11am service.

God bless you
Ken and Geoff

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek services resume from Wednesday 5th January. The next Morning Prayer will be Monday 10th January.

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

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

PROGRAMME CARDS

Programme Cards for Spring 2022 - Good News Down the Street- meeting Jesus in Luke's Gospel are available at the exits. Please do pass them on to others.

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

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone at St John's who has sent me Christmas cards and greetings, all of which were greatly appreciated. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas.

Rene Grace

FOODBANK

I received a long newsletter from the Foodbank just before Christmas. It contains quite a lot of interesting information. I do not want to overwhelm our notice sheet with a huge report so I've broken down the news into three sections for the next few weeks' notice sheet.

Part One: December has probably been our busiest month ever, we have definitely seen queues of people at our foodbank centres. To us, this is a legacy of Covid and the impact it has had on households in our communities. We thought 2020 was really tough but 2021 carried all the impact and the fallout from it. As we end the year, to have the fear of more restrictions is daunting for so many of our clients. Between the isolation and financial impact - among many other things - the knock on has been huge.

So many of you reading this have given us amazing support and we want to say thank you, it is all needed and appreciated more than we can say. We will continue to meet head on the needs of our community. Together we can make 2022 brighter. The list this week for urgently needed items includes: Toilet rolls, UHT milk (full fat and semi skimmed only please), Longlife fruit juice, Longlife sponge puddings, Instant mash, Custard, Tinned meat pies, Breakfast cereal (not porridge, we have lots), Household cleaning products, Adult toothpaste, Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Sanitary pads, Packet soup, Brown sauce, Nappies size 3, Dog/ Cat food. Hoping that you can help out with this list. I'd like to add my own personal thanks to the great Foodbank team at St John's, and to everyone who has made such a brilliant effort to support our contribution to the Foodbank. Happy New Year everyone.

Polly Elder

ST JOHN'S CAFÉ

St John's café will be open this week.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

PURSE FOUND

If you have lost a purse in church, please let the office know.

Chris Redrup

9:30am Order of Service

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60.1)

Welcome and Greeting p5

Hymn Praise My soul the King of Heaven (MP 560)

An Epiphany Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, wise men from the East worshipped and adored you; they brought you gifts- gold, frankincense and myrrh. We too have seen your glory, but we have often turned away.

Lord in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have gifts but we have not fully used them or offered them to you.

Lord in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have acclaimed you as King, but we have not served you with all our strength.

Lord in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have acknowledged you as God, but we have not desired holiness.

Lord in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have welcomed you as Saviour, but we have failed to tell others of your grace.

Lord in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

Make our trust more certain; make our love more real; make our worship more acceptable; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

Collect

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

1st Reading (Ephesians 1: 3-14) read by Chris Redrup

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen,[d] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised

Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading (John 1: 14-18) read by Chris Redrup

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."') 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[a] is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Sermon Rev. Geoff Andrew

Song from Sarah (God sent His Son they called him Jesus MP 52)

Creed page 14

Prayers p15 Ken Mussell

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of your son:

Guide by his light the nations of the world, that the whole world may behold your glory;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Peace p17

Hymn Broken for me Broken for You (MP 66)

Communion Prayer p33

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Holy Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion

Hymn Lord for the years your love has kept and guided (MP 428)

The Blessing

Book of Remembrance

Eric William Orford, Marjorie Kauffman
Pamela Cromarty, Olive Daisy Clements
Dora Blake