



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

9th January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship this morning at 9:30am and 11am in church and to those of you joining in from home. This Sunday we are celebrating Epiphany - Traditionally associated with the visit of the Magi or Wise Men. Our title is "We Saw His Star" and my prayer is that we will, in this uncertain New Year, discover new things from an old story!

From next week we shall be looking at Luke's Gospel and the different "houses" that Jesus visits in that Gospel, starting with "The Sick House" and a look at healing then and now.

God bless you
Ken

MORNING PRAYER

Monday Morning Prayer resumes on Monday 10th January.

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

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

A big thank you to everyone who helped in serving refreshments, decorating the building, managing the tech, working with children, making music, singing in the choir and to all of you for joining responsibly in what we trust was as reasonably COVID secure context as we can make it.

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

FOODBANK

Part 2 of the latest news from the Foodbank.

For us here at Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, we still desire to one day be able close the foodbank due to there being no demand for it, but until that is possible we will do what we can to support people to rebuild their lives. Alongside our many and amazing volunteers, we have expanded our staff team, mainly with support from Trussell Trust. This has allowed us to look optimistically towards 2022 and beyond as we work towards our vision to 'Lead our community towards a poverty-free future while supporting those who need our help.' Therefore 2022 is already looking exciting and we will not let Omicron (or another Covid variant) detract from the vital work of supporting people in poverty. We will be launching some exciting new projects including a 'Food pantry' in Epsom. We will also be building on the success of our existing work, by looking to run the second phase of the East Surrey Poverty Truth Commission. We are in the process of establishing a new charitable trust to ensure we can deliver our future vision and we'll be sharing more news about this with you soon.

This week they have several URGENTLY NEEDED items: Breakfast cereal (not porridge, we have lots), Custard, Longlife sponge puddings, Instant mash, Squash, Tinned meat pies, Longlife fruit juice, Washing powder, pods and tablets - bio and non-bio, Children's toothpaste, Shaving foam.

They ALSO NEED:- Pasta sauce, Tea bags, UHT milk (full fat and semi skimmed only please), Dried pasta and sauce, Packet soup, Tinned spaghetti in sauce, Nappies size 3, Toilet roll, Shampoo, Sanitary pads.

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, tampons, washing up liquid, shower gel, coffee, porridge, baby wash and shampoo, hot chocolate, tinned tomatoes.

Polly Elder

CONCERTS

The concert series at St Mary's Ewell for 2022 is now available on the church website at www.stmarysewell.com.

The series begins next Tuesday 11th January with Bach from 1.05pm to 1.35pm followed by tea and cake.

Tuesday's concert features Chorale Preludes BWV 616 and 617 related to the Epiphany story of Simeon and the Nunc Dimittis, as well as one of Bach's grandest Preludes and Fugues. The Prelude and Fugue in B minor may have been premiered by Bach in St Paul's Church in Leipzig. That is where, on 17 October 1727, the university held a memorial service for the recently departed Queen of Poland. During the ceremony, Bach played the organ himself. He opened with a

prelude and ended with a fugue, and although nobody can prove it, it seems highly likely that it was this monumental piece.

Johnathan Holmes, St Mary's Ewell
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9:30am Order of Service

Theme "We saw His star"

Jesus said "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life"
(John 8 12)

Greeting p5

Hymn How great Thou art (MP 506)

Confession p7

Hymn A New Commandment I give unto you (MP 1)

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Isaiah 60 1-6 read by Maggie Savill

'Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 'Lift up your eyes and look about you:
all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
5 Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
6 Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2 v1-12 read by Maggie Savill

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'
3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:
6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."'[b]

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Sermon Rev. Ken Hobbs

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Prayers p15 Margaret Hobbs

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Hymn Break Thou the Bread of Life (MP 64)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn As with gladness men of old (MP 39)

Blessing p23

Book of Remembrance

Jane Phyllis Usherwood, Molly Hurst
Norman Michael Sutton, Beatrice Marie Ernstzen