



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and at home as we begin our summer programme.

The new programme cards for this term are available at the door. We are looking at the Ten Commandments and their relevance today. Alastair Watson who is a retired solicitor and Lay Reader (Licensed Lay Minister) at St Mary's Burgh Heath will be speaking this morning and kicking off our series with "A Lawyer looks at the Law"

We welcome family and friends of Harry Allen who is being baptized at the 11am service.

We also welcome Robert Leach as our guest organist at the 9:30am service.

God bless you.

Ken

## SALLY & YAGYA SINGH

Next Sunday May 8th we welcome back Sally and Yagya Singh on a flying visit from Nepal and we will be hearing from them at both services.  
*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## APCM & PCC

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Meeting last Tuesday and we give thanks to God for all his provision for us. The upcoming PCC meetings this summer are on Tuesdays May 17th and July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## ASCENSION DAY

After a break of 2 years the Ascension Day outdoor service at the viewpoint on Box Hill is back. It will be at 6:30 am on Thursday 26th May. St Andrew's church has offered to provide bacon butties and a cup of tea afterwards. The plan is to come back over the downs where we would also pause to pray in readiness for the derby weekend and Platinum jubilee celebrations. I will be going and happy to take 3 or 4 passengers. Speak to me if you're interested.

*Rev. Geoff*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9:30am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.  
*Tim Rogers*

## MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

Although this Monday is a Bank Holiday, there will still be a Monday Morning Prayer service at 9:30am.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*



## START! COURSE

Our next instalment of the Start! course begins on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm. Please see me for more information or email [Geoff.andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:Geoff.andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk).

## THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking place. For the Zoom link, please email the office.

## DONATING TO ST JOHN'S



If you would like to contribute financially to the work of St John's, you can donate using this QR code. Using your smartphone's camera will take you straight to a page where you can make a donation using a credit card. Thank you.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## Church and Parish Centre 'Spring' clean:

**Saturday 11 June.** We are planning a spring clean of the church and parish centre on Saturday 11 June from 9.30am. We would be grateful for all the help we can get. If you can spare some time that morning, even if only an hour, it would be much appreciated.

This will range from polishing the woodwork and cleaning window sills to helping Ken with some minor maintenance - and lots in between. If you could let one of us know if you are able to help that morning that would be very helpful.

*Jean Tutton and Ken Mussel*

## CARE PRAYER DIARY – PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### International Dawn Chorus Day!

Awesome Creator, may the dawn recital of songbirds – especially vibrant at this time of year – fill our hearts with wonder and joy! We pray for many more people who hear it to acknowledge You as the Maker of all life and beauty, and give You honour and praise. In Christ's name. **Amen**

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

I shall be celebrating my 70th birthday on Sunday 15 May and would love to share this with all of you. Do join me for a glass of wine and piece of cake in the Parish Centre immediately after the 11.00am service (about 12.00). Everyone is invited.

*Jean Tutton*

## THE REVD MARK BORLEY

I am sure that all of you who remember Mark Borley will be pleased to know that I heard from him recently and all is going very well for him in the Parish of St Werburgh's, Hoo, Kent. The congregation has more than doubled since he got there. As well as traditional and more informal services they have a large number of other events, including Toddlers, Companion cafe, lunch club for the elderly and regular social events.. Please think of Mark especially on May 21st when the Bishop

will be coming to the Parish to welcome him officially to St Werburgh's (it could not be done before because of Covid) and also to license him as Area Dean. Mark really feels now that he is where God meant him to be.

*Sue Pennington*

### **SUMMER FAIR**

A date for your diaries. St John's will be holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. More information will follow in the weeks to come. In the meantime, we would be really grateful for some volunteers to get this up and running so if you'd be able to help, please let either of us know. We look forward to St John's being able to host such an event again.

*Claire Cornell and Kerrie Winter*

### **FOODBANK**

The staff have had to cope with a jump in demand and have fed more than 500 people so far in April.....the economic crisis that some families are now facing is obviously beginning to bite hard.

**The Foodbank has completely run out of: -**

Washing up liquid, Shaving foam, Savoury biscuits

They urgently need:

Powdered milk, Long-life sponge puddings, Custard, Instant mash, Tinned fruit, Ketchup, Long-life UHT milk (semi-skimmed and full fat only), Coffee, Shampoo / Conditioner, Adult toothpaste, Deodorant - all kinds, Soap

**Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked:**

Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, porridge, and hot chocolate.

Cash donations continue to be useful, please put your donation into an envelope and hand it to a welcomer or church warden in church.

The overwhelming generosity of Stoneleigh people in maintaining support of the Foodbank as well as stretching resources to donate to the people of Ukraine is enormously appreciated. Thank you.

9:30am

### **Order of Service**

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.....I will follow your righteous laws! (Ps 119 105-106)**

Greeting p5

**Hymn Christ Triumphant ever reigning (MP 77)**

Confession p8

**Hymn Father in Heaven How we love you (MP 135)**

### **Collect for the Day**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Exodus 20 1-17 read by Chris Redrup**

And God spoke all these words:

2 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 'You shall have no other gods before[a] me.

4 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth

generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

13 'You shall not murder.

14 'You shall not commit adultery.

15 'You shall not steal.

16 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

17 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

**Gospel Reading Matthew 24 v34-40 read by Chris Redrup**

Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

36 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,[a] but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

**Sermon** Alastair Watson

Creed p13

**Prayers** Ken Mussell

Peace p17

**Hymn Majesty Worship His Majesty (MP 454)**

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**

Sylma Jeanne Sorensen

William Ramsay