



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

10th April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today in the church and at home at 9:30am and 11am. This is the beginning of Holy Week - more than 50% of the Gospel writing covers this last week of Jesus life culminating in his glorious resurrection on Easter Morning. Such is the significance of this week and I hope you will be able to join us at the various services, the details of which are given below. Next Sunday Easter Day there will be a combined celebration service at 10am including Holy Communion.

A reminder to everyone that the APCM is on Tuesday April 26th. If you have not yet joined the Electoral Roll now is the time to do so and can I remind office holders that reports and statements for that meeting should be in as soon as possible.

God bless you
Ken

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Tim Rogers

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

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

APCM

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26th at 7:30pm in the Church and on Zoom. If you have not already submitted your report to the office, please do so by Tuesday 12th April at the latest. Thank you.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

CARE PRAYER DIARY – PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Sovereign God, may the Church worldwide keep faithfully proclaiming gospel truth, encourage believers in their walk with Christ, speak up for those who are vulnerable and have no voice, and demonstrate mercy and love to people in need. Through the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office is closed until Thursday 17th April. If you have an urgent office matter during this time, please speak with Rev. Geoff Andrew, Rev. Ken Hobbs or the churchwardens.

Kerrie Winter

START! COURSE

Our next instalment of the Start! course begins on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:30pm. Please see me for more information or email Geoff.andrew@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER MEAL

Please join us for a Maundy Thursday meal and Holy Communion on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm. This is an

opportunity for us to share Holy Communion and a traditional Passover Seder meal, from which the sacrament of Holy Communion has its origin. Please note that this meal will be more symbolic than substantial, so please do not consider it your main meal. Feel free to invite friends and family and please do let either Rev Geoff or Anne Andrew know if you are attending as it will be very helpful to have an idea of numbers to cater for. There will also be a sign up sheet on the welcome table so do look out for it!

Anne Andrew

UKRAIN REFUGEES – MINISTERS FAMILY

Pastor JB from All Nations Church is in contact with a Ukrainian church minister who is looking for a family that could accommodate his wife and two young children. If you are able to help, please speak to me.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

EASTER SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

14th April – Maundy Thursday. 7:30pm Fellowship Meal with Holy Communion.

15th April – Good Friday. 2pm Reflections at the Cross

17th April – Easter Sunday. 10am Worship for Everyone with Holy Communion service.

FOODBANK

They have completely run out of the following:- Long-life sponge puddings, Powdered milk, Chocolate spread, Mayonnaise, Hair conditioner, Shaving foam

They urgently need:

Spaghetti in sauce, Rice pudding, Custard, Toilet roll, Shampoo, Adult toothbrushes, Adult toothpaste.

Stocks are low on the following:-

Long-life UHT Milk, semi-skimmed and full-fat only, Long-life fruit juice, Sugar (500g bags ideally), Tinned fruit, Instant mash, Coffee, Packet soup, Ketchup, Dried pasta in sauce, Cooking sauce, Non-dairy milks, Tinned potatoes, Squash, Snack biscuit bars (penguin, club etc), Snack size chocolates for kids (freddo, buttons etc), Crisps - Adult and childrens, Chocolate treats for adults, Washing up liquid, Baby wipes, Deodorant- female and male, Pump soap

We are aware that there are many appeals being made at the moment. Thank you for your continued support.

Polly Elder

9:30am Service

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Shout for joy you people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you- triumphant and victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9.9)

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Prayer of Preparation p5

Hymn Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning (MP77)

Confession

On Palm Sunday the crowds worshiped Jesus; on Good Friday they shouted for him to die. Let us, who also worship him, confess that we sometimes reject him, and ask his forgiveness.

Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us in peace, but we shut the door of our mind against you. In your mercy

Forgive us and help us.

You come to us in humility, but we prefer our own proud ways. In your mercy

Forgive us and help us.

You come to us in judgement, but we cling to our familiar sins. In your mercy

Forgive us and help us.

You come to us in majesty, but we will not let you rule over us. In your mercy

Forgive us and help us.

Lord, forgive our empty praise; fill our hearts with love; come to us and make our lives your home forever. Amen

Hymn All Glory Laud and Honour (MP 9)

Collect for the Day (insert)

1st Reading Zechariah 9 v9-13 read by Maggie Savill

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle-bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River^[a] to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to
you.

¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow
and fill it with Ephraim.

I will rouse your sons, Zion,
against your sons, Greece,
and make you like a warrior's sword.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21 v1-11 read by Maggie Savill

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

5 'Say to Daughter Zion,
"See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"^[a]

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna^[b] to the Son of David!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'^[c]

'Hosanna^[d] in the highest heaven!'

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'

11 The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Sermon Geoff

Creed p14

Prayers Ken Hobbs

We pray that the Lord of Palm Sunday will be with us today:

Come into our community Lord. Bring hope and a reason for joy. **Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Come into our church Lord. Cleanse it of all that is not in line with your will. **Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Come into our homes Lord. Make them places where you are loved and honoured. **Hosanna to the king who comes in the name of the Lord**

Come into our hearts Lord. Teach us to love you better and follow you more closely. **Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord**

Lord Jesus, as you entered into Jerusalem, so come to us that we may be a holy people worthy of your presence and bringing glory to your name. Amen

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Hymn Break Thou the Bread of Life (MP64)

Communion Prayer p 27

Lords Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p 20

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn 457 Make Way Make Way (MP 457)

The Blessing

Book of Remembrance

Ronald Vernon Glands, Mary Rhona Manley

Jean Morgan,

Thomas George Rhind-Tutt, Muriel Unwin Rhind-Tutt