



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

24th April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today at 9.30am and 11am at St John's and at home. It was good to share the Easter story with so many of you on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. My thanks to everyone who joined in and helped in many ways. Today we are looking at Mary's encounter with the risen Christ on the first Easter morning.

The new programme cards for this term, starting next Sunday, are available at the door. We will be 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 next week and kicking off our series with "A Lawyer looks at the Law".

God bless you

Ken

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

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

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek services resume on Monday 25th April 2022.

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APCM

Reports and statements are available online (<https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/documents/>) and at the door. The APCM is this Tuesday 7:30pm in church and on Zoom. You are encouraged to attend in person if you can.

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CARE PRAYER DIARY – PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father, we believe that true fullness of life – for our bodies, minds, souls and spirits – is found in Christ alone. We pray for those we know who have not yet accepted the wonderful gift of salvation to seek Him and receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of grace. With thanks and praise. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE – GUILDFORD

You are warmly invited to a 'Songs of Praise' recording at Guildford Cathedral, featuring Guildford Cathedral Choir and the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. Tuesday 3rd May, 18:30-21:30. To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. Please include 'Songs of Praise Guildford' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call Songs of Praise on 07734 030 888 to book your tickets.

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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.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

There are many events, concerts and exhibitions taking place at Guildford Cathedral that you might be interested in. There are various leaflets at the front of church and more information can be found on their website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events>

FOODBANK

They have completely run out of: Hair conditioner, Shaving foam, Chocolate treats for adults

They urgently need: Powdered milk, Long-life sponge puddings, Custard, Rice pudding, Instant mash, Tinned fruit, Ketchup, Long-life UHT milk (semi-skimmed and full fat only), Washing up liquid, Shampoo, Adult toothpaste, Deodorant - all kinds

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, porridge, and hot chocolate.
Thank you.

Polly Elder

CRAFT CLUB

Calling all Crafters, the next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday, 25th April. Bring your crafting and join us in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon. See you there!
Diary date:- May's meeting will be on Monday 16th May.

Veronica Gittins

9:30am Order of Service

“ It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.....Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread “ (Luke 24 34-35)

Greeting p5

Hymn Guide me O thou great Jehovah (MP 201)

Confession p8

Hymn King of Kings Majesty (MP 1000)

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Janis Forder

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,[b] and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-18 read by Janis Forder

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen

lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?' 'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' 14 At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

17 Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon Ken

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Prayers p15 Ken

Peace p17

Hymn As the Deer (MP37)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Be Thou My Vision (MP 51)

Blessing p23

Book of Remembrance

Tiger Walden, Helena Rhodes
Ivy Dorothy McCulloch, Geoffrey Barry Rhodes