



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

3rd April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and at home for our services at 9:30am and 11am. At the 11am service we give a special welcome to the parents, family and friends of Ayda Greenwood who is being baptised today.

We are now entering the season of the church's year which we call "Passiontide" and it refers to the events leading up to Easter as we reflect on the significance of why Jesus died. Easter is more than chocolate eggs and fluffy bunnies and I trust you will discover or rediscover the significance of what happened from Good Friday to Easter Sunday- Three days that changed the world! 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 very latest. Thank you.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ELECTORAL ROLL

A revised Electoral Roll is being prepared. Please speak with us if you would like more information or would like a form to join.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell

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

UKRAINE DONATIONS

St John's are collecting donations for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. We are working with The White Eagle Polish Club in Balham, London. There is an urgent need for toiletries (esp. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorants and

shaving gel), hot water bottles, energy bars, batteries, torches, nappies - all sizes, wet wipes/baby wipes, sanitary products and First Aid kits. The Polish Club has access to many people who can drive lorries and vans back to their homeland to help with the crisis and they expect to keep a steady stream of transport going out and back for as long as it takes.

There is a box for the Ukrainian appeal inside the glass doors. If it's full, please leave carrier bags next to it but please do not leave any items that are not on the list mentioned above. Thanks for your support!

Claire Cornell

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

CARE PRAYER DIARY – PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Creator of all wisdom, knowledge and life, thank You for giving humans, made in Your image, the ability to develop technologies that have benefited people down the centuries. In our day, may we promote those that can enhance our lives and bless the world. For Chris's sake. Amen.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office is closed from Friday 1st April until Thursday 17th April. If you have an urgent office matter during this time, please speak with Geoff, Ken 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

HOT CROSS BUNS

On Thursday 14th April we shall, together with Stoneleigh Baptist Church. We need about six people from St John's to come at 6.45 am to prepare and give out the buns. If you can help please could you let me know.

Sue Pennington

020 8393 4356 or suepennington@uwclub.net

EASTER SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

10th April – Palm Sunday. Usual 9:30am and 11am services.
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.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

We would like to confirm the appointment of Ian Middlemist as the Safeguarding Officer for St. John's Church, Stoneleigh.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell, Church Wardens

PROM PRAISE FAITHFUL

Famous worldwide for a unique voice in music, the All Souls Orchestra bring their flagship event – Prom Praise – for the annual visit to the Royal Albert Hall with a very special partnership of classical and contemporary musicians. Prom Praise is a blend of sacred and concert music, a unique and joyful fusion of performance with worship, combining the spirit of Songs of Praise with the enthusiasm of the world-famous Last Night of the Proms.

The event takes place on Saturday 14th May at 7pm. Tickets and more information can be found here

https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2022/prom-praise/?mc_cid=af9c0589ab&mc_eid=649ba4ca43

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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

Theme Why did Jesus die?

“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10.45)

Greeting p5

Hymn There is a green hill far away (MP 634)

Confession p6

Hymn How deep the Father's love for us (MP 988)

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading Romans 5: 1-11 read by Janis Forder

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope

does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 14-22 read by Janis Forder

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

Sermon Ken

Creed p11

Prayers p15 Ken Mussell

Peace p17

Hymn There is a Redeemer (MP 673)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn In Christ alone (MP 1072)

Blessing p23

Book of Remembrance

Audrey Elizabeth Aldridge

Peggy Eileen Prince

Vera Frances Lucy Pinn