



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

29th May 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today at St John's and at home. This morning Geoff will be preaching on the 4th Commandment under the title "A Day to Remember" and we welcome back Rev. Michael Dunk as our service leader and celebrant. Margaret and I are on a short break in Paris with our family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Bring and share" lunch last Sunday. It was great to have fellowship together in this way.

The week ahead sees the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for the Queen's 70 years and many of us will be celebrating in our neighbourhoods. Stoneleigh Park Road has a street party on the Friday from 2-6pm and St John's will provide support and a focal point for that event and the St John's Café will be open on that Friday afternoon and not Thursday.

Next Sunday (Pentecost) at 10am we will be holding a Jubilee Celebration Service for both congregations. Do join us.

God bless you

Ken

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

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

THY KINGDOM COME

Written by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the Novena booklet offers nine days of reflections on the book of 1

Peter. Copies are available at the front of church and a suggested donation of £2 would be welcomed. Money to myself, Geoff or the Wardens. Thank you.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

STONELEIGH PARK ROAD STREET PARTY

On Friday June 3rd, Stoneleigh Park Road residents will be having a street party and St John's will be at the centre of the action. The road will be closed (from Newbury Gardens to Stoneleigh Crescent) for the event which runs from 2pm to 6pm. This will be a fun family occasion with food, music and games for children. One or two of the quieter activities will take place in the church so it would be lovely if a few volunteers could be around to meet and greet our neighbours. This is a great opportunity to showcase our church to the community and hopefully an enjoyable day too! Please let me know if you can assist. Thank.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

PREPARATIONS FOR STREET PARTY

I will be in church on Thursday at 2pm to decorate and arrange tables/chairs in St John's in preparation for the street party the next day. Please let me know if you can help. Many thanks.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

CARE PRAYER DIARY

Lord God, as we consider all the wonders Your hands have made, we rejoice at the sure hope that one day everything will be made new and the whole creation 'will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay'. Through the redeeming love of Your Son. Amen.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are given by Penny Cater and dedicated to the memory of her husband Gerald.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Join us for an evening of musical entertainment with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley on Saturday 22nd October 2022. They will also be joining us for our services the following day.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

KERRIE

We regret to say that Kerrie will be leaving us after three years as our administrator. We would like to thank Kerrie for her dedication and commitment to St John's and wish her well for the future.

With this in mind, we will now be looking to hire a new administrator. If you'd like further information about the role, please contact Kerrie on office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk.

Geoff, Ken, Ken M and Janis

ST JOHN'S CAFÉ

Please note that the café will be closed on Thursday 2nd June but will be open for the Stoneleigh Park Road Street Party on the Friday from 2pm.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

A VISIT WITH REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Similar to when Geoff arrived last summer, he would like to meet with anyone who would like a home visit. If you'd like to Geoff to visit you through July and August, please contact the office to make arrangements. office@stjohnstoneleigh.org.uk or 0208786 7048.

Kerrie Winter

OUR THANKS

Our thanks to everyone, for their prayers and support during our beloved son Paul's time in ICU and following his passing in the early hours of Friday morning 20th May. Thanks also to Ian Hargreave and Margaret Hobbs for the intercessions that included his partner Kim, brother Gary, and parents.

Gladys and Victor Saunders

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

A big thank you to all who came to the Bring and Share lunch last week. What a wonderful array of food and a really lovely opportunity for us all to enjoy some fellowship. It was particularly enjoyable to spend time with some of the All Nations congregation and thank you to them for some really delicious Korean dishes.

A big thank you to all who helped to organise the hall, organise the lunch and clear up afterwards! A fantastic job.

Please keep an eye out for more opportunities for us all to come together in a social setting. More to follow!

Anne Andrew

ROTA

The services on 31st July and all during August will be combined, with just one service at 10am. With this in mind and the fact that it is holiday season, I have put a blank rota at the back of church. I'd be grateful if over the next few Sundays, you can take a look and put your name in where you can help. I'll then update the rota and circulate. If you won't be in church for the next few weeks but would like to make it known what dates you'd like to be on the rota, please email me and let me know. Many thanks.

Kerrie Winter

FLOWERS

Would you like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, to give thanks for a new child, a birthday or anniversary? We would love to put a display on the altar in honour of these occasions and give thanks in the newsletter. If you would like to do this, please contact the office or myself.

Anne Andrew (07722 117852)

SUMMER FAIR

A date for your diaries. St John's will be holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 16th July 2022.

Tombola – We would be grateful for donations for the tombola. This could be bottles, chocolates, unwanted but unopened gifts or similar. Please bring them to church when you come and we will keep them in the choir vestry until the Summer Fair.

Cakes – Traditionally we have had a cake stall where we sell home made cakes and we would like to do this again. If you're able to bake a cake for our stall, please let us know. We will also need some cakes that we can sell as part of the café that will be running.

Further 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

9:30am

Order of Service

Theme "A Day to Remember"

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy"
(Ex 20 v8)

Greeting p5

Hymn Hail the Day that sees him rise (MP202)

Confession p8

Collect for the Day

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Hymn This is the Day (MP 691)

Exodus 20: 8-11 read by Chris Redrup

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.

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 read by Chris Redrup

12 'Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 14 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 ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day

Matthew 12: 1-14 read by Chris Redrup

12 At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some ears of corn and eat them. 2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, 'Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.'

3 He answered, 'Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread – which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. 5 Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? 6 I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 If you had known what these words mean, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice,"[a] you would not have condemned the innocent. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.'

9 Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, 10 and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Looking for a

reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'

11 He said to them, 'If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?'

12 How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.'

13 Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Sermon Rev. Geoff Andrew

Hymn Majesty Worship His Majesty (MP 454)

Creed p13

Prayers Ken Mussell

Peace p17

Hymn Broken for me Broken for you (MP 66)

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

Donald Hollister, Margaret Dixon
Grace Constable