



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St John's and to all those who are joining in from home.

After last week's introduction we launch into our first Commandment "You shall have no other gods before me" and Geoff will be speaking about this at both services this morning. This morning at the 11am service we are introducing a celebration of Holy Communion using the simplified and accessible liturgy we used on Easter Day. We are planning to do this for the 11am congregation on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Welcome to Sally and Yagya and Vera on a personal visit home from Nepal and we will be hearing from them at both services today.

God bless you

Ken

## SALLY & YAGYA SINGH

Sally comes from Cheam and they are mission partners with an international Christian Mission Agency called Interserve. They manage projects under the auspices of Bridges Nepal UK Trust including income generation projects for poor rural families; education and literacy and health improvement. The purpose of Bridges Nepal UK Trust is to prevent exploitation and human trafficking in socially and economically disadvantaged communities in Nepal. **Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## PCC

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please let myself or Sue Pennington know any agenda items.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

## 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

Loving God, thank You for Your design of marriage and family life, uniting individuals in love across the generations, to raise children and care for one another. Above all, we are grateful that You accepted and adopted us into Your Family through Christ our Lord. Amen

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This Sunday, please join us at 10:30am in between the 9:30am and 11am service to help Adrian Coppin celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Drinks and cake will be in church.

**Janis Forder**

## AND ANOTHER 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**

## 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 will need help on the day with the Café and also cakes baked and items for the tombola. We look forward to St John's being able to host such an event again.

**Claire Cornell and Kerrie Winter**

## **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!!**

22nd May, for congregations of both services there will be a 'Bring and Share Lunch' (directly after the 11.00 service). Please sign up to bring a dish. Please bring your own beverage (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) and join us for some long overdue fellowship and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Anne Andrew*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Summer Fair, Blues evening, An Evening with Paul Jones of Manfred Mann, Quiz with fish and chips, BBQ @ the Vicarage Garden, Work parties, Monthly lunch club, Music eve in church, Dance eve by Keith Tutton, Board games eve.

We look forward to you all supporting these events when dates are confirmed!

**Social Committee**

## **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM**

St Paul's, Howell Hill are hosting a Diocesan conference on church growth and evangelism which is taking place on Saturday 11 June from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

International evangelist, J John, will spend two hours inspiring and helping our congregations to share their faith. Other speakers will talk about church growth, evangelism, missional discipleship, reaching young people and how to rebuild a children's and families ministry after the pandemic. People are welcome to come for those sessions of particular interest to them or to stay for the full day.

Places cost £10, including lunch, and need to be booked in advance at <https://guildford-conference.eventbrite.co.uk> Our last conference sold out, so early booking is advised.

**9:30am**

### **Order of Service**

#### **Theme "God First"**

From our worship booklets

**"You shall have no other gods before me"** (Ex 20 v 2)

#### **Greeting p5**

**Hymn** Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord (MP 631)

#### **Confession p8**

#### **Collect for the Day**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

#### **1st Reading Deuteronomy 6: 4-12 read by Maggie Savill**

4 Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.[a] 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates.

10 When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you – a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, 11 houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you

did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant – then when you eat and are satisfied, 12 be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

#### **Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 34-40 read by Maggie Savill**

<sup>34</sup>Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."<sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

#### **Sermon Geoff**

#### **Interview and Song Sally and Yagya**

**Prayers** Ian Hargrave

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 God is working his purpose out (MP 189)**

Blessing p23