



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

21st August 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our 10 am service at St Johns and at home. Today

Rev. Ken Hobbs

Autumn Sermon Series

We will be looking at Jesus' disciples under the general title of "Meet the Team" beginning when the two service pattern restarts on Sept 4th. The observant among us may make the connection with the FIFA World Cup in Qatar at the end of November. We will be illustrating this at the 11am services with a set of goal posts between which we will add a "footballer" each week complete with the disciple's name, football strip and face. The programme card for the autumn is now available.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

HOSTING GUESTS FROM UKRAINE

Anne and I are delighted to be hosting our new Ukrainian guest, Sasha, who has been living with us at the vicarage for the past 6 weeks. Sasha has a friend - a young woman with two boys aged 7 and 5 - who is also looking to leave Ukraine and needs a host family in the UK. It would be lovely if she could find a place in Stoneleigh so they could be close to each other. If anyone is willing and able to host this family, or if you know of someone who could, can you please let me know? It is a real blessing to help those in need.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

CONCERT

On Saturday October 22nd a concert with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley will be at St John's. Paul Jones was the lead singer for Manfred Mann and the Blues Band and they will be sharing their faith in words and music and speaking at both Services on the Sunday. This is a significant outreach event for us and our local churches. Details to follow on tickets etc. in due course. Book the Date!

There is a sign-up sheet at the front of church so we can get an idea of numbers. Please add your name and how many tickets you intend to buy. Many thanks.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 10:00am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

Tim Rogers

START COURSE

On Tuesday, September 27 at 7.30pm, we will be embarking on another edition of the Start Course. This is a six-week course exploring the basics of Christianity. The format is an informal discussion group with video clips, music, prayer and lots of opportunities to share stories and ask questions. Please speak to me if you - or someone you know - is interested in joining.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

CHURCH CLEANING

We are currently short of people who can occasionally help clean the Church. If you are able to assist, can you please speak to one of us? Thank you.

Church Wardens

SUMMER BBQ

We will be hosting another Summer BBQ in the vicarage garden today, Sunday August 21 at 12.30pm. Please bring a dish of your choice to share and/or something to grill.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

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



UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Priority List:

Food in jars, pot noodles, energy and protein bars, rice, pasta, coffee, tea, baby food, baby formula, toiletries, cleaning materials.

RENE GRACE

As many of you know Rene has been in hospital for several weeks. She has now been discharged and has moved to a care home near her daughter in Wiltshire. She has asked me to say that she is sorry that she wasn't able to say goodbye to her many friends in St John's and that she is very grateful for all your prayers. I have the address of the home if anyone wants it.

Jean Tutton

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

CRAFT CLUB

Our Craft Club for September will be held on Monday 19th September from 10am to 12 noon.

Veronica Gittins

OFFICIAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

We are phasing out our old BT email address and it will stop working later in the year. When sending emails to the St. John's office, please update your address book and use office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk if you can.

Tim Rogers



Flowers for the Church

Please speak to Anne Andrew if you would like to donate flowers to be displayed in the church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. We would be delighted to hear from you and write a dedication to go in the newsletter and be displayed in the church. **Anne Andrew**

FOODBANK

Listening to the news tonight it implied that everyone down here is rich and comfortable. Having lived in the North for 25 years I would agree that there is a disgraceful gap in living conditions between North to South. Please do not think though that everyone in this area is comfortable - there are some very real fears and desperate situations in our community. We cannot change everything all at once but St Johns is committed to helping out in 'our small corner'. If your own situation is a little tight please do not feel obliged or guilty if you cannot help with these lists - we support the foodbank in prayer too and your help with this would be much appreciated.

The Foodbank has completely run out of: Powdered milk, Nappies - size 5, size 5+, size 6 and size 6+, Household cleaning products - antibac spray, cleaning wipes, oven cleaner etc. (No bleach please!), Tinned soup, Tea bags.

They also urgently need: Cooking sauce, Tinned meat, Long life fruit juice, Tinned veg, Noodles, Biscuits, Sponge puddings, Jam, Chocolate/Treats, Adult toothbrushes (Singles please, No packs of two or more).

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, beans, washing up liquid, cat food, dog food, peanut butter, non-dairy milk. **Polly Elder**

MORNING PRAYER ON MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

There will be **no** Morning Prayer on Monday 29th August, due to this being a Bank Holiday.

Readings for 10am

Ephesians 6:10-13

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 14:32-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' he said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.'

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 'Abba, Father,' he said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.'

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Simon,' he said to Peter, 'are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!' (Mark 14:32-42)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Bloopers and Blessings – Preachers and Pastors

The new vicar's car broke down so he took it to the local garage on Monday. The mechanic identified the fault and said it would take a few days to fix. "Please go easy on the costs," said the vicar, "I'm just a poor preacher". "I Know" said the mechanic, "I heard you yesterday".