



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

18th September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St Johns at 9.30 and 11 and to those joining from home. Thank you to Geoff and the team for steering proceedings through the last two Sundays while Margaret and I have been in Cornwall. Our series on "Meet the Team" continues and this week we are looking at Matthew, the tax collector and New Testament writer.

Thank you for distributing the Magazine "Celebrate with St Johns" and please sign up and bring friends to the music events in St Johns this autumn. God bless you.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

"The above was written before the momentous events of the past week. For all of us it has been a surreal experience combining sadness with great thanksgiving for the life and faith and service of Her Majesty the Queen. Margaret and I were able to reflect this week amid the grandeur of the North Cornish coast with its crashing Atlantic surf and granite headlands which symbolised for us the Rock that was Her Majesty's life. God bless you Ma'am and God save the King"

Rev. Ken Hobbs

SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE TO REMEMBER HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A special Commemoration Service to remember Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held at St John's on Saturday 17th at 5pm. Please do join us in church if you are able. We will be broadcasting the service via Zoom (Stoneleigh.tv) as well. It will be a Service of the Word (ie non-Communion). *Rev Ken Hobbs* *Rev Geoff Andrew*

RENE GRACE

Rene's funeral service has been arranged for 10am on Thursday September 22nd at 10am followed on at 11.20am at Garth Road. The 10am service will be followed by refreshments in the hall. This is relatively short notice due to her son having to return to New Zealand. Please hold her family in your prayers at this time. *Rev. Geoff Andrew*

PETER COTTAT

The funeral for Peter Cottat, husband of Patricia, will take place at St John's Church on Tuesday September 27th at 2pm. Please hold Pat in your prayers at this time.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

Season of Music at St John's

This Autumn, St John's is hosting a series of music and entertainment evenings under the heading 'Season of Music at St John's.' The season includes an organ recital to celebrate the restoration of the St John's organ (October 1), an entertaining evening with former pop star Paul Jones and his

wife Fiona Hendley as they share songs and stories of faith (October 22), a concert with locally based Christian blues musician and songwriter Bryn Haworth (November 26) and a return performance from Epsom Rock Choir (December, date TBC). You can sign up for tickets at the front of church or buy directly from the St John's website. Please come and support and bring your friends *Rev. Geoff Andrew*

SEASON OF MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S TICKETS

If you have signed up for one or more of the Season of Music events, could you please bring money (cash or card) with you on Sunday in order to purchase a ticket. If you prefer this can be done online through the website but please let us know you are planning to do this. *Rev. Geoff Andrew*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9.30am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know. *Tim Rogers*

ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is now ready for distribution. At the front of the church there are sign-up sheets, the magazines are on the pews at the back of the church, for those who are willing and able to deliver them. Please note that some of the forthcoming events are imminent so they need to be distributed as soon as possible please.

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*

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 – ICONS AND BOOKS

Rene's family has very kindly donated icons and books collected by Rene over the years. If you wish to take any of these please do so. Rene's family has requested that any donations for these items go to St John's.

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

Please note that September's Craft Club, due to take place on September 19th, has been cancelled. We will meet again in October.

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

They have completely run out of: Adult toothbrushes and toothpaste, Tea bags, Shampoo and Hair conditioner, Female/Male deodorant, Tinned meat

They urgently need: Tinned fruit, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, Sponge pudding, Custard, Chocolate/Treats, Jam, Nappies – size 6+, Tea bags, Coffee, Baby wipes, Rice, Long life fruit juice.

Please, no more Non dairy milk, Weetabix, Pastas, Pulses, Dog and cat Food, Peanut butter, Washing up liquid, Baby wash.

They would also appreciate any bags for life/very strong bags.

Polly Elder

PAMPER AFTERNOON FOR OUR LOCAL UKRAINIAN REFUGEES – SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER FROM 1 – 4pm

St John's, in conjunction with EEBC, are hosting this outreach programme. We are looking for donations please of small items of toiletries, eg: lip balm, bubble bath, small packs of tissues all for women. For children, bubbles, small books to colour, crayons, small toys. We are also looking for donations of cakes, bought or homemade. If anyone has time on the day, we will be needing volunteers to set up, man the kitchen and help with the clearing up. There will be a box in church for donations and cakes can be brought to church on the Friday before or Saturday morning. A list will be in church for cake bakers and volunteers to help on the day to sign up. More details to follow.

Social Committee

Order of Service for 9:30am

Opening: Matthew the rogue trader

Greeting P5

Hymn/Song: Great is they Faithfulness (MP 200) 3vs

Collect (14th after Trinity)

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit
and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Peter 1: 3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Matthew 9: 9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

Sermon: Simon Peter

Rev. Ken Hobbs

Prayers p15

Creed (I believe in God ...)

Peace p17

Hymn/Song: Spirit of the Living God (MP 613) *play through twice*

Communion Prayer: Prayer E p31

Lord's Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p20 (We do not presume ...)

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22 (Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us ...)

Hymn/Song: Guide me, O Though great Jehovah (MP 201) 3vs

Dismissal and Blessing p23

Notices

From Our Book of Remembrance

Lynda Lavinia White

Nigel Pavy