



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

2nd October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

A warm welcome to our Harvest Festival at St Johns including those watching from home. A particular welcome to Bishop Jo as our speaker today and to members of our unformed groups who are joining us. Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items which will be donated to Epsom and Ewell Food Bank. Our thanks also go to our guest organists who entertained us last night using the newly refurbished instrument and to the Pavey Family for their generosity. All items in today's combined service are on screen so no worship books are needed. God bless you. **Rev. Ken Hobbs**

Forthcoming Events

October 22nd 7.30pm An Evening of Faith and Music with Paul Jones and Fiona Handley
October 23rd 9.30 and 11.00 Paul and Fiona will be joining us at both services
October 30th 3 pm Remembering Loved Ones (details to follow)

MAVIS SKEET

Mavis Skeet's Funeral's is on Friday October 7th at 4 15pm at Randall's Park, Leatherhead. Please hold her family in your prayers at this time. Please see the Zoom link below:
<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>
Webcast Pin: 545-0591 **Rev. Ken Hobbs**

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.' 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 (9th December). 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 signup 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 – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN

On Tuesday, September 27 at 7.30pm was the commencement of 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

Octobers Craft. Club is on Monday 17th October. 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. All are welcome. **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: Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Female/Make Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner

They urgently need: Tinned Meat (not corned beef), Tinned Fish, Custard, Long Life Fruit Juice, Chocolate Treats, Tinned Soup, Tea Bag, Tinned Tomatoes, 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

MESSAGE FROM PAT COTTAT

There is a lovely thank you card to all St John's congregation who attended Peter's service on the 27th September from Pat, saying how greatly she was touched by your care and support which she will never forget.

Pat Cottat

GEETHA SRINIVASAN

We received the sad news that Geetha Srinivasan died this week after a long battle with cancer. Geetha and her husband Gopal had been regular attenders of our Wednesday morning Communion service. Please would you pray for Gopal and the family at this time. We do not have any details yet regarding funeral arrangements.

Order of Service for 10.00am Harvest Festival

Informal welcome

Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.

(Malachi 3.10, The Message)

Hymn: Jesus is Lord (MP 367)

Chris Webb

Reception of Colours from uniformed groups

Confession:

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,

but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,

and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,

as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

May the God of love bring us back to Himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of His eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Interview with Rev. Ken and Bishop Jo

Worship Song: Shout to the Lord

Grace & Team

Video (Harvest in Nepal (from our mission partners, Sally & Yagya Singh

Creed: "I Believe" using picture roll

Prayers inc. the Lord's Prayer

For the rich soil of the countryside; for good seed and the corn springing out of the earth we thank you Lord **and praise your holy name.**

For the life giving rain and the ripening sun and for the harvest they bring we thank you Lord **and praise your holy name.**

For the yield of the forests, the earth and the sea we thank you Lord **and praise your holy name.**

For all who work on the land, in the mines or on the sea and for their courage in the face of disappointments we thank you Lord **and praise your holy name.**

For all those who work in our shops, offices, industry and transport to meet our needs we thank you Lord **and praise your holy name.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship Song: The Blessing

Grace & Team

“Dear God” prayed a little lad. “I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that OK with you? Amen”

Acts 1. 12-17 and 20-26

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, ‘Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.’

²⁰ ‘For,’ said Peter, ‘it is written in the Book of Psalms: “May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,” and, “May another take his place of leadership.”

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.’

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.’ ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Talk by Bishop Jo: Judas & Mattias: Drop-outs, subs and deps.

Hymn: We Plough the Fields and Scatter (MP 732)
Chris Webb

Colours collected

Closing Prayer: **Rev. Geoff**
Be with us Lord as we go out into the world. Help us to care for the world you have made and for those who share it with us. We pray that the seed of your word will grow in our lives to produce a rich harvest. May the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears that have heard your word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing: Bishop Jo

From Our Book of Remembrance
Sydney William Ramshaw
Jean Ann Martin

Bloopers and Blessings – Hands together and eyes closed ...

Notices