



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Welcome to our combined Remembrance Service today at **10am** for both congregations, members of our unformed groups and those watching from home. The Service will end outdoors (weather permitting) with the laying of wreaths, the act of Remembrance and the Last Post. Coffee etc. will be served in the St John's Centre afterwards.

This is an opportunity to give thanks for those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and reflect on the message of Peace for our conflict-ridden world. "Those who don't learn from the past are condemned to repeat it" Sadly this is the case today but we rejoice in the good news of the Christian message- Peace with God; Peace with others and Peace with ourselves.

May you know His peace today.

Rev Ken Hobbs

WELCOME TO IAN HOLIDAY, OUR GUEST ORGANIST

A warm welcome to Mr Ian Holiday who has joined us today from St Paul's Howell Hill to play the organ.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 13th at 10am Remembrance Service

November 26th at 7.30pm Bryn Haworth

December 9th at 7.00pm Rock Choir to perform in Church

NO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

There will be no Holy Communion Service next Wednesday 16th November as Rev. Ken and Rev. Geoff will be attending a conference at St Paul's Howell Hill.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

November 13th at 10am – Remembrance Service

Please note there will be no Communion or Prayers for Healing today, Sunday November 13th as we will be holding one service at 10am for Remembrance Sunday.

WORSHIP BOOKLETS

The 'Worship at St John's' booklets that we are currently using at the 9.30am service and which have served us so well during Covid and Lockdown will be replaced in Advent by seasonal service books based on those which were used at St John's a few years ago. This will enable us to introduce appropriate seasonal variations to the Liturgy and should make it easier to follow the service. The Advent season service booklet will be made available before the end of November and be posted on the website.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

SOUND AND VISION AT ST JOHN'S

We are very grateful for all the commitment and work done by Tim Rogers, Will Rogers, Nick Hamilton, Margaret Hobbs and Dennis Marshall.

We would love to have a couple of other people to reinforce this team working the laptop and/or the sound desk. Speak to Tim if you might be available to help and training will be given.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

Church Growth Conference with J John

Wed, 16 November 2022, 09:30 – 15:30 at St Paul's Howell Hill

Cost £10 (including lunch).

This is a one-day conference on how to share your faith with family and friends. It features many leading Christian speakers including international evangelist, J John. If you are interested in going, please speak to Rev Ken or Rev Geoff.

SEASON OF MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S

We have the legendary slide guitarist and singer songwriter Bryn Haworth (November 26th) 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

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

We will be holding our Christmas Carol Concert on **Sunday December 18th at 6.30pm**. Please save the date and we would love as many of you as possible to join the choir. Signup sheet is at the front of the church. Dates for rehearsals: Tuesday 15th November from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Thereafter rehearsals will be on a Wednesday from 7.30 – 9.00pm with a rehearsal on Sunday 18th December from 4pm – prior to the actual service.

Chris Webb

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Tim Rogers

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Message from our Ukrainian Refugee contact:

'It seems like we've been collecting donations forever, all the donations are making a huge difference to those in need in Ukraine and they are so grateful!

Most items over the past few months have gone to monasteries acting as orphanages, the military; and a few refugees already in the UK that we support weekly.

The £100 donation was used to purchase baby formula in bulk and sent to an orphanage in Ukraine with just over 100 babies under 3 years old.

With Christmas quickly approaching please can we add a few extra seasonal items to our list as follows:

Chocolate tubs – Celebrations, Heroes etc. Biscuit Selection boxes, Victoria, Foxe's etc, Marshmallows, Assorted Roasted Nuts. Hot Chocolate. Soup packets and tins.

Thank you so much for your support.

Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact

UKRANIAN REFUGEE NETWORK

Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network urgently needs to find more sponsors and landlords for Ukrainian refugees. If you or anyone you know could consider taking in a refugee, please speak to Rev. Geoff.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

GRAHAM KENDRICK CONCERT WITH INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

International Needs will be hosting a concert with Graham Kendrick on Saturday 3rd December.

To find our more details and to book your ticket, please visit our website here: <https://ineeds.org.uk/events/celebration-2022/>

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

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

Can you help us fill our Christmas goodie bags?

Christmas cake * Selection boxes * Savoury Christmas snacks * Christmas pudding * Yule logs * Christmas chocolate tubs * Christmas biscuits * Mince pies * Custard * Tinned ham * Packet stuffing * Gravy granules * Yorkshire pudding mix.

Please donate by 2nd December.

Many thanks.

Polly Elder

TODDLERS – HELP NEEDED TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS

One of our team is leaving at the end of December and we are looking for someone else to join the rota to serve refreshments. This only happens, at most, once a month and does not include helping during the school holidays as Toddlers is closed during that time. If you feel you are able to help, please contact Gin: gin.yershon@googlemail.com.

Gin Yershon, Toddlers

TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

Are you alone at Christmas this year? Come and join us for a traditional festive dinner!

Churches Together in Ewell is pleased to offer a Christmas dinner plus festive activities to all who would otherwise be on their own. Christmas Day 12.30 – 4.15pm at a local church. This offer is open to all Ewell residents. Transport can be arranged. There is no charge. To join us please call: 07999 805 475 or email: christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com

Sue Pennington

Book of Remembrance service booklet below for our 10am service.



*Stoneleigh Remembers
An Act of
Remembrance at St
John's Church*

13th November 2022

Greeting

Processional Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

Introduction

Hymn: Abide With Me

Confession & Absolution

In a dark, disfigured and divided world we have not held out the light of life.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

In a hungry, despairing and hopeless world we have failed to share our resources. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

In a cold, forlorn and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal and rescuing love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silent Reflection

Worship Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Reading: Romans 5: 1-8

Hymn: God is our Strength and Refuge

Prayers

Almighty God who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of His kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sines 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

We continue in prayer for the needs of the world, our community and ourselves.

Reading: John 15: 9-14

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Sermon: Sacrifice

Hymn: In Christ Alone

We Move Outside for Act of Commitment and Remembrance

Opening Words

Last Post

Two Minute Silence

Kohima Epitaph

Laying of Wreaths:

National Anthem (First Verse only)

Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and others that we may help, encourage and comfort others: that we may support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father,
We pledge ourselves
To serve you and all mankind
In the cause of peace,
For the relief of want and suffering,
And for the praise of Your Name.

Guide us by Your Spirit:

Give us wisdom;

Give us courage;

Give us hope;

And keep us faithful

Now and always. Amen

The Blessing and Dismissal

You are always welcome at St John's

Forthcoming Services

20th November, 9.30am and 11.00am – The Prophets:
Waiting for a Promise

27th November – Advent Sunday, All Age Service "Being Ready"

4th December, 9.30am and 11.00am

11th December, 9.30am and 11.00am

18th December, 9.30am and 11.00am

Christmas at St John's

Sunday 18th. 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve - Crib Service with Christingle – 4pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Communion – 11:30pm

Christmas Day - Family Service – 10am

For more information about what's on at St John's you can find us at www.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk and at www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchstoneleigh or email office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk