



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

20th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship today here in the church and at home at 9.30am and 11.00am. It was great to see the church full for Remembrance Sunday last week with the participation of our uniformed groups and my thanks to everyone who contributed. Next Sunday sees the start of Advent and we are having a single-family service at 10.00am at which Margaret and I will say our good byes.

This Sunday is National Safeguarding Sunday and our opening verse of Scripture reflects God's care for us. Geoff will be completing our series on the disciples by looking at the 3 unknowns in Jesus' team of 12. My final address next week is simply titled "Joining God's Team"

Details of our Christmas services, 'Advent: The Waiting Room' are now at the front of the church and Christmas cards for distribution to the parish are at the back of the church on the pews. Do join in and support us in every way you can.

God bless you

Rev Ken Hobbs

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 26th at 7.30pm Bryn Haworth

ROCK CHOIR CONCERT AND CAROLS ROUND THE TREE, December 9th from 6.15pm

There is no charge for this event but there will be collection buckets available for anyone who would like to make a cash donation for the RUSH School, Kenya to provide a nutritious Christmas meal for orphan children and widows, in the village of Kakamega. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

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

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

The St John's Christmas cards are now ready for distribution. At the front of the church there is a signup sheet, the Christmas cards are on the pews at the back of the church, for those who are willing and able to deliver them.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

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



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/>

CRAFT CLUB

Novembers Craft Club is on Monday, 21st November. Bring your crafting and come and join us in the Parish Room from 10 am to 12 noon. All are welcome, look forward to seeing you.

December Craft Club will be on Monday, 19th December 2022.

Veronica Gittins

MAVIS REDRUP'S FUNERAL

Chris and her family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers following the death of Mavis. You are all warmly invited to a service of thanksgiving at 1.30pm on Thursday 1st December followed by refreshments in the parish centre. In lieu of flowers there will be a collection for the Children's Trust which was a charity that Mum had supported for many years. If you would like to stay for refreshments, please add your name to the signup sheet by the North door. Many thanks.
Chris Redrup

FOODBANK

Can you help us fill our Christmas goodie bags?

Items for the Christmas Goodie Bags are still needed - closing date is **December 2nd**. Lists of what is needed are on the table at the door. Cash donations towards fresh vegetables and meat or gift cards to help parents to get a present for their children are also gratefully accepted. Please put them in an envelope marked Christmas Foodbank and hand them to a welcomer or a church warden.

This week stocks of the following are very low - can you help out at all please: - Sugar - 500g bags, Custard, Gravy granules, Instant coffee - 100g jars, Chocolate spread, Dog food, Crisps (multipacks)

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

No more of these items please: washing up liquid, pasta, pulses, non-dairy milk, peanut butter, baby wash.

Bless you all.

Polly Elder

MICHAEL EMMETT – A TRUE STORY OF REDEMPTION

Saturday 26th November 2022 at 9.00am to 12 noon

The event is free and will include a full cooked English breakfast, Michael Emmett's Testimony, a short discussion on churches collaborating on men's activities and a period of worship. The event will take place on Saturday 26 November 2022 at 9am to 12am at Stoneleigh Baptist Church, The Glade, Stoneleigh, Epsom KT17 2HL. For more details, please see the flyers at the front of the church.

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Order of Service 9 30 am

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.....He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge" (From Psalm 91)

Greeting p5

Hymn: As we are gathered Jesus is here (MP38)

Confession p7

Collect for the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit land in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading Romans 16 3 – 16 *Margaret Hobbs*

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles area grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18 v 18 - 30

Margaret Hobbs

A certain ruler asked him, 'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'¹⁹ 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone.'²⁰ You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother."²¹ 'All these I have kept since I was a boy,' he said. ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'²⁶ Those who heard this asked, 'Who then can be saved?'²⁷ Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God.'²⁸ Peter said to him, 'We have left all we had to follow you!'²⁹ 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said to them, 'no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

Sermon

Rev. Geoff Andrew

Creed p13

Video: The Lords Prayer (Malotte Setting)

Prayers

Chris Redrup

Peace p17

Hymn: Break Thou the bread of Life (MP 64)

Communion Prayer p 33

Lord's Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Name of All Majesty (MP 481)

Blessing p23

From Our Book of Remembrance
Elizabeth Browning Pavey