



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to St Johns and at home for our services today at 9.30am and 11.00am. This is traditionally a season of Remembrance and last Sunday we remembered loved ones in our special service at 3 pm. Next Sunday (Nov 13th) is Remembrance Sunday and we will have a combined service at **10am** ending with the Act of Remembrance outside the church (weather permitting).

In these internationally turbulent times Scripture reminds us that "Blessed are the Peacemakers" and I encourage to join us and to continue to pray for peace and justice in our world.

Today we are continuing our series "Meet The Team" and Geoff will be speaking about the disciple Nathanael.

God bless you

Rev Ken Hobbs

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 13th at 10am Remembrance Service

November 26th at 7.30pm Bryn Haworth

November 13th at 10am – Remembrance Service

Please note there will be no Communion or Prayers for Healing on Sunday November 13 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 9.30 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.

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 (inc 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 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

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, sign up sheet 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

Priority List:

The crisis appeal is very low on toiletries, eg shower gel, shampoo and soaps.

Please no more clothes at the present apart from thermal clothing and socks.

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

This week the Foodbank has issued information about it's Christmas campaign. There are two areas in which you may wish to help:- 1. monetary donations which will be spent on fresh food and gift cards to help parents buy a gift for their children and 2. there is a request list of "goodies" to go out to their clients to enable them to have some sort of Christmas. There is a deadline of 2nd December for the goodie bags. I'll

put notices at the back of church and there will be some fliers after next Monday at the front of church. It will also be on the website under "Mission.....Foodbank".

Meanwhile please could you help stocks with the following urgently needed items: sugar in 500g bags please, Long life sponge puddings, Custard, Tinned meat, Long life juice, Tinned pasta with meat, Instant mash, Ketchup, Crisps (multipacks), Nappies Size 6+. Many thanks. **Polly Elder**

PCC MEETING – TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 8th November. If there are any items you would like discussed under Any Other Business please let Sue Pennington know before the meeting (suepennington@uwclub.net).

Sue Pennington

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

BRIDGES NEPAL

On Sunday November 6, Lynne Coppin will give a short presentation with slides at the 11am service describing her mission trip to Nepal earlier this year. Lynn and Adrian's daughter, Sally and her husband Yagya run Bridges Nepal, an NGO that brings hope, restoration and social transformation to the people of Nepal.

HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS FOR THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Rev Geoff is hosting an IME Training Day for fellow ministers. There will be in the region of 15 people attending and we would like to welcome his guests with coffee and pastries from 9.15 – 9.45am, coffee and tea for 11.15am and coffee and tea for 2.30pm. All refreshments will be served at the back of the church and we are looking for volunteers at any of the times specified above to make coffee/tea and make sure water is provided. Please see signup sheet at the front of the church or see Chris McInnes. Thanking you in anticipation.

Social Committee

Order of Service for 9.30am from our worship booklets

Greeting p5

Hymn Guide me O thou Great Jehovah (MP 201)

Confession p8

Collect for the Day – Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided

and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading Hebrews 1: v 1-4

Graham Waller

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Gospel Reading John 1: 43 – 51

Graham Waller

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' ⁴⁸'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' ⁵⁰Jesus said, 'You believe[□] because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹He then added, 'Very truly I tell you,[□] you[□] will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on"[□] the Son of Man.'

Sermon

Rev Geoff Andrew

Song (video) Christ be with me (Stuart Townend)

Creed p13

Prayers p15

Peace p17

Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (MP 590)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn: God is working his Purpose out (MP189)

Blessing p23

From Our Book of Remembrance

Janet Webb

Iris E Mussell

Gillian Frances Marshall

Frederick William Henry Grundy

Notices