



Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 13th October 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome!

We are pleased that you are joining us for worship today and we pray that each of us will meet with God.

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another.

To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day.

Amen

Bible reading for today:

First Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-8

Gospel Reading – John 1: 35-42

Hymns at our 10.00 am service

Guide me O thou great Jehovah (MP 201)

A New Commandment (MP 1)

We have a gospel to proclaim (728)

For I'm building a people of power (twice through) (MP 151)

SERVICE TIMES

Please note that with immediate effect, Wednesday Holy Communion will be held at 9:30am and the Sunday 8:30am Holy Communion service will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

REV. KEN HOBBS LICENSING

There will be a special service on Monday 4th November at 7:30pm for Rev. Ken's formal licensing. The service will be lead by The Venerable Paul Davies with a sermon by Rev. Russell Grant. There will be refreshments afterwards, all are welcome.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

We are updating the Continuing Prayer List. If you would like us to pray for you or someone else over the next few months, or if you think that the time is right to take a name off the list, please let me know.

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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES (ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE)

St John's will be holding a Remembering Loved Ones Memorial Service on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm. This service will be a time for us to remember those who we have lost. Everyone is welcome. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out during the service please write the name on the list on the table. Refreshments will be served after the service and the Book of Remembrance will be available to look at.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

NESCOT LUNCH – HALF TERM

There will be no cafe on Friday's 1st and 8th November as NESCOT are having a two week half term.

Chris Redrup

ST PAUL'S CHURCH HOLIDAY

Details of the 2020 St Paul's church holiday at Ashburnham Place near Battle, East Sussex are available at the front of church.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

MIDWEEK FOCUS

St Paul's, Howell Hill hosts a Midweek Focus for Seniors every Wednesday. It starts at 11am for coffee, with a talk from one of a wide range of speakers, followed by lunch. Rev. Ken is part of Midweek Focus and if you would like more information, please speak to him.

This weeks Midweek Focus is part of Rev. Ken Hobbs' series 'Who do you think you are'.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

QUIZ NIGHT

Please make a note in your diaries that the next quiz night at St John's will be on Saturday 26th October at 7 p.m. There will be a fish and chips supper and the cost will be £12 per person to allow for the increase in the supper costs. Please bring your own drinks. Teams of 6 as usual but anyone who needs a team can be allocated one nearer the time. A sign up sheet will be provided and tickets will be on sale later in September.

Claire Cornell

CRE NATIONAL 2019

Christian Resources Exhibition 2019 will be held at Sandown Park, Esher from 15 – 17 October 2019. CRE is for local church leaders and members of all traditions – offering fresh ideas for PCC members, youth workers, choir and worship leaders, treasurers, parish magazine editors and many more. For more information and tickets please visit www.creonline.co.uk/tickets.

Items to be included in the next notice sheet should be emailed by 8am next Friday to Kerrie Winter, the Vicar's Administrator, at office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 16th October:

- David Wiltshire's House Group

Thursday 17th October:

- Third Thursday Coffee Morning 10:30am
Contact Roger Blake for information on 020 8393 1724.

Friday 18th October

- NESCOL Café 12pm to 1:30pm
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Monday 21st October September:

- Craft club 10am to 12pm

Friday 1st November:

- Hearing Clinic 12pm to 1pm
- No NESCOL Café due to half term

Sunday 3rd November:

- Remembering Loved Ones service – 3pm

Monday 4th November:

- Rev. Ken Hobbs formal licensing service

Friday 1st November:

- No NESCOL Café due to half term

**'He sets his people free.
He made his agreement everlasting.
He is holy and wonderful.'** *Psalm 111:9 (NCV)*

God's will and intention for all his people is freedom – the freedom to be the people he created them to be. As Prison Chaplains we work with people who often find it hard to believe that God has any interest in them or their lives. They struggle with the concept that they are made in the image of God and do not dare to hope that they may have a future in God which does not involve crime, arrest and imprisonment. In the same way, those whose lives have been marred by crime and its effects, or whose work brings them into daily contact with its destructiveness, often struggle to see a new future in which the promise of freedom in Christ might be fulfilled.

This Prisons Week we give thanks that the freedom which God offers is available to all, even to those whose liberty has been temporarily or permanently taken away by society. As we pray together for all those who come into contact with the criminal justice system in any way, we share in that work of establishing God's covenant of redemption – that each person, precious to God, might discover what freedom can truly mean for them.

– The Ven. James Ridge, Chaplain General/Head of Faith Services, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service

SUNDAY: THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER
Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

MONDAY: PRAYING WITH PRISONERS

Is freedom found outside the walls or inside ourselves?

Holy God of all creation, you see inside each one of us, knowing us better than we know ourselves. You see the hurt and harm, the brokenness and sin. You know the truth about our past and our present, all that traps and imprisons us. Unlock our hearts to let Christ in, so that his love and strength can help overcome all that imprisons us and lead us to the freedom he promised in life, in death and in eternity. Holy God, set us free. Amen.

*"Take me prisoner, Lord
And truly set me free;
Help me lay down my sword,
Then victorious I shall be."*

A prisoner's prayer for Prisons Week

**TUESDAY: PRAYING WITH THE
VICTIMS OF CRIME**

Where is freedom now?

Loving God, always close to us, be very present in lives shattered by crime, and with those searching for a freedom unjustly taken away. May your Spirit of comfort and healing find ways of breaking through walls of mistrust, fear and injustice, working through all who build us up with love and care, taking one step at a time on the path to freedom. Loving God, set us free. Amen.

*"Unbind me from the bonds of grief and fear
that I may become again
the person you created me to be –
a person of joy, of love, of trust, and hope."*

Prayer of a victim of crime

'He sets his people free. He made his agreement everlasting. He is holy and wonderful.'

Psalm 111:9 (NCV)

WEDNESDAY: PRAYING WITH FAMILIES

Why was our freedom taken away with theirs?

Faithful God, who watches and waits with those who are betrayed and suffer; draw near to family members who are affected by crime and imprisonment. Give us your strength to persevere through pain and disappointment, soothe our anger and heal the wounds of separation and loss. Help us to know your grace to find forgiveness and hope for the journey ahead. Faithful God, set us free. Amen.

*"To my Son I miss U and I pray to God you won't come back here again."
"God, I miss my Daddy. Try to help him. Please bring him home."*

Prayers from prisoners' families for Prisons Week

THURSDAY: PRAYING WITH COMMUNITIES

Are we free where we live?

Everlasting God, who leads his people in every age to places where we are called to be community together, make us mindful of those places in our own communities that are subject to fear, violence and rejection. Equip us by your Holy Spirit to share your love, peace and acceptance with all. May we learn to love each other as ourselves, living as neighbours were intended to and join our prayers together. Everlasting God, set us free. Amen.

"We ask that you knit our hearts, our vision & our actions together across our community that we may all be totally free to live life abundantly in your love."

Prayers for communities affected by Domestic Violence

FRIDAY: PRAYING WITH THOSE WORKING IN PRISON

Are we free to work well?

Gracious God, who calls, equips and knows us, be with all who work in prison. May we not lose heart in a place where the reality of trauma and the risk of violence is a daily occurrence. Keep us from being imprisoned by our roles but instead set us free by your love, able to meet with others and understand their true needs in Christ. Tune us in to the surprising movement of your Spirit. Gracious God, set us free. Amen.

"We ask that you bless and protect all who work in our prisons today. Those with uniforms on, suits, overalls, hard hats, and chef's whites. May we serve them well and rely on your strength to bring a sense of your grace and peace wherever we go."

A Prison Chaplain's prayer

SATURDAY: PRAYING WITH THOSE WORKING IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Are we free to do what is right?

God of majesty and power, who establishes the order of the universe, and upholds justice in your mighty right hand, sustain and inspire all who seek to bring justice in our communities. Where the truth is complex or hidden, help those making decisions that seek to reveal the truth, to do so wisely, with a vision of your righteousness, justice and mercy. Majestic, powerful God, set us free. Amen.

"Lord, give all of us the courage we need to do what is right. And to serve you, the Judge of all, with fidelity."

A prayer for courts and judges

For over forty years Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature for the Christian community to use as they pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system. Please pray each day during Prisons Week but also ask yourself whether there is one thing that you as an individual, or as a church, can do to help any of the people that you are praying for.

PRISONS WEEK
A WEEK OF PRAYER

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

1st & 3rd Sundays at 8.30am:

Holy Communion – a 'said' service held in the side Lady Chapel using Common Worship.

Sundays at 10.00am:

1st Sunday of the month: Worship Together – a family friendly service sometimes including Holy Communion.

Followed by refreshments.

Other Sundays at 10.00am: Holy Communion – a service with hymns and a sermon followed by refreshments. Each week there is a dedicated family area in church for very young children and in term time there is a children's group in the Parish Centre.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Tuesdays at 9.15am:

Morning Prayer using Celtic liturgy, including prayer together and times of silence. Held in the Lady Chapel for around 20 minutes.

Wednesdays at 9:30am:

Holy Communion – a reflective service using the Book of Common Prayer held in the lady chapel. Refreshments are served afterwards with a time for conversation.

Thursdays at 6.00 pm:

Evening Prayer using Celtic liturgy, including prayer together and times of silence-held in the Lady Chapel for approximately 20 minutes.

Please speak to those administering communion if you would like to receive either a gluten free wafer or non-alcoholic wine.

At any of our Communion services, if you would like to receive Communion but find walking difficult, please speak to a Welcomer at the door and they will arrange for Communion to be brought to you in your seat.

This Church has a loop system. Hearing aid wearers should turn their aids to "T".