



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

17th November 2019

2nd Sunday before Advent

Welcome

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

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings

Amos 5: 18-24

John 2: 12-25

Hymns

Be still (MP 50)

God is building a house (MP 184)

Jesus be the centre (MP 1076)

All my hope on God is founded (MP 16)

Christmas Appeal for the RUSH School, Kenya.



International Needs have asked St John's if they will help again this year to raise money for the RUSH school Christmas meal in Kakamega, Kenya. Those of you who came to the Summer Craft Fair this year will have met Andrew and Lucy Amukowa, who run the RUSH school as they had a stand at the fair. They were delighted to be with us and very pleased to meet so many of you and to thank you for your help for the last 2 years. This

year International Needs are hoping to feed 800 people (orphan children who have to stay at the school over Christmas and widows from the village) with a special nutritious meal and also to give 400 food bags to families in need in Kakamega. This is a very big target and so we have asked the Rock Choir to come and sing at St John's on 19th December at 7 p.m. to help us make the money needed.

The Rock choir will sing for us after our Carols around the Christmas Tree event at 6 p.m. on 19th December. If you are able to donate money this year and would prefer to use a credit card you can visit the St John's home webpage where there is a link to the Virgin Money Giving website and your donation will count towards our target of £500.

virginmoneygiving.com/Christmas4RUSHKenya)

Anyone who wishes to donate cash can give this to me any time or put it in the International Needs collection boxes on 19th December. We hope you will come along on the 19th to hear the concert and sing carols! Thank you all in advance.

Claire Cornell

EMAIL AND CONTACT – IMPORTANT

Do you receive emails from St John's? We would like to keep in contact with you but we need you to give your consent for St John's to email you. Attached to today's notice sheet is a form to complete with your email address. Please fill in and return to myself or one of the Church Wardens.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This weeks Midweek Focus on Wednesday 20th November at St Paul's is all about eye care with Sheila Harris.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

CHOIR – CAROL SERVICE

There will be a carol service on 22nd December and we would like to gather a choir for this event. If you're interested, please add your name to the list on the welcome table.

UPCOMING SUNDAY'S

Sunday 24th November - "A Religious Leader"

Sunday 1st December – All Age 'Being Ready'

Sunday 8th December – 'Living Water'

VICARAGE

Please note that with immediate effect the Vicarage has been let so we are no longer able to use the driveway for parking.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

LAUNDRY

We are looking for volunteers to take on doing the church laundry. We are very grateful to Mavis Redrup who has been doing this for the past 35 years.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ON THIS WEEK

Monday 18th November – Craft Club 10am

Wednesday 20th November – David Wiltshire's House Group

Thursday 21st November – Third Thursday Coffee morning 10:30am

Friday 22nd November – NESCOL Café 12pm

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas cards -Thank you to all who have volunteered to deliver St John's Christmas card and magazine. There are a few roads that are still on the distribution list, so please take a look at the front of church and if you're able to help to make deliveries, please add your name to the list.

Christingle – This year, Christingle will be held as part of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Help will be required to prepare the oranges. Please let the office know if you can help.
Rev. Ken Hobbs

TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

Churches Together in Ewell is again offering a Christmas dinner and festive activities to all those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day from 12.30 to 4.15 at St Paul's Howell Hill. The offer is open to all Ewell residents and there is no charge. Transport can be arranged. Names should be given to Sally Barnes by calling 020 83933011 or send an email to

Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com

Practical help is also needed on the day: drivers, table hosts, washing up, table clearing serving, musical entertainers. If you can help with this please give your name to Janet Hattam 02083977307 or email janet.hattam3@gmail.com Raffle prizes are also needed.
Sue Pennington

SUNNYBANK CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As Christmas approaches its time to start thinking about those extra gifts for residents of The Sunnybank Trust to be distributed by Father Christmas at their Christmas party. Some residents have little or no relatives to buy for them so our gifts are very important. For those who haven't contributed before, gifts such as hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries, cheap jewellery, colouring books, pencils, jig saws, or games are an excellent idea, bearing in mind that some residents have severe special needs. Please wrap your gifts in Christmas paper and label them clearly MALE, FEMALE, or EITHER.

Please bring them to church on or before Sunday 1st December and mark the bag SUNNYBANK TRUST.

I understand that this is much earlier than usual this is because of the General Election and the dates of the party needing to be changed.

I am always astounded by the generosity of St Johns please please if you are able, contribute to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.
Maggie Savill

BLESSINGS JAR

The Blessings Jar is back and will be at the front of church. Over the next four weeks, funds are being raised for the Sutton Night Shelter.
Janis Forder

NEWSLETTER

As you will notice, there has been a change to the format of the notice sheet. I expect there will be on going changes until we come to a final agreement on the format.

Kerrie Winter

Christmas at St John's

Thursday 19th – Carols around the Christmas tree at 6pm followed by a performance by The Rock Choir at 7pm with refreshments

Sunday 22nd December - Carol Service - 6pm

Christmas Eve - Crib Service with Christingle – 4pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Communion – 11:30pm

Christmas Day - Family Service – 10am followed by a short Holy Communion Service at 11am

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING - John 2: 12-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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