



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 19th January 2020

Welcome

We welcome and thank Rev. David Senior from St Paul's, Howell Hill who will be taking our services today. We are pleased that you are joining us for worship today and we pray that each of us will meet with God.

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings

Ephesians 2: 1-22

John 3: 16-21

Hymns

640 The Church's one foundation

554 Peace is flowing like a river

1076 Jesus be the centre

445 Lord the light of your life

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Andy Shaw has kindly offered to hold a music workshop at St John's on Saturday 7th March at 10am until 12pm. This is a great opportunity for musicians and/or singers to explore ways forward for enhancing our music ministry at St John's. If you're interested, please put your name on the list at the front of church. All welcome.

MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This weeks Midweek Focus on Wednesday 22nd January 'Climate Change' by Helen Rees who is an ex BBC weather presenter.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 26th January – "It's a Mystery!"

Sunday 2nd February – "What is wrong with the world?" All Age Family Worship

Sunday 9th February – "Dial M for Ministry!"

Please take a programme of services for Spring 2020 which is based on 'A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

SPRING FAIR

St John's will be holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 16th May, for more information please speak to me.

Claire Cornell

HOLY LAND VISIT – MARCH 2021

The parishes of Christchurch Ottershaw, St John's Stoneleigh and St Paul's Howell Hill are combining to take a party of 30-40 pilgrims to the Holy Land. The party will be led by myself and the Rev. Sandra Faccini. Details can be found at the front of church.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have been in touch to let St John's know that memorials will be held to recognise Holocaust Memorial Day. There are located at Bourne Hall and the Town Hall on Monday 27 January 2020. It will be a place where people can come and reflect, place a tribute, as well as read some historical interpretation. If you would like to know more about what is taking place in the Borough and arrange a visit, then please contact Jeremy Harte at JHarte@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

WELCOMERS

We are looking for more people to be "Welcomers" for the 10am services. We would like there to be 3 welcomers each week instead of 2 so that new people are not overlooked and also that our regular members are greeted warmly. We used to have 3 each week but this has dropped to 2 over the last couple of years. If you are interested, please see me on my return from Australia next month or let any of the usual welcomers know and ask them to make a note for me. You would need to be in church by 9.30am. If you could go on a rota once a month that would be great.

Janis Forder

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HEALING SERVICES

St Martin's Church, Epsom are holding a Healing Services on Sunday 26th January, 23rd February and 22nd March. Services will be at 6:30pm. Come to experience the presence and the compassion of God.

Sue Pennington

WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY SERVICE

As Rev. Ken is away, this Wednesday's morning service will be reflective worship (without Holy Communion) lasting about 30 minutes, with prayers for Christian Unity and the needs of others. All are warmly invited to this and refreshments as usual afterwards.

Joan Simon

ON THIS WEEK

Monday 20th – Craft Group

Tuesday 21st – Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday 22nd – Midweek Focus

Friday 24th – NESCOL Café

Ephesians 2: 1-22

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Marjorie Robinson, Arthur Richard Morgan, Thomas Arthur Aldridge, Stanley Washington, Norman Robert Johnson, Marjorie Kathleen Rhind-Tutt, Betty Marjorie Hooper, William Francis Farrow

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