



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February

Welcome

We welcome and thank Rev. Sally Thomas 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

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Amen

Bible Reading

Genesis 1: 26-31

Hymns

23 All Things Bright and Beautiful
254 I am a New Creation
881 Lord I lift your name on high
37 As the deer
506 How Great Thou Art

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 week's Midweek Focus on Wednesday 5th February is with Sheila Harris on the subject of eye care.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 9th February – "Dial M for Ministry!"
Sunday 16th February – "A New Wardrobe"
Sunday 23rd February – "Walking in the Light"

Rev. Ken Hobbs



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

TRAIDCRAFT – THIS SUNDAY

The Traidcraft Stall will be in the hall this Sunday during coffee.

Please come and share your support for fair trade goods, ethically sourced from around the world.

Veronica Gittins

MORNING PRAYER

There will be no morning prayer on Tuesdays 4th and 11th February.
Roger Blake

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

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 9:30AM SERVICE

This will be the last of the reflective worship opportunities during Rev Ken's absence on holiday. All are warmly invited to a 30 minute service (Not Holy Communion) and to join in fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

Joan Simon

CULTURE OF INVITATION

Training on the Culture of Invitation with Michael Harvey will be taking place at St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham on 24th March 2020. There are daytime and evening sessions. If you are interested, please contact the office for further information.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

CLEANING

We are looking for volunteers to help with keeping St John's clean. Whilst we have cleaners for the Parish Centre, we do not have anyone clean the church. Peter Lingwood has been keeping on top of the cleaning and maintaining the floor for which we are grateful. If you could spare an hour or so to help with cleaning, please speak to Peter Lingwood or myself and we can make arrangements for a cleaning session to take place.

John Simon

ON THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th – Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesday 5th – Midweek Focus
Friday 7th – NESCOL Café

FOODBANK

Today is a Focus on Foodbank Sunday. Please take a list which details the food that the Foodbank are most in need of. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Polly Elder

Book of Remembrance

This week we remember John Edward Crabb,
Robert Steven Hibbin and Emyr Jones.

COURSES AT ST PAUL'S

"New Beginnings" is for anyone suffering a divorce, separation or broken relationship. Its aim is to help people to come to terms with the past and make a fresh start in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

The group begins on Thursday, 27th February at 7.30 pm. It is free, lasts 10 weeks, and is open to everyone. For more information, or if you wish to come, please call Colin on 07855 245 619 or new.beginnings@blueyonder.co.uk
www.saintpauls.co.uk/newbeginnings

"Exploring Anxiety and Depression" This self-help group seeks to provide helpful perspectives in a friendly and supportive atmosphere, but does not provide counselling or therapy. Professional and experienced speakers help us to look at various ways of combating anxiety and depression. There is also ample time for discussion.

The 10 week course starts on Wednesday, 26th February at 7.45 pm and if you would like to come along, or wish to discuss whether it would be right for you, please call Judith on 07906 224 056 or
exploringanxietydepression@gmail.com
www.saintpauls.co.uk/EAD

Genesis 1: 26-31

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind² in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,² and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind² in his image,
in the image of God he created them;²
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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