



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Combined for Sunday 5th January and
Sunday 12th January 2020

Welcome

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you to everyone who attended and support the Christmas services. Today (5th January) we welcome Andy Shaw as a guest worship leader. We are pleased that you are joining us for worship today and we pray that each of us will meet with God.

On January 12th we welcome Rev. Martin Wainwright from St Paul's, Howell Hill who will be leading this service in Rev. Ken's absence.

Collect – 5th January

God our Father, in love your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

Bible Reading – 5th January

Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymns – 5th January

39 As with gladness men of old.
128 Father God I wonder
254 I am a New creation
870 Jesus is the name we honour
31 Amazing Grace

Collect – 12th January

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Bible Readings – 12th January

Ephesians 1: 1-14
John 14: 15-27

Hymns – 12th January

To be confirmed

MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN

Sunday 5th January will be my last service until Sunday 9th February as Margaret and I will be away in Australia. During my absence, clergy from St Paul's, Howell Hill will be taking services at St John's.

Holy Communion on Wednesday 8th January is in the Lady Chapel as normal. Wednesday services on the 15th, 22nd and 29th January, and 5th February will be a reflective service of morning pray and will be led by members of the congregation for approximately 30 minutes, followed by coffee. This is an

opportunity for members of the congregation to pray for local, national and international needs. You are most welcome even if you do not normally attend this service.

Whilst I am away, please can you send any correspondence to either the office email address or to Ken Mussell as the Minster@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk email address will not be monitored whilst I'm away.

THE ROCK CHOIR AND RUSH FUNDRAISING

I wanted to thank you all for your help at The Rock Choir event on 19th December. It was a great evening and we raised £478.62 for the RUSH kids and the widows' goody bags! Alison sent me this picture of one lady getting her food parcel recently!

If you combine what we collected yesterday with the Virgin Giving website, we have raised £843.62 plus gift aid of £61.25 = grand total of £904.87! International Needs can feed everyone which is brilliant news!



Claire Cornell

NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

The Right Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, is encouraging us to volunteer this year and open ourselves to views other than our own. To hear his message in full, please go to <https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/news/local-news/3012620/new-years-message-from-bishop-of-guildford/>

MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This week's Midweek Focus on Wednesday 8th January is Music by Stephen Robbins.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ALPHA COURSE

Stoneleigh Baptist Church are running the Alpha Course at the June8 Café, starting on Thursday 16th January at 7:30pm. "Alpha has helped many thousands of people to deepen their faith for themselves." All are welcome.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

OFFICE

The office will be closed the week commencing 6th January, I will be back in on Wednesday 15th January.

Kerrie Winter

ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th – Midweek Focus
Friday 10th – NESCOL Café
Tuesday 14th – Baby and Toddler group starts
Wednesday 15th – Midweek Focus

Thursday 16th – House Group and Alpha Course
Friday 17th – NESCOL Café

TRADCRAFT

The first Traidcraft stall of the New Year will be in the hall, after the service this Sunday, 5th January. Please come and take a look – all remaining Christmas products will be in our 50% SALE. Thank you for your support.

Veronica Gittins

NESCOT CAFE

The Cafe will restart on Friday 10th January with a new group of students. Initially there will only be a basic menu, but within a couple of weeks they will be preparing the full choice of delicious food.

Chris Redrup

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 12th January – “The Marks of the Church”

Sunday 19th January – “By Grace Alone”

Sunday 26th January – “It’s a Mystery!”

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

Rev. Ken Hobbs

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are still looking for more volunteers to be on the rota to help with the kitchen duties at Baby and Toddler Group so if you’d like to get involved, please speak with Jean Tutton to find out more details of what is involved.

Gin Yershon

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY

Archbishop Justin Welby will be speaking in the diocese on Thursday 19th March at Lakeside Frimley To register please use this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-85951512287> and let the office or me know that you have done so. Collective transport will be arranged! This evening is aimed at members of the PCC and those of the congregation who feel they have leadership responsibilities.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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 or on the St John’s website.

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men* from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,* and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah* was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd* my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men* and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,* until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped,* they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY GOSPEL READING

John 14: 15-27

If you love me, you will keep* my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,* to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in* you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate,* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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