



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 9th February

Welcome

We welcome and thank Rev. Paul Dever who will be joining our service today. We also welcome back Rev. Ken from his holidays. At a baptism service later today, we will welcome Noah Michael and his family.

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings

Ephesians 4: 1-11
John 13: 1-17

Hymns

MP 73 Christ is made the true foundation
Celtic hymnbook 44 Embrace the universe with love (Tune St Columba)
MP 54 Bind us together Lord (omit last verse)
MP 151 For I'm building a people of power (sing twice)

MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This weeks Midweek Focus on Wednesday 12th February is with The Bible Society.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 16th February – "A New Wardrobe"
Sunday 23rd February – "Walking in the Light"
Sunday 1st March – All Age Worship "Fellow Travellers"

Rev. Ken Hobbs

MORNING PRAYER

There will be no morning prayer on Tuesday 11th February.

Roger Blake

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

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday Holy Communion services will resume this week. Many thanks to those who have led the service in my absence.

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

Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to our Diocese from 18-20 March

There are some key events taking place, all of which are free to attend and some require booking in advance.

An evening with Justin Welby - Thursday 19 March 7.30pm at the Lakeside Complex near Camberley. This is our main event with the Archbishop and over 1,000 clergy, PCC members and other ministry leaders have already booked places. We are now excited to offer the remaining places to anyone in the congregation who would like to attend.

To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-85951512287>

An evening for young people - Wednesday 18th March 6:30pm at Christ Church, Woking. Archbishop Justin will be joining over 200 young people at Christchurch Woking for a service of informal worship, which will include stories of how he has seen God at work in his life, along with the opportunity to ask him questions about anything that you like. The evening is aimed at young people aged 11-18, and their youth leaders.

To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-for-young-people-tickets-88675509837>

Archbishop on Guildford High Street - Wednesday 18 March at 4.15pm at the bottom of Guildford High Street. No booking required.

For more information about these events and other events that are taking place, please go to

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/archbishop-of-canterbury-march-2020>

ON THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th – Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesday 12th – Midweek Focus
Thursday 13th – Tunes 'n' Tea
Friday 14th – NESCOL Café

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

Ephesians 4: 1-11

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended² into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

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