



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 15th March

“Don't you know there's a war on?”

Ephesians 6: 10-24 and Luke 4: 1-13

Welcome

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

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns

617 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus
224 - He who would valiant be
664 - The Spirit lives
49 - Be bold, be strong

CORONAVIRUS

Following Church of England guidelines, we are advising not to shake hands during The Peace. We will continue to administer Communion using small individual recyclable plastic cups.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday
Sunday 29th March – “Good News for the World”
Pastor JB of the Korean Church of All Nations will be taking part during the service on 29th March.
Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday All Age Service

Rev. Ken Hobbs

EASTER @ ST JOHN'S

Please take a leaflet from the front of Church which details all the services taking place over Easter. This year there will be a Sunrise Service at 6:30am on Easter Day.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

CALL KEN!

If you would like to schedule some time with me, please add your name to the 'Call Ken!' poster at the front of Church.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place at the end of this month. If your name is already on the Roll you need do nothing further unless there are any changes to your details such as telephone numbers or email addresses. The Roll is a register of members of the congregation and others who live in the parish if they so wish. It entitles you to attend and vote at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in April. You must be over 16 and baptised to qualify. For more information on other good reasons to be on the Roll please speak to me, Ken or a churchwarden.

Lynda White (0208 393 2743)

APCM

This year the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting and the Easter Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday 19th April straight after the 10am service. At these meetings the election of churchwardens, new Parochial Church Council members and a Deanery Synod member takes place. This year there will be three vacancies on the PCC. Two consist of a three year term and one is a one year term. If you would be interested in joining the PCC or would like some more information about what that entails please speak to Ken Hobbs, one of the churchwardens or myself.

Lynda White (0208 393 2743)

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 22ND MARCH

We will be celebrating Mothering Sunday this year with an All Age Service to which the uniformed organisations have been invited and there is also a baptism. As usual we will be making small simple posies to hand out at the service and would like some help making these. Please speak to me for more details.

Lynda White

MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This weeks Midweek Focus on Wednesday 18th March is a talk by Richard Hawkins “Ship Wrecked in Antarctica”

Rev. Ken Hobbs

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We will be providing a simple breakfast after the 6.30am Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. You are all welcome. To help with catering it would be helpful if you could add your name to the sign up sheet on the table by the glass doors if you plan to join us.

However, if you are not sure you will still be welcome even if you haven't signed up. Also, would anyone be able to help set up the tables etc on Saturday at about 5.00pm?

Jean Tutton

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER – GIFT

GIFT is a training event for all those involved in children and families work within their Church, including volunteers. It will be held at Christ Church, Woking on 25th April. More information on the cards at the front of Church. To book please visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk/gift.

WELCOMERS

We are still looking for two 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. Welcomers are on duty once every four weeks. Thank you.

Janis Forder

Good Friday Easter Celebration

Please take a leaflet available at the front of church called ‘Good Friday Easter Celebration’ for more information.

ON THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th – Baby & Toddler Group, Wednesday 18th – Midweek Focus at St Paul's and David Wiltshire's House Group, Thursday 12th – Roger Blake's coffee morning

HOT CROSS BUNS

Together with the Baptist Church, we will be giving out hot cross buns to commuters on Maundy Thursday, 9th April. We want to have some of the buns ready in time to give them out to those getting the 6.39am train, which means preparations will start about 6.15am. We usually finish about 8.30 am. If you are able to help please sign up on the sheet on the table or let me know. If you are only able to do part of the time that is fine.

Sue Pennington

BRING OUT YOUR BOTTLES!

We are hoping to run another successful 'Bottle Tombola' at this year's Spring Fair on 16th May. All contributions would be very gratefully received. Do speak Joan Simon if you need more information or your donation collected from your home. Otherwise please bring bottles and place them into the named box at the back of church. Thank you.

Joan Simon

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

We are hoping to have a plant stall at our Spring Fair on the 16th May. Please could anyone who grows plants from seeds put a few more seeds in this year for the church plant sale? It doesn't matter what you grow: vegetables, flowers or shrubs. We would love to have any donations you can bring. If you know any keen gardeners, please ask them if they can help too! Many thanks in advance.

Claire Cornell

Ruxley Church on Monday 16th March

Join in the Easter Experience on Monday 16th March, 7.30-8.45pm. You will be introduced to the Spinnaker Trust scenes that tell the story leading to Jesus' death on the cross, and then be invited to walk prayerfully round the stations. There will be prayer points at each station. Refreshments will be available. Note: parking could be difficult due to other users in the building.

Stoneleigh Methodist Church on Thursday 19th March

You are invited to join in the Easter Experience during the day. We are encouraging members to come with their own lunch from 12:30-1:00pm, and then from 1:00-2:00pm we will have a prayer walk round the stations. This is the same setup as at Ruxley, but gives you an opportunity to come during the day, rather than the evening.

New Christian Bookshop in Kingston

After the sad closure of the CLC bookshop in Tolworth, Graham Laphorn has now opened a new bookshop in Kingston and details are on the attached poster. It's called **The King's Storeroom** and is now up and running. Please find attached a large jpg that can be used in newsletters, bulletins or printed out as a poster for the church notice board.

Prayers

Suggestions to include in our prayers this week

Father God, we bring to you our concerns and fears about the impact of the Coronavirus upon the well-being of ourselves, our families and friends. We pray for our government and all agencies seeking ways to protect the vulnerable and to maintain order and cooperation within communities.

We pray for the following people from our Continuing Prayer List: Wendy Snell, Pat Tanner, Sylvia Milner, Joan Simon. We also pray for those on our Prayer Board.

We recall the names of those recorded in our Book of Remembrance whose Year's Mind falls at this time, John Lumley, Emma Victoria Frances Redrup, Gladys Ellen Roberts, Gladys Rose Duthie.

From the CARE diary- we pray for the building of fairer communities:

A prayer for use at Services and private devotions on Sunday and during the first half of the week.

Equip us Lord with the power of your Spirit that our national and personal relationships may reflect a respectful celebration of the diversity of all people, as every single person is made in your image.

A prayer for use at Services and private devotions on Wednesday and during the second half of the week.

World Down Syndrome Day is the 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) and was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes this condition. So, we pray:

Lord, may there be increased acceptance towards children and adults with any form of learning difficulties. Bless the work of the Sunnybank Trust in the Epsom area.

Ephesians 6: 10-14

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our* struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these,* take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,* for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts.

Peace be to the whole community,* and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus 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