



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 8th March

Welcome

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

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Readings

Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9 and John 12: 1-10

Hymns

MP 152 For the Beauty of the Earth

MP 411 Let there be Love

MP 381 Jesus stand among us

MP 624 Take my life, and let it be

CORONAVIRUS

Following Church of England guidelines, we are advising not to shake hands during The Peace. We hope to administer Communion using small individual recyclable plastic cups in order to avoid even the remote risk of cross infection.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday 15th March – "Don't you know there's a war on?"

Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday

Sunday 29th March – "Good News for the World"

I am pleased to say that Pastor JB of the Korean Church of All Nations will be taking part during the service on 29th March.

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

READING FOR LENT

"A Passion for Christ" Michael Baughen (Pub CWR) "On Calvary's Hill" Max Lucado (Pub Thomas Nelson). Available from Eden Publishing or Amazon. You can look at these on the table by the door. The Michael Baughen book is suitable for house group or individual use. The Max Lucado book has 40 daily readings.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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)

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

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

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.

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MIDWEEK FOCUS – ST PAUL'S

This weeks Midweek Focus on Wednesday 11th March is a talk by Michael Barker Hemings "The view from the station ticket office"

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ON THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th – Baby & Toddler Group, Wednesday 11th – Midweek Focus at St Paul's, Thursday 12th – Tunes 'n' Tea

Friday 13th – NESCOL Café

FOODBANK

Thank you everyone for such a great response to the Focus on Foodbank Sunday - it will be such a pleasure to deliver so much off their wishlist on your behalf today. The collection box remains at the back of church so contributions are welcome at any time. Next Focus Sunday will be Sunday 5th April. *Polly Elder*

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.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR

We have a recording of St.John's Church choir from 1967 on L.P. If anyone would like a copy of this CD, with the names of everyone singing, we are selling them for £5 each to raise funds for St.John's church.

Janis Forder and Tim Rogers

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



Good Friday Easter Celebration

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

Prayers

Suggestions to include in our prayers this week

We continue to pray about the outbreaks of coronavirus COVID-19 throughout the world; for those who are ill and their carers, for authorities seeking to limit its spread and to discover a cure.

We pray for the following people from our Continuing Prayer List:

Rose, Julia Bradshaw, Florence Bradshaw, Simin Kenari and her family. We 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,

Kenneth Harry Francis, Clara Faulkner, Francis John Redrup, Marie Eva Sharpe and Iris Mary Glands.

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.

Creator God, on and following International Women's Day this Sunday, we long for both men and women to experience greater respect and dignity, in our country and throughout your world. Raise up, we pray, more people of integrity in positions of authority. Grant us all courage to speak up for justice, and to fulfil in our lives our duty to love one another. Amen.

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

Father of All, as the U.K. and our European neighbours negotiate on future financial, political and legal arrangements, please help everyone concerned to deal fairly and honestly for the benefit of all sections of society at home and abroad. Amen.

Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

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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