



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 19th July

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

I can confirm that all being well we will start our "combined" or "hybrid" service from Sunday August 2nd at 10am. The service will be live in church and also available at home on Zoom. The first service will be a relaxed and simple service for all ages. I do hope that some of you will feel confident to come into the building and join me. There will be procedures in place to keep us all safe. More details will be given soon. We are all treading on new ground here and we will work together to recapture as far as possible gathered church worship and fellowship.

This morning we welcome Rev David Senior as our service leader and preacher. He will be continuing our Genesis series on "Lessons from the Dawn of Time"

Ken

HOLIDAYS

I am away next week so there will be no video reflection. The office will also be closed. You will receive a newsletter next week for the service on Sunday 26th July.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

ST JOHN'S TO RESTART SUNDAY SERVICES

As we are aware the Government have allowed Churches to resume live Services, and it is intended that we at St John's restart 10am Sunday Worship in Church commencing on Sunday 2nd August. (All age worship)

This does NOT mean our now regular computer 'Zoom' broadcast will stop. This will continue from the Church for all those that do not yet wish to venture out to a communal gathering. So now there will be two ways to enjoy the service led by Rev. Ken Hobbs, together live in Church, AND live on screen at home.

We will of course be following all Government guidelines concerning Covid19. Social distancing, Sanitisation, Restricted circulation, etc.

So if you feel you are able to join us in Church each Sunday at 10am, then we would be pleased to welcome you on 2nd August, but if you feel you are not yet ready then do please continue to join us on Zoom.

There will be more information to follow, nearer the date.

Ken Mussell and Janis Forder

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget you can keep in touch by joining the WhatsApp group, visiting our website and following us on Facebook. All your contributions to these groups during this time provide great encouragement to us all. For details of the website and where to find us on Facebook, please see the bottom of this page. To join the WhatsApp group, you will need a smartphone and to have installed WhatsApp. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

KEEPING IN TOUCH AND PRAYERS

Please don't forget to call if you need some help during this time or if you would like to add something to the prayer board.

Jean Tutton 020 8393 3687

SUNDAY SERVICES

Don't forget you can join us live on Sunday at 10am using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86852818063>

For those of you who do not have access to the internet you can now join our Sunday Worship by phone.

Dial this phone number: 0203 051 2874

You will be asked to enter the meeting ID followed by # (hash).

Key in: 868 5281 8063#

You will be asked for a personal ID, just press # again and you will be connected to the Service.

If you want help with this speak to John Simon (phone 0775 187 4807).

For security reasons we need to start using a "Waiting Room". This means that you may have to wait a short while for me to let you join the service".

John Simon

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Each Thursday, St John's will be hosting a coffee morning via Zoom. Please join us at 10:30am using this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83134817320>

The link will be the same each week.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

DAILY HOPE

There is a free phone line 0800 804 8044, for hymns, reflections and prayers, provided by Guildford diocese, especially for people without access to the internet. It is called Daily Hope.

Janis Forder

FOODBANK

The latest email from the Foodbank reports that people are obviously reading the lists as they are receiving just what it

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needed to keep the stocks just right. Consequently they are delighted to report that there is no Urgent list this week.

They would appreciate the following items to keep stock levels steady. Biscuits, Shampoo, Toilet rolls, Pump soap, Female/male deodorant, Adult toothpaste, Adult toothbrushes – single, Shaving foam, Baby shampoo, Cleaning products - bleach, anti bac sprays etc Custard Sugar - small bags if possible Breakfast cereal - no porridge thank you Cooking sauces Long life fruit juice Tinned vegetables Ketchup/brown sauce Long life sponge puddings Children's treats - chocolate etc. Powdered milk, Sanitary towels - not tampons, Washing powder/tablets/capsules/liquid.

Thank you

Polly Elder

Worship at Home

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. **His love endures for ever**

The Lord is with me. **I will not be afraid**

The Lord is with me **He is my helper**

Open for me the gates of righteousness. **I will enter and give thanks to the Lord** (from Psalm 118)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord Amen

Hymn To God be the Glory

Confession

O Lord our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and done many things to grieve you. We have often been selfish and unforgiving. We have forgotten to pray to you and we have not loved you as we should. For these and the other things we have done wrong we ask for your forgiveness and we pray that you will cleanse and renew us and strengthen us in the days ahead. Help us to walk in the light of your presence. Amen

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

1st Reading Genesis 8 v13-19 and 9 v8-17 read by Tim Rogers

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and

animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Hymn Seek ye first the kingdom of God

2nd Reading Matthew 14.22-33 read by Tim Rogers

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Reflection by Rev. David Senior

Song Faithful One – Sarah Tutton

Prayers lead by Joan Simon

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Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy and your grace: Thank you for the wonder of your presence and power in Creation. You are our light in darkness, our strength in weakness and our comfort in sorrow. You heal our bodies and our minds; you ease our pain, you lift our anxieties; you give us hope and you set us free. So fill us with your Spirit's power that we may take your healing love to a world in need, with your strength rebuild broken lives, and bring glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For the Kingdom, power and the glory are yours, now and
for ever Amen**

Music to listen to "Precious Lord take my hand"

Peace

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord is here

His spirit is with us,

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

On the night when He was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Jesus took bread and thanked you. He broke it and gave it to them saying "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

At the end of supper, taking a cup of wine, Jesus thanked you and said "Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me."

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that the bread and wine we share may be for us by faith the body and blood of your dear son.

(do share some bread and wine if you feel that is appropriate)

Hymn Thine be the glory risen conquering son

Blessing

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