



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 23rd August

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Music

Morning has broken MP 467

God forgave my sin in Jesus Name ("Freely Freely")-MP 181

Just as I am (MP 396)

Brother Sister let me serve you

Readings

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Luke 10, 25-37

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our service this morning in the church and at home. We have been working on improving the sound and vision in the church and we hope to eventually replace the laptop on the lectern with a small webcam attached to a computer in the front pew. This will mean that the communion table will be no longer be obscured for those in church.

In the longer term the PCC have instigated the process of looking at permanent screens in the church - this is now both a post COVID necessity and also enable us, along with huge number of other churches and cathedrals, to communicate more effectively and flexibly without diminishing or devaluing the specialness of a church sanctuary. More information to follow in due course.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement in these uncertain times.

God bless you

Ken

SUMMER SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

Aug 30th Getting Lost and losing out – the prodigal son

Sept 6th Foundations- the two housebuilders

Rev. Ken Hobbs

KEEPING IN TOUCH AND PRAYERS

The WhatsApp group, Facebook and website will continue to be updated so please keep in touch. Any prayer requests for the prayer board can still be submitted to Jean Tutton.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

We are pleased many of you are able to join us in church as well as Zoom. For those attending church, please be reminded of the following:

- Refrain from entering if you are feeling unwell or have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past seven days
- Take responsibility for your own safety and that of your household and other people by maintaining social distancing.
- Wear a mask/face covering, if you are able to do so.
- Observe all hygiene measures.
- Ensure children are supervised at all time.

If anyone should have any queries or indeed feel unsure and would like more information, then please do get in touch with either of us or Rev. Ken.

Ken & Janis, Church Wardens

PLEASE GIVE TO ST JOHN'S

Thank you to all those who give online by standing order each month. As we are unable to pass round the plate during services due to COVID restrictions, our finances have taken a hit from not receiving weekly cash collections. Please can I make an appeal to anyone who normally gives cash, either directly into the plate or in a blue numbered envelope, to consider setting up a monthly standing order? This is very easy to do and can be set up in the branch of your bank or by phone or post if you are averse to using online banking. Please

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contact me if you would like details on how to do this – my email address is tim@etimbo.com.
Tim Rogers

FOODBANK

All the extra demand is now beginning to take its toll on the Foodbank's resources. Local people have been so supportive that the stores still have sufficient stock of the basic items but they are desperate for others. Please would you be kind enough to note that the list is divided in two this week according to priority.

They are in danger of running out of:-

Nappies - size 5+ and 6+ only, Toilet rolls, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving gel, Washing up liquid, Powdered milk, Custard, Coffee, Tea bags (but not catering bags please)

They have either no or very little stock of the following items:-

They've run out of Long Life fruit juice, Long Life sponge puddings, Children's treats - chocolate etc.

They're very short of Sugar - small bags if possible, Instant mash, Sanitary towels.

Donations may still be handed in at Stoneleigh Baptist Church between 10 and 12 on Wednesdays. Cash in envelopes can be put through the door of 95 Stoneleigh Park Road or 59 Highfield Drive.

Thank you all for the incredible support you have given so far - please do not flag, the Foodbank will need our help for quite a while yet.

Polly Elder

Worship at Home/Church

Theme Who is my Neighbour -The Good Samaritan

Greeting p3

Hymn Morning has broken MP 467

Confession p8

Hymn God forgave my sin in Jesus Name ("Freely Freely")- MP 181

Collect for the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 read by Maggie Savill

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Gospel Reading Luke 10, 25-37 read by Maggie Savill

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Sermon

Song from Sarah

Creed p14

Prayers p15

Peace p17

Hymn Just as I am (MP 396)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Brother Sister let me serve you

Blessing p23

Talk Outline

Who is my neighbour?- The Good Samaritan

Different ways of looking at this story- Allegorise it; localise it; sentimentalise it; popularise it??

1. Three Questions
2. Three Men
3. Three issues

It is a parable about COMPASSION, CROSSING, COST and COMMITMENT

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