



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Angel voices ever singing (MP 34)  
In Christ Alone my hope is found (MP 1072)  
Faithful One so unchanging (MP825)  
Amazing Grace (MP31)

## Readings

Psalm 51: 1-12  
Luke 15: 11-31

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to week 5 of our combined services. It has been good to welcome close to 50 people each Sunday and despite the limitations of our technology there has been a great sense of fellowship and community. We are looking closely at ways of improving the status quo and in the longer term addressing the need for a better projection system in the church building, not least made necessary by the demands of a post COVID world.

### GOOD NEWS!

We are being offered a curate by the diocese as an associate minister with effect from July next year. This is a great answer to prayer and we are in discussion with a prospective candidate. Please pray for discernment at this time and for the right decision to be made. This is a generous offer by the diocese as training posts in the diocese are limited.

Our service next Sunday for all ages will be led by Rev David Senior.

God bless you

**Ken**

## SUMMER SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Foundations- the two housebuilders

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## VIDEO REFLECTIONS

These will continue on an occasional rather than weekly basis. Do look out for them! Available on WhatsApp, Facebook and the website.

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## 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 contact me if you would like details on how to do this – my email address is [tim@etimbo.com](mailto:tim@etimbo.com).

**Tim Rogers**

## 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.

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- 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**

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### FOODBANK

The Foodbank has sent me an email this week asking me to forward their thanks to all of you who are not only donating food but are donating the items that they need most. It is much appreciated. As previously mentioned they do have a very good stock of many of the basic items so, if possible, please donate only the items on the following list -

We have either no or very little stock of the following items -  
 Sugar - small bags if possible - very low stock  
 Long life fruit juice  
 Long life sponge puddings - we have run out  
 Children's treats - chocolate etc - we have run out  
 Instant mash - we have run out  
 Powdered milk - we have run out  
 Custard  
 Coffee  
 Hot chocolate  
 Tea bags - not catering packs please  
 Cereal.

Thank you, too to those who have let me know that they've found the Stoneleigh Baptist Church collection point on Wednesdays between 10 and 12 and also for the monetary donations in envelopes going through the door of 95 Stoneleigh Park Road. I'm sure this is of extra help to the people on this side of the railway still struggling with the gas works on the Kingston Road/Stoneleigh Park Road junction.

I've been following the Morning Prayer services taken by the Dean of Canterbury in his beautiful garden every day. At the moment we are working our way through Acts. It is quite interesting to be reminded of how the members of the early church organised themselves so no one went hungry, it was so important that everyone in the community was cared for. It's a commission that is just as relevant today, sad that it should still be needed but heartening to know that our members are still heeding the call. Thank you all so much.

**Polly Elder**

### Worship at Home/Church

#### Order of Service (from our worship booklet)

#### Theme Getting Lost and Losing out - the Prodigal Son

Greeting p3

Hymn Angel voices ever singing (MP 34)

Confession p8

**Hymn** In Christ Alone my hope is found (MP 1072)

### Collect

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**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Psalm 51 1-12 read by Chris Redrup

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
 according to your steadfast love;  
 according to your abundant mercy  
 blot out my transgressions.  
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
 and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
 and my sin is ever before me.  
 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
 and done what is evil in your sight,  
 so that you are justified in your sentence  
 and blameless when you pass judgement.  
 Indeed, I was born guilty,  
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;<sup>+</sup>  
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
 let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
 Hide your face from my sins,  
 and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and put a new and right<sup>+</sup> spirit within me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
 and sustain in me a willing<sup>+</sup> spirit.

### Gospel Reading Luke 15 11-31 read by Chris Redrup

Then Jesus<sup>+</sup> said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself

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with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Repentance  
Return  
Rejoicing

**Book of Remembrance:**

Marian Elizabeth Jones, Rose Amy Crooks,  
Leonard George Fenton

Sermon

Creed p14

Prayers p15 - Margaret Hobbs

Peace p17

**Hymn** Faithful One so unchanging (MP825)

Communion Prayer p33

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

**Hymn** Amazing Grace (MP31)

Blessing p23

**Talk Outline**

**Getting Lost and losing out- The Prodigal Son**

This is a parable about

Relationships

Rebellion

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