



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 20th September

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Music

And can it be (MP33)

As the Deer (MP37)

Meekness and Majesty (MP 465)

Lord for the Years (MP 428)

Readings

Acts 1 7-8 and 2 1-13

Matthew 16: 13-20

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to St John's and all of you at home. My thanks go to David Senior and Michael Dunk for leading our services over the last two weeks while I have been away. My thanks also go to The Wardens and all the teams who have taken care of things here in my absence. We continue to be encouraged by the strength and support of the church family for one another. You will have seen the notice about the appointment from July 1st next year of our new curate who we will call our "Associate Minister". I will be saying more about him at the service this morning.

Today we continue our new series on the story of the growth of the church in the Acts of the Apostles which Michael introduced last week.

God bless you

Ken

AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

27th September – Power in Church Growth

4th October – HARVEST FESTIVAL All Age Worship

Rev. Ken Hobbs

Harvest Festival Sunday October 4th

We are making plans this week and full details will be published next Sunday Sept 27th. It will be different!

Rev. Ken Hobbs

FUNERAL

The Funeral of the late Dennis Randall will take place here on Tuesday Sept 22nd.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

APCM – 11th OCTOBER 2020

A reminder to everyone that our annual APCM will be held at 11am on Sunday October 11th after the 10am service. It will be held in the large hall, with appropriate distancing, plus on

Zoom. Please ensure that Lynda and the office have all the necessary reports in by 4th October and that all documents are sent in Word format. There are vacancies for an assistant church warden plus members of the PCC. Please let Rev. Ken or one of the church wardens know if you are interested. Coffee will be served in the hall.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell

PASTORAL TEAM

When we first went into lock-down back in March I received three offers to help the pastoral team. Now that many of us are getting out and about much more the time is right for them to stand down. I would like to say a big thank you to Polly Elder, Lynda White and Claire Cornell for the many phone calls they have made every week over the last six months.

That does not mean that the pastoral team is disbanding. Rosalie Jackson, Chris Redrup and I will continue to provide as much pastoral support as we can. So please do contact one of us if you would like to talk to us.

Jean Tutton, 020 8393 3687, jean.tutton@ntlworld.com

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters that are posted to home addresses will cease this week. If you wish to continue to receive a newsletter to your home address, please call 020 8786 7048 before next Wednesday and leave a message on the office answer phone letting me know. Thank you.

Kerrie Winter

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".

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Please note that from next Sunday there will be new Zoom links to use. These will be in next weeks newsletter and will also be emailed out to you.

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

COFFEE AFTER SERVICES

Due to the new rules starting today we will not be serving coffee outside the church. However, after reading all the rules, it is possible to have coffee /tea etc in the hall, if the following rules are observed.

Four or possibly five tables will be positioned around the hall with 4 chairs positioned 2 meters apart around the table. Everyone can sit down, **BUT PEOPLE MUST NOT WANDER AROUND.**

Coffee etc will be brought to your table.

With the virus continuing to spread we must do everything in our power to keep everyone safe.

If people do not follow these rules then unfortunately we will not be able to have refreshments after the service.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell

FOODBANK

It's started. The Christmas appeals have been tumbling through our letterbox this week and I suspect that they have also been arriving on the doormats of those struggling to put food on the table in our area. It's hard to imagine the pressures that must put on folk. No doubt the Foodbank will soon be announcing some of their plans to help families in the festive season but meanwhile this is their request list for this week.

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 -

They 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 - low stock Children's treats - chocolate etc Instant mash Powdered milk Custard Coffee Tea bags - not catering packs Cereal - not porridge

Jam/honey/marmalade Tinned meat - not spam Cleaning products Washing powder/tablets/capsules
Many thanks to all of you who are not only donating food but are donating the items they need most. It is much appreciated as it costs them to store the excess food items that they do not currently need.

I understand that Stoneleigh Baptist Church is still taking donations in on Wednesdays from 10-12. Supermarkets should still have collection bins and the warehouse in Ruxley Lane is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm, except Thursdays when they close at 2pm.

Polly Elder

Worship at Home/Church

Order of Service (from our worship booklet)

Theme Patterns in Church Growth

Using the worship Booklet
Greeting p5

Hymn And can it be (MP33)

Confession p8

Hymn As the Deer (MP37)

Collect for the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Acts 1 7-8 and 2 1-13 read by Chris Redrup Acts 1: 7-8

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Acts 2: 1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and

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Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20 read by Chris Redrup

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,⁺ the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,⁺ and on this rock⁺ I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was⁺ the Messiah.⁺

Sermon

Song from Sarah

Creed p13

Prayers p15 Richard Denyer

Peace p17

Hymn Meekness and Majesty (MP 465)

Communion Prayer p27

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn Lord for the Years (MP 428)

Blessing p23

Talk Outline

Patterns in Church Growth

What is growth? Biblical images Body; Building; Bride
Growth is numerical; geographical; spiritual and organic
Patterns in the book of Acts and reasons behind them
What are the characteristics of growing churches today?

Book of Remembrance:

Nigel Pavey, Arthur Roberts, Katherine Margery Duthie,
Minnie Alexandra Chapman, Douglas Perry

Prayer Board:

Eric, Joan and Lindsey Fife.

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