



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

## Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Music

Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun (MP 379)  
Be still for the presence of the Lord (MP 51)  
Worthy O Worthy are you Lord (MP 782)  
Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)

## Readings

Acts 3: 1-10  
John 5: 1-8

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

I returned from Cornwall last weekend to the sad news that Lynda White died suddenly last Saturday following a second serious heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barry and the family at this time.

Last Sunday I gave out the good news about our new curate (Associate Minister) Geoff Andrew who will be joining us next year. The full text of my announcement is in this newsletter.

My thanks go to the tech team of John Simon, Tim Rogers and Sarah Tutton who make our blended Sunday morning service accessible at home as well as in church. Despite anxious concerns about any future lockdowns we are able for the moment to continue with our Sunday worship on both platforms and it is great to welcome so many of you at home and in the church building. We are now using a webcam on Sunday mornings and can now include occasional pictures of the church congregation which are visible to those watching at home (eg during the Peace) This means that those at home can feel part of the church service in a unique way. It does mean that the congregation will be sometimes visible on the service recording which is on the website each week. We do not foresee any real problems with this but if you are concerned in any way feel free to avert your face.

Thank you again for all your support, understanding and encouragement.

God bless you

Ken

## AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

4<sup>th</sup> October – HARVEST FESTIVAL All Age Worship  
11<sup>th</sup> October – People in Church Growth  
18<sup>th</sup> October – Places in Church Growth

Autumn programme cards are available in Church, please ask for one.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## APCM – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 the office has all the necessary reports in by 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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 - NEW ZOOM LINK

From today, to join the Sunday 10am service via Zoom, you will need to follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96558696378>

To join using the telephone, please dial 020 3051 2874 You will be asked to enter the meeting ID followed by # (hash). Key in: 96558696378#. You will be asked for a personal ID, just press # again and you will be connected to the Service.

*John Simon*

## THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING – NEW ZOOM LINK

To join our Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am, please use this new link.

<https://zoom.us/j/95156339166?pwd=R0VuTHcvK1VTMXFFM3k3MVR2OWpDUT09>

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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**

### 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**

### A NEW CURATE FOR ST JOHN'S

Following extensive discussions with the diocese and much prayer I am pleased to announce that St John's has been allocated a curate with effect from July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is Geoff Andrew. With his wife Anne (a teacher) he has been active in leadership at St Paul's Camberley where he is already a Lay Reader (Licensed Lay Minister). He is 57 and has had a career in the hotel industry. He and Anne have three grown up children.

He is studying at St Millitus College in London and will be ordained next Summer. He has a wealth of experience of Christian ministry and will play a lead role in the future of St John's. Technically he will be a curate as far as the diocese is concerned but we will regard him as our "Associate Minister" There are only 9 training posts in the diocese and we are so fortunate to get him. Please pray regularly for Geoff and Anne as they prepare to move here next year. I am asking him to send us a brief bio plus a photograph for inclusion in a future newsletter.

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

### FOODBANK AND HARVEST

Thank you St John's for deciding to support the Foodbank again for Harvest this year. Last week I had an email from Their Office Manager. She reported that demand is still growing for the service. In July they fed 1,267 people (last year it was 449.) August was busy and this month the numbers have already grown again. Before Covid they opened distribution centres and their clients came to them, once lockdown was introduced they could no longer do this and committed themselves to delivering to every person in need. This has meant that warehouse space has had to be reallocated and storage has had to be carefully monitored and planned in advance. Consequently this year they cannot leave it to donors to decide what the Foodbank might find useful and they ask if we would be kind enough to give only what is on this list. It is a fairly long list and hopefully there should be something to suit every pocket. **Zoom congregation** - I'll have a chat with you all after the service this week to see if you would like some collection arrangements just for the Harvest Festival. Please have a piece of paper to hand to take down my phone number. As always, financial donations are more

than welcome as their Covid related costs are high. These may be brought (always in an envelope please) to the Harvest service or dropped through the door of 95 Stoneleigh Park Road.

From this Sunday and only on a Sunday, you are able to leave donations at St John's.

### List of welcome donations to Harvest Collection.

Sweetcorn, Custard, Tinned spaghetti, Coffee, Hot chocolate, Tinned fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Ketchup, Pasta/beans with meat, Fruit squash, Longlife sponge puddings, Breakfast cereal (but no porridge please), Tinned meat, Microwave rice, Tinned rice pudding, Jam/ honey/marmalade, Longlife fruit juice, Tea bags, Powdered milk, Male deodorant, Female deodorant, Showergel, Shampoo, Shaving foam, Washing up liquid, Washing powder, Hair conditioner, Pump soap, Baby shampoo, Baby wash.

Thank you everyone.

**Polly Elder**

### Worship at Home/Church

Theme - Power in Church Growth

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

Greeting p5

### Hymn Jesus shall reign where'ere the Sun (MP 379)

Confession p7

### Hymn Be still for the presence of the Lord (MP 51)

### Collect for the Day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Acts 3 v1-10 read by Maggie Savill

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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**Gospel Reading John 5 1-8 read by Maggie Savill**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.'

Sermon

**Song from Sarah**

Creed p13

Prayers p15 Ian Hargrave

Peace p17

**Hymn Worthy O Worthy are you Lord (MP 782)**

Communion Prayer p33

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

**Hymn Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)**

Blessing p23

**Book of Remembrance:**  
Chris Greene

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