



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 1st November

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Music

For all the Saints (MP 148)
Breath on me breath of God (MP67)
Rock of Ages (MP 582)
Be Still for the presence of the Lord (MP50)
Amazing Grace (MP 31)
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son (MP 689)

Readings

Acts 6 v8-15
Acts 7 v54 to Acts 8v 3

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

All Saints Day

Welcome to St John's this morning when we will be thinking about All Saints in the book of Acts and in particular the story of St Stephen, the first Christian Martyr. Within the service this morning we will be conducting a small act of remembrance for the lives of loved ones who we miss greatly and have gone before. Because of COVID restrictions we are not able to do this in the usual way but the names of your loved ones will be read out and a single candle lit on your behalf,

Next Sunday Nov 8th is Remembrance Sunday and again, within the restrictions, we will conduct an act of Remembrance at the end of the service (approaching 11 am). Because of Zoom restrictions this will take place inside the church. Our guest speaker will be the Ven Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking.

God bless you
Ken

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

We are hoping to put on a Christmas celebration on Sunday Dec 20th at 4pm and again at 6 pm. We need singers to lead from the front (suitably spaced).

More details to follow but please sign a list at the door or let Chris Webb know so that we can begin to plan. Please also invite singers from other groups in Stoneleigh who might like to join us. These identical celebrations will need to be booked using either an individual ticket or a "household" ticket. More information soon.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

8th November – Remembrance Sunday
15th November – Pastoral Care in Church Growth
22nd November – Pressures in Church Growth

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CHRISTINGLE

We are hoping to be able to run a Christmas service and whilst it won't be able to do Christingle, we are planning on preparing Christingle's to take away after the service. Please speak with Janis Forder if you can help prepare these.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

HELP ON A SUNDAY

Thank you for the response for help put in the last newsletter. We now have 8 welcomers, Chris Long, Claire Cornell, Michael Seedansingh, Lelia Mowforth, John and Maggie Savill, Chris McGinnes and Steve Abbotts Dorothy Titus-Glover and Jane Mussell have offered to go on the coffee rota. A few more for the coffee rota would be helpful.

Janis Forder

MY LICENSE

The Diocese has given an automatic one year extension to my licence. There will not be another licensing service!

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

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

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

For those joining manually the code you need is 9655 8696378. 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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/95156339166?pwd=R0VuTHcvK1VtMXFFM3k3MVR2OWpDUT09>

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SUNDAY SERVICES

For those attending church, please be reminded of the following:

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Items to be included in the next notice sheet should be emailed by 12pm on Wednesday to Kerrie Winter, the Minister's Administrator, at office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

- Refrain from entering if you are feeling unwell or have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past ten 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

FOODBANK

I've decided to ease up on the nagging this week to give you all a rest!! The Foodbank reports that the various Harvest Festival collections are still coming in and the volunteer warehouse team is work hard at sorting all the donations into various crates and boxes. They have to be incredibly well organised as they are now having to pay to store offsite. It will help if you'd continue to donate - but just the items from this list please.

Tinned Fruit, Ketchup/brown sauce, Custard, Sponge Pudding, Long-life Fruit juice, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Sweetcorn, Biscuits, Tinned spaghetti in sauce, Tinned rice pudding, Hot chocolate, Packet soup, Adult toothbrushes - singles or twos, Adult toothpaste.

I'm now able to check the box in church every week so you may drop items in either when you come for a service or maybe if you pop in for a short time of private prayer. Do remember to abide by the instructions on the door though please - our 'church sanitisers' have enough to do already.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Polly Elder

TRAIIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS

An email was sent out last week with details of how to buy Traidcraft Christmas Cards. For those of you who would like to see a brochure, please ask as there is a copy in church. Orders should be submitted by 8th November, all details are in the brochure.

Mike & Veronica Gittins

Worship at Home/Church

We hope that this service will be a time of comfort, healing, thanksgiving, and renewed hope in the future.



“God met me more than half way, he freed me from my anxious fears.....When I was desperate I called out and God got me out of a tight spot...Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness”
(From Ps 34 in the Message Version)

Hymn For all the Saints (MP 148)

Confession

Heavenly Father , We are here to worship you but first we ask you to forgive us all our sins; so many wrong things we ought not to have done; so many right things we ought to have done and we have not done. In your mercy forgive us; help us to do right and to reject what is wrong, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song Breath on me breath of God. MP67

Scripture Reading by Chris Redrup

Acts 6 v8-15

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit^h with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, ‘We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.’ They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, ‘This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth^h will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.’ And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 7 v54 to Acts 8v 3

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen.^h But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.^h And Saul approved of their killing him.

That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Address Stephen This is your Life!

Song Rock of Ages (MP 582)

Prayers Richard Denyer

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Remembering Loved Ones
Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,**

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

**Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

Surely your goodness and love will follow
me all the days of my life,

**and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Hymn Be Still for the presence of the Lord (MP50)

Remembering

A candle will be lit in remembrance of your loved ones
Names of your loved ones will then be read out

Hymn Amazing Grace (MP 31)

Prayers

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, lover of all whom you
have created,
we thank you for our loved ones whom we remember
today.**

**We thank you for every memory we have of them:
for all the ways in which their lives touched ours,
for all that we were able to give and to receive,
for the difficult as well as the good times,
for all their work and love on our behalf,
for the ways in which their love continues to
touch us.**

**With thanksgiving for all that is past, we remember them
today.**

**We hold before you our special memories and ask that
you would bless them to us. Keep us joyful at their
memory, and meet us in the sadness of our loss, that we
may embrace life more fully;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**God of life, there are times when the burdens we carry
wear us down;
When the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey
and threatening. Our lives have no music in them, our
hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood our path with your light, we pray; and fix our eyes
on your promises. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen**

Closing Hymn Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son (MP
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The Blessing

Book of Remembrance:

Janet Webb, Iris E. Mussell, Gillian Frances Marshall,
Frederick William Henry Grundy