



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 11th October

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Music

The Lords my Shepherd ("I will trust in you alone") MP 1008
Broken for me Broken for you (MP66)
Lord for the Years (MP 428)

Readings

Acts 9: 1-19
Mark 5: 24-34

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our service this morning here in the church and at home. This slightly shorter service will be followed by our delayed APCM which is also available via Zoom. Thank you to everyone who in different ways has served and supported St Johns through the difficult and challenging 18 months since the APCM in 2019. Copies of the annual reports are available in church today and are available on the website as well. They catalogue a large range of activity and demonstrate immense commitment from everyone.

Thank you to all of you who supported Barry and the family at Lynda's funeral service on Friday and for your understanding about the limited numbers. I hope those of you watching at home could appreciate the message of Christian hope as we gave thanks for her life.

Margaret and I have completed our first year with you. Thank you for having us!

God bless

Ken

AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

18th October – Places in Church Growth
25th October – Preaching in Church Growth
1st November – All Age Worship

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

Rev. Ken Hobbs

APCM – TODAY

A reminder to everyone that our annual APCM will be held today at 11am this service **in church**, plus on Zoom.

Janis Forder and Ken Mussell

"I heard God speak"

This is the title of a book of reflections, prayers and poems written by our own Gill Sathymoorthy. I heartily commend this to you and do speak to Gill if you would like a copy. We will be using some of the content of her book in our Sunday worship from time to time.

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 - 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>

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 – 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>

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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 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

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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

End of Epsom & Ewell?

Surrey County Council have proposed to abolish the 11 Borough and District Councils, including Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, replacing it with a single council for all of Surrey's 1.2 million residents. You can find out more and sign the petition at www.RASSU.org.uk.

Councillor Hannah Dalton

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

"The Real Advent Calendar is a great idea. Not only does it raise money for good causes and is made from Fairtrade Chocolate but it also tells the Christmas story."

Alan Titchmarsh

The Real Advent Calendar is available to buy

<https://www.eden.co.uk/real-advent-calendar-2020/>

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SAFEGUARDING

I would like to thank Mike Gittins for being the Safeguarding Officer here at St John's for the past five years. Mike has decided to step down and there is now a vacancy for this role. If you are interested in becoming St John's next Safeguarding Officer, please speak to myself or the Churchwardens.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

AREA DEAN

The new Area Dean for Epsom and Ewell is Rev. Rosemary Donovan of Christ Church, Epsom.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

FOODBANK

Well you kind people of St John's what a fantastic group of people you are! I had warned the Foodbank that we are a small congregation and wouldn't be having a harvest collection from the Scouts this year to swell our contribution. I don't know why I was so cautious - you gave so generously I was quite overwhelmed. As I did the date checking and sorting at home to save the volunteers time at the centre I was touched by how well you had made sure to supply so many of the items requested. Furthermore there was a monetary donation of £155 to hand in - and I know that some people contributed online and more put their donations through Claire's door, so the total was even higher.

Special mention should be made of Nick Hamilton who bravely did his London marathon, in the rain, round and round Nonsuch Park in just under 5 hours. Congratulations on this great achievement. Thanks too to valiant Team Hamilton who

supported him, bet they were all cold and wet. Nick raised another £275 for the foodbank.

When I made the delivery to the centre several of the volunteers came out to say how much they had appreciated the greetings and prayers we had included in our donations during lockdown - they said it had revitalised them at times when they were struggling to keep on top of the demand. Thanks to our leaders of intercessions who remembered the foodbank on so many occasions.

As anyone who does the weekly shop for the household will be able to tell you that it is amazing just how quickly full fridges and larders can be emptied, almost miraculously, by the following week. I'm afraid the same will happen with all of the generous harvest offerings and so, at the risk of being very boring, I'm ending with the wishlist as usual. Remember, items may be taken to the Baptist Church on Wednesday mornings or put in our box on Sundays.

Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Polly Elder

Very Urgently Needed:

Tinned Fruit; Tinned Spaghetti; Tinned Pasta/Beans with Meat; Squash; Coffee; Custard; Tomato Ketchup; Sweetcorn; Sponge Puddings; Shower Gel; Shampoo; Conditioner; Shaving Gel; Pump Soap; Washing Up Liquid

Also very low:

Tinned Vegetables; Microwave Rice; Breakfast Cereal; Long Life Fruit Juice; Tinned Meat; Hot Chocolate Sanitary Towels; Adult Toothbrushes; Adult Toothpaste; Male Deodorant

Worship at Home/Church

Theme People in Church Growth

Using the worship Booklet

Greeting p5

Confession p7

Hymn The Lords my Shepherd ("I will trust in you alone") MP 1008

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 9 v1-19 read by Ian Hargrave

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who

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are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

Gospel Reading Mark 5 v24-34 read by Ian Hargrave

So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

Sermon

Creed p14

Prayers p15 Richard Denyer

Peace p17

Hymn Broken for me Broken for you (MP66)

Communion Prayer p33

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 People in Church Growth

Acts 9 is the story of the conversion St Paul

A story about ...

Conviction

Conversion

Commitment

Book of Remembrance:

Pamela Gladys Scarlett, Harold Jeffries,
Dorothy Anne Bowen Sheridan, Iris Watkin,
Charles Senior

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