



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

## Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Music

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven (MP560)  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind (MP 111)  
For I'm building a people of power (MP 151)  
Faithful One (MP 825)  
May the mind of Christ my Saviour (MP 463)

## Readings

Acts 11 v19-30  
Mark 10v 32-34

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Thank you to all those who were able to join our APCM last Sunday and to those who have been elected to serve on the PCC. My thanks go to those who are stepping down. It has been a difficult and challenging 18 months. Most of you have received the full information pack which formed the basis of our reporting and deliberations. In my report at the end I recorded our thanks to everyone and I also referred verbally at the end of the meeting to the installation of the TV screens in church.

The PCC is aware of the concern that some have and I will be writing to the entire electoral roll in the next fortnight outlining the thinking behind this, giving full details of the project and the reasons why we are going ahead with installation at the beginning of December in time for Christmas. In a nutshell we have to build for the future, in line with the majority of churches in the diocese and across the country (including Cathedrals) and is important that St John's is not in some way left behind. The importance of this is highlighted by the fact that the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) having seen all the papers did not require a faculty and the project was immediately signed off by the Archdeacon.

Thank you for your support and I have given my assurance that this will be done without compromising on dignity and reverence and the sanctuary will be unaffected.

God bless you Ken

## AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

25<sup>th</sup> October – Preaching in Church Growth

1<sup>st</sup> November – All Age Worship "All Saint's in Acts!"

Autumn programme cards are available in Church.

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## UPCOMING SERVICES

As part of the All Age Worship on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we will be including Remembering Loved Ones. A single candle will be lit and names of those we remember will be read out. If you have a name that you would like read out during the service, please let myself, Jean Tutton or Joan Simon know.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday, there will be an act of remembrance at 11am in church and wreath will be laid.

At our service on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the new Associate Minister, Geoff Andrew will join us as a guest speaker and he will be concluding our Autumn programme on the Book of Acts.

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## 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

For the last couple of months Ken Mussell, Jean Tutton and myself have been doing the following things on a Sunday morning in preparation for our service.

- Get to church about 9.15 to put out tables and chairs, assist newcomers and prepare coffee.
- Track and trace form making sure everyone coming into church is written down.
- Serve coffee at tables.
- Sanitize the chairs and tables afterwards
- Sanitize pews after service as All Nations arrive at 1pm.
- Sanitize toilets

We would appreciate any assistance with the above tasks if you are able to do so as there will be occasions when one or other of us is not available.

A new rota for newcomers is starting in November and so far only 6 people have offered to go on the rota. As we ideally need 2 people plus the co-ordinator every week this means people would need to be on the rota every 3 weeks. If 2 more people volunteered it would be once a month. Can anyone help?

I fully appreciate these are very difficult times for everyone but if you can help we would be very grateful.

**Janis Forder**

## AREA DEAN

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

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

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## PCC MEMBERS

We welcome are Nicholas Hamilton, John Martin, Richard Denyer who have all joined the PCC. Thank you to those retiring from the PCC, Margaret Hobbs, Jean Renno, Alison Edwards, Mike Gittins.

**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=ROVuTHcvK1VTMXFFM3k3MVR2OWpDUT09>

**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 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**

## COFFEE AFTER SERVICES

Thank you for adhering to the rules we have for coffee after services. Please be reminded that these rules are still in place until notified otherwise.

**Janis Forder and Ken Mussell**

## BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

I have said that, at least for the moment, I will take on Lynda's role of distributing the BRF notes. I know that there 7 people who take the notes but I do not know who they are. Please could you let me know and also tell me which are the notes you get.

**Sue Pennington**

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## 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](http://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 is also tells the Christmas story."

**Alan Titchmarsh**

The Real Advent Calendar is available to buy

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

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## SAFEGUARDING

I would like to thank Mike Gittins for being the Safeguarding Officer here at St John's for the past five years. Richard Denyer has kindly offered to take on this role. Thank you Richard.

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## FOODBANK

Isn't it odd how unexpected things can throw one completely. Who on earth would have expected the pandemic and all the consequences from that? Our Foodbank clients are often shocked and surprised to find themselves in need of help. Outward appearances can be so misleading and who knows what worries and concerns some people are carrying around with them. It is at these times that an understanding ear, some practical help and some prayers can be the most help. Thank you St John's people for the way you respond to the call to reach out and help others. I appreciate that shopping can be tricky for some and it is not always possible to afford items for the Foodbank Box but our prayers are still much appreciated.

Thank you to Morrisons for their kind donation last week and to James Swanaker for his amazing initiative in arranging this. If anybody feels that they would like to add anything to the box on Sunday this is the **current wish list**:

Shower Gel, Conditioner, Shaving Gel, Pump Soap, Washing Powder/Tabs/Caps, Male & Female Deodorant, Tinned Fruit, Ketchup, Custard, Sponge Pudding, Fruit squash Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned Meat As previously mentioned they do have a very good stock of many of the basic items - baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes etc - which they are paying to store offsite, so please donate only the items on the list. Thank you.

**Polly Elder**

## Worship at Home/Church Theme Places in Church Growth

Using the worship Booklet

Greeting p5

**Hymn Praise my Soul the King of Heaven (MP560)**

Confession p8

**Hymn Dear Lord and Father of mankind (MP 111)**

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**Collect for the Day**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 11 v19-30 read by Maggie Savill**

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists<sup>\*</sup> also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with<sup>\*</sup> the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers<sup>\*</sup> living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel Reading Mark 10v 32-34 read by Maggie Savill**

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

Sermon

**Hymn For I'm building a people of power (MP 151)**

Creed p13

Prayers p15 Ken Mussell

Peace p17

**Hymn Faithful One (MP 825)**

Communion Prayer p24

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

**Hymn May the mind of Christ my Saviour (MP 463)**

Blessing p23

**Talk Outline**

The church at Antioch  
 An International Church  
 A Witnessing Church  
 A Well Instructed Church  
 A Generous Church  
 A Sending Church

**Book of Remembrance:**

Roy Constable

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