



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

## Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Music

We have a Gospel to proclaim (MP 728)  
Break thou the bread of Life (MP 64)  
A song from Sarah "Ten Thousand Reasons"  
There is a Redeemer (MP673)  
The Spirit lives to set us free (MP664)

## Readings

Acts 20: 17-32  
Matthew 10: 1-10

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship this morning. We are glad that London restrictions do not prevent church worship and we will continue to offer a blended service in the church and at home. Thank you to all of you for joining in and sharing in different ways. The next two Sundays are special and here are the details.

### Next Sunday, Nov 1st

This is All Saints Day and we will include in our service for everyone an opportunity to give thanks for the life of loved ones and we will light a central candle in the church and names will be read out. (there will not be a separate Remembering Loved Ones service this year)

### Remembrance Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

We will be holding our festival of Remembrance (10 am) as usual with the Venerable Martin Breadmore, our Archdeacon, as our guest preacher. The Act of Remembrance will take place at 11am inside the church because we cannot relay the outdoor part of the service to those at home. Because of restrictions there will not be a parade service for uniformed organisations this year.

God bless you

Ken

## AUTUMN SERIES AT ST JOHN'S

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

8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> November – Pastoral Care in Church Growth

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**



## A MESSAGE FROM GEOFF ANDREW

Greetings to everyone at St John's!

I am truly delighted to have been appointed as your Curate starting from next Summer and I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and joining the

fellowship. Ken has asked me to give you some personal background so here we go...

I am 56 years young and have been married to Anne for 30 years. We actually met at college in Huddersfield way back in the 1980s. Anne is a primary school teacher and we have three children: Samuel, 26, is studying for a Communications degree at the University of Malta (a country we lived in for a couple of years); Elijah, 24, has a business degree but is currently back home with us saving to go travelling; and our youngest, Lily, 21, is an aspiring actor who plans to go to drama school. She also leads a worship group at church. Up until the end of last year, I had worked in the hotel industry for 30 years but felt that God was calling me into full time ministry so I'm now a student again, studying at St Mellitus College in London (or rather, via Zoom these days!). I have been an LLM (Reader) at St Paul's Church, Camberley for the past 12 years. One of the people I trained with for my LLM license was one of St John's very own...the lovely Joan Simon. In my spare time I love to get out into the local countryside on my mountain bike or go for a run. I'm originally from Manchester so football is in the blood and I'm a lifelong City supporter. We also have a campervan, so Anne and I like to head off now and again to visit somewhere new.

Let me close this brief intro by sharing my favourite verse of Scripture with you. It's Isaiah 42:16 from the Good News translation: *'I will lead my blind people by roads they have never travelled. I will turn their darkness into light and make rough country smooth before them. These are my promises, and I will keep them without fail.'* Especially in challenging times like these it's so comforting to know that whatever the future holds, we have a faithful and loving God to guide our path.

Blessings to you all and see you soon.

**Geoff**

**Come along on 6<sup>th</sup> December and meet Geoff Andrew who will be our guest speaker!**

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## Remembering Our Loved Ones

### 10am Sunday 1st November

I have been asked to compile the list of names to be read out in church at this service.

Please may I ask you to let me have any request(s) by this Friday evening, so I can ensure that the service leaders have the full list in good time.

**Joan Simon, 020 8393 6155, [joanisimon@gmail.com](mailto:joanisimon@gmail.com)**

## 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 Licence

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

**Rev. Ken Hobbs**

## 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=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**

## 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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## FOODBANK

How do you choose which items to donate to the Foodbank? I bet there are a million and one ways to make a selection ranging from price/what I can afford to can I carry it? I've heard of a novel idea which involves the whole family and makes sure that everyone gets a chance to really think about what it means to need help. All the family looks at the list and decides which item should be donated to the foodbank - all the suggestions go in the hat and the winner not only gets the honour of adding that item to the family shopping list but also gets a very small treat (well I suppose it's OK to have some sort of incentive!) However you select the items please keep the donations coming - here is the list of items the Foodbank has requested this week.

Shower Gel, Shampoo, 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

**Polly Elder**

## TRADCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS

An email was sent out in the 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 8<sup>th</sup> November, all details are in the brochure.

**Mike & Veronica Gittins**

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

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

### Theme Preaching and Church Growth

Greeting p5

### Hymn We have a Gospel to proclaim (MP 728)

Confession p8

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### Collect for the Day

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

### Hymn Break thou the bread of Life (MP 64)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 20: 17-38 read by Tim Rogers

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them:

'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

'And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

#### Gospel Reading Matthew 10: 1-10 Tim Rogers

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his

brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

Sermon

#### A song from Sarah "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Creed p14

Prayers p15 Ian Hargrave

Peace p17

#### Hymn There is a Redeemer (MP673)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Bread (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

#### Hymn The Spirit lives to set us free (MP664)

Blessing p23

#### Talk Outline

##### Theme Preaching and Church Growth

Biblical Context

Historical Context

Spiritual Context

Church Context

Ministry is earthed in the realities of everyday

Ministry takes time

Ministry is costly

Ministry involves a verdict

Ministry involves a reversal of priorities

#### Book of Remembrance:

Marjorie Elsie Orford, Adrian Michael Eagle,  
Kath Jones.

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