



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

## Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Music

Bring to the Lord a glad new song  
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (MP 111)  
"God is our refuge and strength (MP 188)  
Name of All Majesty  
Song "Christmas 1915"  
Thine be the Glory  
"You raise me up " Sung by Sarah Tutton

## Readings

John 11 v17-27 and v32-44

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

As far as moving forwards is concerned we have been able to develop further the blended service from St John's with approx. half of us in church and half joining at home via Zoom. The new projection system is being installed later this month and this will further enhance what we are able to do with the building now and, as things eventually return to some form of normality, in the future. You will have received an email this week or a letter in the post which will give you the practical and pastoral reasons why the PCC regards this step forward as necessary and we are grateful for your support

We have gone backwards nationally as we face a further minimum of 4 weeks with St John's closed to public worship along with the church centre. The side chapel remains open for private prayer and we are now able to broadcast live from the church on Sundays. If you able please join us via Zoom or by using the telephone number. Details are in this newsletter. My thanks go to everyone on the team here who is making this possible. We are planning for Christmas!

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and our speaker will be Martin Breadmore the Archdeacon of Dorking.

Charles Dickens has a famous quote "We live in the best and worst of times." We can find God in unexpected places including these most challenging of circumstances. A book was written by a survivor of the Chilean mine rescue called the "The 39<sup>th</sup> Miner" It documents in detail the experience of the 38 socially isolated men entombed underground with a Christian pastor Each day they did a head count and each day there were 39 present! The world held its breath as that rescue mission took place!

Make of it what you will but it reminds me of that powerful promise in Scripture "When you go through the waters I will be with you and the floods will not overwhelm you" May you know the reassurance of God's presence with you in the days ahead.  
God bless you  
Ken

## PASTORAL VISITING

I am allowed to visit you in your home if we observe COVID safeguards as part of my "work" which cannot be done remotely. Talk to me about this if you feel you would like a safe visit!

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## PUBLIC WORSHIP

The Archbishops and senior faith leaders have written strongly to the Prime Minister asking for the ban on public worship to be lifted. They cogently argue that this is vital for the spiritual and mental well being of communities; that every place of worship now has COVID secure practices and that there is little or no scientific evidence to suggest that properly regulated places of worship contribute the transmission of the disease. Watch this space. Details on the Premier website.

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## NEXT PCC MEETING

The next PCC meeting will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

*Sue Pennington*

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

We remain hopeful that we can put on a Christmas celebration on Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and again at 6 pm. The plan is to have a small group of singers and if you would like to be involved, please email the office.

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

15<sup>th</sup> November – Pastoral Care in Church Growth - **Zoom only**

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Pressures in Church Growth - **Zoom only**

29<sup>th</sup> November – ADVENT SUNDAY - **Zoom only**

*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*

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## 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>

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

I am pleased to say that over the next few months, I have arranged for some guest speakers to join our services. Dates for your diary:

6<sup>th</sup> December – Geoff Andrew

13<sup>th</sup> December – Andy Shaw

20<sup>th</sup> December – Rev. Peter Harwood

7<sup>th</sup> February – Bishop of Guildford The Right Revd Andrew

*Rev. Ken Hobbs*

## FOODBANK

So here we go again! Have you stocked up or planning to go out to shop as a good reason for going out? Imagine not having the funds to be able to ensure that you have enough food for the week. It occurred to me this week too that the cheaper shops are often at some distance away from where people might live so it means walking a few miles or paying for the bus.

Fortunately, when I spoke to the volunteers at the Foodbank last week they were gearing themselves up for another increase in referrals. I'm so impressed at their organisational skills. They have reminded us that they do have a very good stock of many basic items - baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes etc - which they are paying to store offsite, so please donate only the items on the following list -

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

As the church will remain open for private prayer the box will be available for donations and I'll empty it each week. If you would prefer to continue to put cash donations (always in an envelope please) through the door of 95, Stoneleigh Park Road please do so.

*Polly Elder*

## TRADCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Since the start of lockdown in March it has been impossible to have the regular Traidcraft stall in St John's, but we have circulated a range of Traidcraft Christmas Cards that can be purchased.

Today – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – is the closing date for orders. If you no longer have the web-link, or couldn't see the card illustrations in church, and would like to place an order

please contact Mike or Veronica. Telephone Veronica or Mike Gittins on 0208 393 9988 or email [mvgittins@btinternet.com](mailto:mvgittins@btinternet.com). Your order will be delivered to you, in a Covidly safe way and payment collected.

Traidcraft Christmas Cards support a number of charities and please also remember that **Traidcraft** sells the best of fair trade, runs life-changing development projects and campaigns hard to bring about trade justice.

*Mike & Veronica Gittins*

## Worship at Home/Church

### Introduction

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good, whose power sustains the world He has made; who loves us, though we have failed in His service: who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by His Holy Spirit leads us in His way.

As we give thanks for His great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others: we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need: we ask for His help and blessing that we may do His will and that the whole world may acknowledge Him as Lord and King.

### Hymn (Tune "Jerusalem")

- Bring to the Lord a glad new song;  
Sons of his grace extol your king.  
Worship and praise to God belong,  
To instruments of music, sing!  
Let those be warned who spurn his name  
Nations and kings attend his word;  
God's justice shall bring tyrants shame:  
Let every creature praise the Lord!**
- Praise him within these hallowed walls,  
Praise him beneath the dome of heaven:  
By cymbal's sounds and trumpet's calls,  
Let praises fit for God be given.  
With strings and brass and wind rejoice;  
Then join his praise with full accord;  
All living things with breath and voice;  
Let every creature praise the Lord!**

### Confession

In a dark, disfigured and divided world we have not held out the light of life. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

In a hungry, despairing and hopeless world we have failed to share our resources. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

In a cold, forlorn and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

**May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal and rescuing love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

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## Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Gospel Reading John 11 v17-27 and v32-44 read by Maggie Savill

### v17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus<sup>+</sup> had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles<sup>+</sup> away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>+</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,<sup>+</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

### v32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

## Sermon Martin Breadmore Archdeacon of Dorking

**Hymn** "God is our refuge and strength (MP 188)  
(Dambusters March tune)

Holy Communion Prayer p 31

Lords Prayer

Administration in church for the production team Do join in at home if you can

Post Communion Prayer

"You raise me up " Sung by Sarah Tutton

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

**The National Anthem**

**Wreath laid in church /Last post/ Silence/Reveille**

**Act of Commitment**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men: that we may help, encourage and comfort others: that we may support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,**

**We pledge ourselves**

**To serve you and all mankind**

**In the cause of peace,**

**For the relief of want and suffering,**

**And for the praise of Your Name.**

**Guide us by Your Spirit:**

**Give us wisdom;**

**Give us courage;**

**Give us hope;**

**And keep us faithful**

**Now and always. Amen**

**Hymn** Name of All Majesty

We pray together

**Almighty God who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of His kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Song "Christmas 1915"**

We continue in prayer for the needs of the world, our community and ourselves Ken Mussell

**Hymn** Thine be the Glory

**The Blessing**

**Book of Remembrance:**

Marjorie Elizabeth Camp, Bernard Rhodes,  
Marie Florence White

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