



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2021

Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Music

Angel Voices ever singing (MP 34)
Father we adore you (MP 139)
Broken for me Broken for you (MP 66)
He who would valiant be (MP 224)

Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to St John's this morning and to everyone joining in from home. As we enter what we hope are the last few weeks of our most severe COVID restrictions I am grateful that churches are allowed to stay open for communal worship in a COVID safe way. We will be streaming live from St John's at 10am via stoneleigh.tv but the difference between last November and now is that anyone is welcome to join us in the building. This makes it possible for those who would like to be physically present to be there and it can also benefit those who do not have internet access.

Our pastoral support will continue with regular phone calls but it seems that unless there is an emergency visiting is not possible for this period. Do get in touch with me on my home phone number 020 8643 7878 if you need help.

This morning we welcome Rev. Michael Dunk as our visiting preacher at our service of Holy Communion.

God bless you

Ken

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

Sally and Yagya Singh

It was a pleasure to have them with us last Sunday and leaflets/prayer card etc are available to be picked up in the church for those who would like to pray for them and support their work in Nepal.

They hope to be with us again on Mothering Sunday in March to tell us more about family life in that country and the

pressures on parenting as communities grapple with human trafficking.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

All lives services in church are now being streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

Tim Rogers

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday morning coffee via Zoom at 10:30am is still taking please. For the Zoom link, please email the office.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

UPCOMING SERVICES

On the 7th February we have the Right Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford joining us.

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Maureen Lahiff's book about her son

Some of you will remember Maureen Lahiff and her son, Michael, who had Down's Syndrome. Maureen has just published a book about her son entitled "Michael, A Transforming Presence". It costs £8.99 including postage and packing. However, if several people wanted the book, the books could be sent in one parcel and the cost would be less. I have read the book and found it very moving and informative. I would be happy to lend my copy to anyone if it can be done in a Covid safe way.

Further information from Sue Pennington 02083934356 or suepennington@uwclub.net

Sue Pennington

WHITECHAPEL MISSION

As all the charity shops are currently closed, our friends at Stoneleigh Methodist church are continuing to collect unwanted adult male and female clothing to donate to the Whitechapel Mission for homeless people in London. With over a 150 people a day using their shower facilities, and each of them looking for a change of clothing, your donations will be greatly appreciated. They particularly need sleeping bags, woolen hats, woolen gloves and woolen scarves but everything (except dressing gowns) are accepted. You can drop off your donations at 198 Stoneleigh Park Road and leave them in the porch. Denise will then take them up to the trailer at Stoneleigh Methodist church for onward delivery to Whitechapel. Many thanks.

Claire Cornell

NEW MINISTER – RUXLEY CHURCH

The Licensing of The Reverend Fiona Ellingham by The Right Reverend Jo Bailey Wells Bishop of Dorking at Ruxley Church will take place on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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We are hoping to receive details of how to join via Zoom.

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FOODBANK

New Year Greetings everyone! I've not heard yet how much change the Foodbank will have to face in 2021 but suspect that many people hired on short contracts to cover the Christmas period will now be needing more support. You'll be pleased to know though that all the Christmas gifts and food parcels were distributed in time and the Foodbank has received many letters of thanks.

The volunteers are now taking stock - again! As previously mentioned it costs more to stock any overstock of items so they would appreciate it if only the following items were donated at this time. Furthermore, to save volunteer time we shall now only get updates to this list if there are significant changes so please hang on to this list..... no doubt I'll be back before too long!

Sugar 500g bags URGENT	Washing
Rice pudding URGENT	powder/tablets/capsules
Instant mash	Shampoo
UHT milk - semi skimmed	Conditioner
and full fat only	Coffee
Longlife fruit juice	Powdered milk
Longline sponge puddings -	Rice
not from chilled counter	Male deodorant
URGENT	Tampons
Pasta sauce	
Tinned vegetables	

And finally..... 'what can I bring him poor as I am?'.....just a sponge pudding or a tin of vegetables would be a great help..... but I couldn't manage to write that into the verses we all know and love. Take care everyone.

Polly Elder

Worship at Home/Church

Let the Heavens Rejoice and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for He comes! (1 Chron 16 31,33)

Greeting p5

Hymn Angel Voices ever singing (MP 34)

Confession p8

Collect for the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Father we adore you (MP 139)

1st Reading Ephesians 3 1-12 read by Chris Redrup

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me

for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading Matt 2 1-12 read by Chris Redrup

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon

Creed p14

A song from Sarah

Prayers Richard Denyer

Peace p17

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Hymn Broken for me Broken for you (MP 66)

Communion Prayer p31

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22

Hymn He who would valiant be (MP 224)

Blessing p23

Talk Outline

Book of Remembrance:

Jane Phyllis Usherwood, Molly Hurst,
Norman Michael Sutton, Beatrice Marie Ernstzen

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