



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

14th November 2021

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Welcome to St John's on this special Sunday, our service of Remembrance. Today we acknowledge and honour the courage and sacrifice of those who served this country in two world wars and in various theatres of war since. It is a pleasure to once again welcome the uniformed organisations to commemorate this occasion with us. For those of you at home, the service will be livestreamed as usual, including the act of remembrance held outside in the garden. The service begins at 10am.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13)

Blessings
Rev. Geoff

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

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

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

Our 9:30am service is being streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

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.

Tim Rogers

ROTA

If you are able to help with any of the duties on the rota, please speak with me. Thank you.

Janis Forder

RUSH

We are pleased to say that we will have some visitors from RUSH joining us at our services on Sunday 28th November.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

PCC MEETING

The next meeting of the PCC will be held in church on Tuesday November 16th 2021 at 7.30 pm. Any items for Any Other Business should be given to me or to Ken Hobbs before the meeting.

Sue Pennington

WINDOW CLEANER

Can anyone recommend a window cleaner to give us a quote for regular cleaning of windows in and outside of church. Thank you

Janis Forder

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

I have spoken to various people about this year's Carol Concert on Sunday, 19th December and have had a very encouraging response. I am planning to hold five rehearsals in advance. Because there is not one particular day of the week that suits everyone and because I have a number of Council meetings during November and December on a Thursday evening, rehearsals will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 24th November 7.00pm until 8.30pm
- Friday, 3rd December 7.00pm until 8.30pm
- Wednesday, 8th December 7.00pm until 8.30pm
- Friday, 17th December 7.00pm until 8.30pm
- Sunday, 19th December 3pm until 5pm (the Carol Concert will start at 6pm)

If you haven't already signed up and you wish to participate, would you please add your name to the list in church.

Chris Webb

CAROL SINGING ON THE BROADWAY

We are planning to join with Stoneleigh Baptist church on Saturday December 4th to sing carols on the Broadway at 5.30pm. Please can you let me know if you are able to come. This has been an annual event for many years. Thanks.

Janis Forder

CHURCHES TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

This year due to the ongoing Covid situation, we will not be holding our usual Christmas lunch event. Nonetheless we are providing Goodie Boxes to those who will be alone on Christmas Day, as we did last year. Please can we ask that you let us know of anyone in such a position who would appreciate a Goodie box. Also could we be informed of any changes in circumstances of anyone known to you who is one of our regular guests. In each case please contact Sally Barnes on 0208 393 3011. Thank you,

The Together at Christmas Team

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

St John's will be sending Christmas cards to the parish again this year. Please can you sign up for deliveries. There is a list at the front of church. Thank you.

Kerrie Winter

CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday, 15th November, 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. Bring your crafting and see you there!

Veronica Gittins

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank are recruiting for an Operational Lead. For more information please visit

<https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/foodbank/>

Polly Elder

GREEN ARM CHAIR

Would anyone like to have the green armchair which is currently in the atrium? It is in good condition but, with the opening of the cafe in that space, we need to find a new home for it. If you are interested let me know.

Jean Tutton 020 8393 3687

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CINEMA

A new film is being shown about C.S. Lewis as a young man and is opening at Epsom Odeon for one showing only this Sunday 14th November at 4.15pm. It's directed by Norman Stone who also directed the first version of Shadowlands and The Narnia Code - both for the BBC. More information about the movie can be found <https://www.cslewismovie.com/>.

Last Sunday the movie premiered in 14 UK cinemas; and six of these then added an extra performance because the advance bookings were so good.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

FOODBANK

Tucked away deep in our belongings in store is a very tiny pot china cat. It's not perfect, it has a gap in the glaze and I seem to remember a chip on its nose. It's a precious thing to me though because I received it when I was very young. Two elderly ladies down our road used to hold a Christmas party for some of the neighbours' children. One year I was so disappointed because I had measles and couldn't attend. I cheered up greatly though when a stocking arrived with all the party goodies - an orange, a few sweets and a paper hat. Tucked right at the toe end of the stocking was this little cat - we didn't usually get "presents" at the party. The kindness of the ladies must have touched me as I've kept that cat as one of my special belongings. We don't know how some of our acts of kindness or thoughtfulness might be received but I would say that my cat is testament to how much they might be appreciated. The Foodbank is asking us to contribute to their Christmas Appeal. There is a great choice items which they would like to add to your shopping list- do pick up one of the leaflets or go onto the Foodbank's website <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk> for the full list.

For the goodie bags they would appreciate Christmas selection boxes, Christmas napkins, tablecloths, tea towels, Christmas puddings, Savoury snacks, Tinned ham, Christmas biscuits, Festive chocolate, sweets and treats, Mince pies, Packet stuffing, Packet trifle mix .

Please make sure items do not contain alcohol as they are unable to give these out. Please donate by Friday 3rd December in time for them to pack the bags ready for the clients. - oh and if you feel like smuggling a tiny pot china cat in there as well I'm sure they will know which family would be happy to give it a home.

Polly Elder

Book of Remembrance
Leonard Alexander Sharpe