



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

17th July 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Welcome to our Sunday worship! If the forecast is correct, we will be protecting ourselves from the heat this weekend so I hope and pray you have been able to cope during the day and sleep comfortably. This Sunday, Rev Ken is away, helping out at St Peter's, Walton on the Hill. We continue our series on the 10 Commandments with a look at the 8th commandment: 'do not steal'. Simon Morrison is playing the organ for us at the 9.30 service.

Geoff

SUMMERTIME SERVICES: FORMAT

Starting from July 31 and continuing throughout August, we will be running one service on Sunday morning at 10am. This will be a service of Holy Communion but with provision for families, including KidZone. The service will include a slightly shorter Eucharistic prayer, a mix of music styles, and the use of the big screens for liturgy as well as the hymn/song words. This will make the service easier to follow for those not used to finding their way around the worship booklet.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

SUMMERTIME SERVICES: THEME

On July 31, Rev Ken and I are both away and we are delighted that David Senior from St Paul Howell Hill will be with us to lead and preach for the final Sunday on the 10 Commandments series. During August, Ken will preach on the 1st and 4th Sundays on two of Jesus' parables, and I will be preaching on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays on Prayer & Healing in anticipation of re-introducing prayer ministry to our services on a regular basis in the Autumn. Please pick up a sermon series card from church.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

CONCERT

On Saturday October 22nd a concert with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley will be at St John's. Paul Jones was the lead singer for Manfred Mann and the Blues Band and they will be sharing their faith in words and music and speaking at both Services on the Sunday. This is a significant outreach event for us and our local churches. Details to follow on tickets etc. in due course. Book the Date!

There is a sign up sheet at the front of church so we can get an idea of numbers. Please add your name and how many tickets you intend to buy. Many thanks.

Rev. Ken Hobbs

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9:30am service is 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 place. For the Zoom link, please email the office.

DONATING TO ST JOHN'S



If you would like to contribute financially to the work of St John's, you can donate using this QR code. Using your smartphone's camera will take you straight to a page where you can make a donation using a credit card. Thank you.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

GOODBYE

I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you. It really has been a pleasure to work at St John's and get to know so many wonderful people. Over the past three years you have welcomed myself, Lucy and James and we really do feel part of the St John's family. I'll be at the Summer Fair and will hopefully get the chance to see some of you there.

Kerrie Winter

CRAFT CLUB

The next Craft Club will be on Monday, 18th July. Meeting in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon. Bring your crafting and come along. See you there!

Diary date : August's meeting will be on 15th August.

Veronica Gittins

OFFICIAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

We are phasing out our old BT email address and it will stop working later in the year. When sending emails to the St. John's office, please update your address book and use office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk if you can.

Tim Rogers

FOODBANK

Nearly school holiday time! In some homes this will be both a relief and a worry. Children will need food to replace school dinners, they tend to want snacks and treats like all children. It's also a time when some people can get away and consequently Foodbank donations dwindle. We shall continue to post items that the Foodbank needs - if you can find a way to maintain your support it would be much appreciated.

This week they have COMPLETELY RUN OUT of:- Sponge puddings, Cooking sauce, Small bags of sugar, Chocolate, Powdered milk

They also URGENTLY NEED please:- Tinned vegetables, Tinned spaghetti ie. hoops, Tinned tomatoes, Dried pasta in sauce, Noodles, Mayonnaise, Pasta sauce, Crisps, Weetabix, Long life fruit juice, Squash, Biscuits, Chocolate Spread, Rice pudding, Children's treats - Freddo's, chocolate buttons etc., Toilet roll, Adult toothbrushes, Adult toothpaste, Baby wipes, Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Washing powder

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked: , Pulses, pasta, beans, washing up liquid, cat food, milk UHT

Order of service for 9:30am

From our worship booklets

“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” (Eph 4: 28)

Greeting p5

Hymn Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (MP 560)

Confession p7 (Most merciful God...)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Exodus 22:1-14 read by John Rogers

Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

²‘If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; ³but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed.

‘Anyone who steals must certainly make restitution, but if they have nothing, they must be sold to pay for their theft. ⁴If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession – whether ox or donkey or sheep – they must pay back double.

⁵‘If anyone grazes their livestock in a field or vineyard and lets them stray and they graze in someone else’s field, the offender must make restitution from the best of their own field or vineyard.

⁶‘If a fire breaks out and spreads into thorn-bushes so that it burns sheaves of corn or standing corn or the whole field, the one who started the fire must make restitution.

⁷‘If anyone gives a neighbour silver or goods for safekeeping and they are stolen from the neighbour’s house, the thief, if caught, must pay back double. ⁸But if the thief is not found, the owner of the house must appear before the judges, and they must determine whether the owner of the house has laid hands on the other person’s property. ⁹In all cases of illegal possession of an ox, a donkey, a sheep, a garment, or any other lost property about which somebody says, “This is mine,” both parties are to bring their cases before the judges. ¹⁰The one whom the judges declare guilty must pay back double to the other.

¹⁰‘If anyone gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to their neighbour for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no one is looking, ¹¹the issue between them will be settled by the taking of an oath before the Lord that the neighbour did not lay hands on the other person’s property. The owner is to accept this, and no restitution is required. ¹²But if the animal was stolen from the neighbour, restitution must be made to the owner. ¹³If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, the neighbour shall bring in the remains as evidence and shall not be required to pay for the torn animal.

¹⁴‘If anyone borrows an animal from their neighbour and it is injured or dies while the owner is not present, they must make restitution.

Luke 12: 13-21 read by John Rogers

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’

¹⁴Jesus replied, ‘Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?’ ¹⁵Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’

¹⁶And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

¹⁸‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

²¹‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

Sermon Rev. Geoff Andrew

Creed p13 (I believe in God...)

Prayers p15 Rev. Geoff Andrew

Peace p17

Hymn Spirit of the Living God (MP 613)

Communion Prayer Prayer H, p33

Lords Prayer p 18

Prayer of Humble Access p20 (We do not presume...)

Distribution of Communion (music may be played)

Prayer after Communion p22 (Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us...)

Blessing p23