



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

7th August 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

A warm welcome to our Summer series at St John's. During August, we are looking at parables and prayer, with Rev Ken today reflecting on Jesus' story of the Lost Sheep. Thanks this morning go to organist Chris Webb who has agreed to play an extra Sunday for us this month. May God bless you and give you a real sense of his presence this morning as we worship him together in church and at home.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

SUMMERTIME SERVICES: FORMAT

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

HOSTING GUESTS FROM UKRAINE

Anne and I are delighted to be hosting our new Ukrainian guest, Sasha, who has been living with us at the vicarage for the past 4 weeks. Sasha has a friend - a young woman with two boys aged 7 and 5 - who is also looking to leave Ukraine and needs a host family in the UK. It would be lovely if she could find a place in Stoneleigh so they could be close to each other. If anyone is willing and able to host this family, or if you know of someone who could, can you please let me know? It is a real blessing to help those in need.

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 10:00am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

Tim Rogers

START COURSE

On Tuesday, September 27 at 7.30pm, we will be embarking on another edition of the Start Course. This is a six-week course exploring the basics of Christianity. The format is an informal discussion group with video clips, music, prayer and lots of opportunities to share stories and ask questions. Please speak to me if you - or someone you know - is interested in joining.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

REV. MARK BORLEY

Mark Borley, who used to be the Vicar here, is coming to have tea with me on Friday 12th August between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Anyone who would like to come and join us for tea and scones on that day would be very welcome. Mark is happily settled in Kent now and would be pleased to see people from St John's. It would be good to know in advance who is coming so that I know how many scones to make. My address is 6 Lyncroft Gardens, Ewell KT17 1UR and my phone number is 020 8393 4356 and my email address is suepennington@uwclub.net

Sue Pennington

CHURCH CLEANING

We are currently short of people who can occasionally help clean the Church. If you are able to assist, can you please speak to one of us? Thank you.

Church Wardens

SUMMER BBQ

We will be hosting another Summer BBQ in the vicarage garden on Sunday August 21 at 12.30pm. Please bring a dish of your choice to share and/or something to grill.

Rev. Geoff Andrews

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

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

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL



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

CRAFT CLUB

The next Craft Club will be on Monday, 15th August. Meeting in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon. Bring your crafting and come along. See you there!

Veronica Gittins

ORGANISED COACH TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE

Saturday 13th August

There is an organised coach trip to the wonderful venue, Hever Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife. This trip is in aid of the school John Baxter sponsors in the Gambia. There is a flyer in the atrium or details can be found: www.africanschoolgambia.com If you haven't visited Hever Castle before, accompanying the trip on the coach is a Blue Badge guide who will remind us of events which led to the separation of the church in England from the church of Rome. The gardens are a joy to behold.

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

An article in the Sunday Times has introduced the idea of Foodbanks being the nation's new emergency service. A whole new division of the logistics business works with volunteer organisations to ensure that the surplus generated by the UK's food industry is used to feed hungry people, yet they STILL need the help of voluntary donations from local collections like ours. Pretty mind blowing isn't it! Here are this week's lists.

This week they have COMPLETELY RUN OUT of :

Chocolate spread, Chocolate, Powdered milk

They still urgently need:- Tinned vegetables, Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, Noodles, Pasta sauce, Cooking sauce, Brown sauce, Small bags of sugar, Sponge pudding, Long life fruit juice, Squash, Biscuits, Rice pudding, Children's treats - Freddo's, chocolate buttons etc., Sanitary towels, Adult toothbrushes, Baby wipes, Nappies - size 5, size 6 and size 6+, Washing powder/pods, Household cleaning products - antibac spray, cleaning wipes, oven cleaner etc. (No bleach please!)

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked:

Pulses, pasta, beans, rice, washing up liquid, cat food, dog food, peanut butter, milk UHT, non-dairy milk.

Order of service for 10am

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15: 1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Bloopers and Blessings – Sunday School

As they were going back into church for the last hymn, a Sunday School teacher asked her group, "Do you think you could be really quiet?"

"Is that because people are sleeping?" asked one little girl.