



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

This weekend we mourn the loss of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. Her life of service to the nation was deeply rooted in her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In many ways, it is fitting that we should be focusing our current sermon series on discipleship as the Queen was an exemplary model of how to be an effective disciple of Jesus even as the leader of our Nation and the Commonwealth. In Sunday's services we will acknowledge our grief at her passing and give thanks for her life. We will also, as planned, consider the life of that great disciple, Simon Peter. A Thanksgiving service dedicated to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth will be held next Saturday, September 17 at 5pm with both myself and Rev Ken. May God bless us all at this time of sadness for her passing, celebration for her life and of anticipation for the reign of Charles, our new King.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

RENE GRACE

Rene's funeral service has been arranged for 10am on Thursday September 22nd at 10am followed on at 11.20am at Garth Road. The 10am service will be followed by refreshments in the hall. This is relatively short notice due to her son having to return to New Zealand. Please hold her family in your prayers at this time.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

PETER COTTAT

The funeral for Peter Cottat, husband of Patricia, will take place at St John's Church on Tuesday September 27th at 2pm. Please hold Pat in your prayers at this time.

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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 9 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

Season of Music at St John's

This Autumn, St John's is hosting a series of music and entertainment evenings under the heading 'Season of Music at St John's.' The season includes an organ recital to celebrate the restoration of the St John's organ (October 1), an entertaining evening with former pop star Paul Jones and his wife Fiona Hendley as they share songs and stories of faith (October 22), a concert with locally based Christian blues musician and songwriter Bryn Haworth (November 26) and a

return performance from Epsom Rock Choir (December, date TBC). You can sign up for tickets at the front of church or buy directly from the St John's website. Please come and support and bring your friends

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SEASON OF MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S TICKETS

If you have signed up for one or more of the Season of Music events, could you please bring money with you on Sunday in order to purchase a ticket. If you prefer this can be done online through the website but please let us know you are planning to do this.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

Prayers for Healing

This Sunday, we will be re-introducing Prayers for Healing on a monthly basis at our 9.30 service. The service will be a normal 9.30 Holy Communion, but after taking Communion you will be offered the opportunity to be anointed and blessed, and if you wish, seek further prayer ministry in the Lady Chapel. The prayer can be for any kind of healing - physical, emotional, spiritual - for yourself or on behalf of another. This is a gentle yet powerful ministry that seeks to enable God's Holy Spirit to bring his healing touch in Jesus' name. We will also be introducing Prayers for Healing at the 11am service in October.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9.30am 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

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

Priority List:

Food in jars, pot noodles, energy and protein bars, rice, pasta, coffee, tea, baby food, baby formula, toiletries, cleaning materials.

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

Our Craft Club for September will be held on Monday 19th September from 10am to 12 noon. **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

Flowers for the Church



Please speak to Anne Andrew if you would like to donate flowers to be displayed in the church, perhaps in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. We would be delighted to hear from you and write a dedication to go in the newsletter and be displayed in the church. **Anne Andrew**

FOODBANK

They have completely run out of: Jam, Nappies – size 6+, Adult toothbrushes and toothpaste, Tea bags, Shampoo and Hair conditioner.

They urgently need: Tinned meat (not corned beef), Tinned fruit, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, Sponge pudding, Powdered milk, Brown sauce, Custard, Chocolate/Treats, Female/Male deodorant.

They would also appreciate any bags for life/very strong bags. **Polly Elder**

Order of Service for 9:30am

Opening: Simon Peter: enthusiastic and impulsive.

Greeting P5

Hymn/Song: Great is thy Faithfulness (MP 200) 3vs

Collect (13th after Trinity)

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 9: 32-42

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As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years. ³⁴ 'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up. ³⁵ All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda,

they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Mark 8: 27-33

John Rogers

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

²⁸ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

²⁹ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Sermon: Simon Peter

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Prayers p15

Peace p17

Hymn/Song: There is a Redeemer (MP 673)

Communion Prayer: Prayer C p27

Lord's Prayer p18

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 ...)

Hymn/Song: What a Friend we have in Jesus

Dismissal and Blessing p23

Notices

Banns

From Our Book of Remembrance

Dorothy Margaret Cutcliffe

Joan Angels Davey