



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

4th September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Welcome to the Autumn term at St John's! I hope everyone managed to get some relaxation time over the Summer. Normal service is resumed this week as we return to our two service times of 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Worship For Everyone. A new term also means a new sermon series as we embark on a journey through the gospels to meet the 12 disciples of Jesus, starting this week with Andrew. The series is entitled 'Meet the Team' and you may spot a footballing theme in the promotional material. I will be leading and preaching for the next two Sundays as Rev Ken and Margaret head off on holiday.

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. 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.

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 8 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

Rev. Geoff Andrew

Prayers for Healing

Next Sunday (Sept 11), 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.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

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

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

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

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your very generous and lovely gifts. The vase is beautiful and a wonderful way to be able to remember my time at St John's.

Kerrie Winter

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 urgently need: Cooking sauce, Tinned meat (not corned beef, we have lots) Powdered Milk, Tinned Soup, Tea bags, Longlife Sponge puddings, Rice, Noodles (not pot), Shampoo, Conditioner, Male/Female deodorant, Adult toothbrushes (Singles please, no packs of two or more), Chocolate/Treats.

Please no more of these items as they are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, beans, washing up liquid, cat food, dog food, peanut butter, non-dairy milk.

Polly Elder

Order of Service for 9:30am

Collect (12th after Trinity)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'

2nd Reading: John 1: 35-42

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

³⁹ 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

Sermon

Rev. Geoff

Creed p13 (I believe in God ...)

Prayers p15 Rev. Geoff

Peace p17

Hymn/Song: A new Commandment

Communion Prayer: Prayer A p24

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: Thine be the Glory

Dismissal and Blessing p23

Notices

Banns

Bloopers and Blessings – Church Signs

COME WORK FOR THE LORD

The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.