



# St John's, Stoneleigh

## Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2022

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN HOBBS

Welcome to our worship at St Johns and at home at 9.30 and 11.00. Both services include Holy Communion and an opportunity to receive prayer ministry at the 9.30am service. Today we are continuing our "football" series "Meet the Team" looking at the disciple Philip

It was good to see many of you last weekend at the organ celebration on Saturday evening and at our Harvest Festival on Sunday with our guest speaker Rt Rev Jo Bailey-Wells, Bishop of Dorking.

My thanks to everyone who contributed in some way to these events and particularly to Chris Webb, our organist, for setting up Saturday evening. Do book in for the Paul Jones evening on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> if you haven't done so already  
God bless you. **Rev. Ken Hobbs**

### Forthcoming Events

**October 11-13<sup>th</sup>** Christian Resources Exhibition – Sandown Park. Free entry by booking: [www.creonline.co.uk/tickets](http://www.creonline.co.uk/tickets)

**October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4pm** Afternoon Tea and Activities for Children for Ukrainian Refugees

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 7.30pm An Evening of Faith and Music with Paul Jones and Fiona Handley

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9.30 and 11.00 Paul and Fiona will be joining us at both services

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** 3 pm Remembering Loved Ones

### Remembering Loved Ones: Sunday 30th October 3.00pm

You are all invited to join us to remember those we have loved who have passed away. We will be reading out the names of those we want to remember during the service. If there is a name(s) you would like to be included please add them to the list on the table at the front of church or email me, if possible by **Sunday 23rd October**.

We would like to provide refreshments in the hall after the service. Unfortunately I will not be able to organise this this year. If you could help with this please speak to me. Jean Tutton [jean.tutton@ntlworld.com](mailto:jean.tutton@ntlworld.com)/020 8393 3687

### 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.' 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 (9<sup>th</sup> December). 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**

### TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

We have some exciting news. Steve Lee has a small team prepared to run 'Together at Christmas' for the first time since covid hit.

If any of you don't know, this is a Christmas Day meal at one of the churches, for those who otherwise may be alone, for people within the Epsom and Ewell churches area.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Our 9.30am service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know. **Tim Rogers**

### 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.

### RENE GRACE – ICONS AND BOOKS

Rene's family has very kindly donated icons and books collected by Rene over the years. If you wish to take any of these please do so. Rene's family has requested that any donations for these items go to St John's.

### 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

Octobers Craft. Club is on Monday 17th October. 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. All are welcome. **Veronica Gittins**

### 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:** Tinned Meat (not corned beef), Tinned Fish, Custard, Long Life Fruit Juice, Chocolate Treats, Tinned Soup, Tea Bag, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Coffee, Female/Male Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner.

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

## AFTERNOON TEA FOR OUR LOCAL UKRAINIAN REFUGEES – SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM 1 – 4pm

St John's, in conjunction with EEBC, are hosting this outreach programme. We are looking for donations please of small items of toiletries, eg: lip balm, bubble bath, small packs of tissues all for women. For children, bubbles, small books to colour, crayons, small toys. We are also looking for donations of cakes, bought or homemade. If anyone has time on the day, we will be needing volunteers to set up, man the kitchen and help with the clearing up. There will be a box in church for donations and cakes can be brought to church on the Friday before or Saturday morning. A list will be in church for cake bakers and volunteers to help on the day to sign up. More details to follow.  
**Social Committee**

## GEETHA SRINIVASAN'S FUNERAL

Geetha's funeral will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 at Stoneleigh Methodist Church.

**Order of Service for 9.30am** From our worship booklets

**The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him "Follow me" (John 1.43)**

Greeting p5

**Hymn: Angel Voices Ever Singing** (MP 34)

Confession p7

**Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind** (MP 111)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through 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.

**Reading Old Testament: Malachi 3: 612** **Maggie Saville**

<sup>6</sup> 'I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty. 'But you ask, "How are we to return?"<sup>8</sup> "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, "How are we robbing you?" "In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests

from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,' says the LORD Almighty. <sup>12</sup> 'Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,' says the LORD Almighty.

**Gospel: John 6: 1-13**

**Maggie Saville**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages<sup>a</sup> to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' <sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

**Sermon:** Rev Geoff Andrew

Creed p14

Prayers p15

**Ian Hargrave**

Peace p17

**Hymn: Faithful One So Unchanging (MP 825)**

Communion Prayer p33

Lords Prayer p18

Prayer of humble Access p20

**Distribution of Communion (music may be played)**

Prayer after Communion MP22

**Hymn: Amazing Grace (MP 31)**

Blessing p23

### From Our Book of Remembrance

Pamela Gladys Scarlett

Iris Watkin

Charles Senior

Notices