



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

This Sunday is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, a day we know better as Palm Sunday. We will have our usual two services, both of which will include the waving of palm crosses as we celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem accompanied by shouts of 'Hosanna!' which means 'Save!' Do please mark your calendars for the services coming up in Holy Week: our Passover-style meal on Thursday at 7.30pm (let me know if you plan to attend or sign up in church), Good Friday reflection at 2pm and our Easter Day celebration which will be one service at 10am. *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*  
**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## PALM SUNDAY BOOKLET

For those of you who are following the Palm Sunday service on Zoom please click on the link below to access the service booklet:

[https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/PalmSunday\\_0930\\_020423.pdf](https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/PalmSunday_0930_020423.pdf)

## PASSOVER REMEMBERED

On Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, we will commemorate the Last Supper with a Passover-style meal in church at 7.30pm. This will be like last year's event. The meal element is symbolic so please don't expect to replace your usual dinner! Please let us know you're coming by signing the sheet at the front of church. Friends and neighbours are welcome.

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## HOT CROSS BUNS

On Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, we shall as usual be giving Hot Cross Buns to commuters between about 6.15am and 8.30am. We do this together with the Baptist Church. I need people to help cut and butter the buns and put them in a bag together with a serviette telling them the times of the Easter services at our Church and the Baptist Church. I also need someone to open up the church at 6.15 and turn the oven on. Please let me know if you can help with this.

**Sue Pennington**

## APCM, APRIL 23RD 2023

There will be one service at 10am on April 23 so that we can meet afterwards as a church for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). This is an important occasion in the church calendar when we hear reports from the various office holders, elect people on to the PCC and say thanks to those who are stepping down. This meeting is open to everyone who is on the electoral roll of the church. Can I encourage you to please join us.  
**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## STEWARDSHIP AND LEGACIES

Last Sunday I preached on our plans for the future of St John's and the need to support those plans with increased income. Our primary source of funding relies on the generosity of our church family. If you did not collect the Stewardship letter and response form, together with the Legacy information, in church last week, could you please do so this weekend? You will have also received the information via email during the past week. We would appreciate receiving your completed forms on Sunday or as soon as possible thereafter. Thank you.

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## NO MORNING PRAYER OR HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES ON APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> AND APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer or Holy Communion services on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively.

## ALL NATIONS SERVICE AND LUNCH

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm

All Nations warmly invite the St John's family to join their Sunday afternoon service (including English translation) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at 2pm. They will be joined by the worship team, Isaiah6tyOne from Korea. After the service food and coffee will be served at the back of the church. There is a signup sheet at the front of the Church so numbers can be catered for. This is a wonderful opportunity for our two congregations to strengthen our fellowship.

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## ZOOM

Our Sunday service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know.

**Tim Rogers**

## UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The Ukraine Crisis Appeal still need: Shower gel, shampoo, soap, sanitary items, nappies, warm socks, protein bars, packet soups First aid kits, toothbrushes, toothpaste, torches, Bandages and gloves.

This is a selection from the appeal, a full list of items needed is taped to the donation box marked UKRAINE at the front of the Church.

Thank you so much for your support.

**Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact**

## 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**

## 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**

## FOODBANK

In February the fantastic team of volunteers at the Foodbank fulfilled 305 vouchers to feed 880 people. This is slightly down on the January figures which gives me a tiny glimmer of hope.

Meanwhile they desperately need: -Tinned fruit, Pulses, Long life fruit juice, Powdered milk, Cooking sauces, Savoury biscuits, Noodles, Shampoo / conditioner, Ladies deodorant, Shaving gel/foam, Adult toothpaste, Bags for Life / Very strong bags

Please help if you can. Thank you.

**Polly Elder**

## BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE MUGS TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET

It has been suggested that people, where possible, bring their own mugs/cups for coffee/tea on a Sunday. There will be paper cups available for those who are unable to do so – we won't deprive you of your refreshments! Thank you to those of you who already do this.

**Church Wardens**

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY AT CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

An exciting, challenging and rewarding role has opened up at Christ Church Epsom for a gifted administrator to join us as a vital member of the team. We are seeking an organised individual to ensure the smooth running of the Parish life, supporting staff and volunteers in the delivery of the varied activities of the church and ensuring that communication is as effective as possible within our community. For full details and how to apply:

<https://ctie.org.uk/index.php/links/job-vacancies/administrator-vacancy-at-christ-church-epsom-common>

## Sunday's Services

### Today's Service

#### Resurrection Road: Behold, the King! (Mark 11:1-11)

The account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem riding a young donkey, lauded and praised by the crowd, was a moment of celebration and joy. Of course, it proved to be the pinnacle of Jesus' public acclaim during his earthly life as over the next week the mood turned dark and ended with his execution. Jesus' disciples must have been overjoyed by the crowd's acclaim, little guessing that in a few days they would be fleeing for their lives and hiding in fear. How do you respond to the highs and lows of following Jesus?

### Readings

#### Psalm 118: 19 -27

**Graham Waller**

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. 25 Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you 27 The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

#### Mark 11:1-11

**Rev Geoff Andrew**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna! 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 10 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

**Collect** (In Service booklet)

**Rev Geoff Andrew**

### Intercessor

**Ian Hargrave**

### Music at 9.30am

1. Christ Triumphant (MP 77)
2. All glory laud and honour (MP 9)
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! (MP 580) vs 1,2,4,5
4. Communion: As the Deer (MP 37)
5. Make way, make way (MP 457)

### Music at 11am

1. Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
2. Living Hope
3. No longer slaves
4. This is amazing grace

**Book of Remembrance**

Audrey Elizabeth Aldridge