



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

5th March 2023

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Welcome to March! Is Spring in the air yet? It still feels chilly to me. As we look ahead to the next few months, we have some great Sunday celebrations lined up... Mothering Sunday (Mar 19), Palm Sunday (Apr 2), Easter Sunday (Apr 9), Coronation service (May 7), Pet Service (May 14) and our Patronal Festival (Jun 25). These are all good opportunities to invite friends and neighbours to come along. And for the next two Sundays we will be celebrating the baptisms of Ayda Greenwood (Mar 5) and Emily McCulloch (Mar 12) at the 11am Worship for Everyone service. There is much to look forward to and much to be thankful for. Have a great week! **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

ALL NATIONS SERVICE AND LUNCH

Sunday 2nd April at 2pm

All Nations warmly invite the St John's family to join their Sunday afternoon service (including English translation) on the 2nd 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**

LENT BOOKS

The Lenten Course booklets, 'Dust & Glory' (including some children's versions) are available at the welcome desk for a suggested £2 donation. Please feel free to take one and pay later. The course is based on a new book by Bishop Dr Emma Ineson called 'Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up'. This is available for approx £10. Please speak to Rev Geoff if you would like one. **Rev Geoff Andrew**

UPDATE ON UKRANIAN REFUGEE SITUATION

Towards the end of last year, many of you generously assisted with our Ukrainian Open day and the clothing & financial appeal for the asylum seekers living in the Orchid Hotel. In both these cases, we have worked closely with the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network (EERN) which continues to do an amazing job in supporting refugees and asylum seekers in this area. In the meantime, if you are interested in the refugee situation – especially Ukraine – we have printed off a few copies of the latest EERN update and these are available at the welcome desk. Please feel free to take one or request an email copy. **Rev Geoff Andrew**

SERVICE BOOKS

Lent Service book is available in church and on the website at: <https://church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Advent-Season-Service-Book-2022-11-29.pdf> **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

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

SHEELAGH WILTSHIRE

The family would like to thank you for all the cards and messages of condolence. Sheelagh's funeral will take place at Randalls Park on Tuesday 7th March at 12.30pm. Please join the family afterwards at The Star pub, Kingston Road, Leatherhead, KT22 0DP. Signup sheet at the front of the church for catering purposes. Family flowers only please. In lieu of flowers, donations please to the Childrens' Society: <https://sheelaghwiltshire.muchloved.com>
The service will be available as a webcast on <https://wesleymedia.co.uk>. Pin number 107-8684. **Polly Elder**

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL



Thanks to everyone at St John's who has supported the Ukraine appeal for the last year. Your generosity had been amazing. The Polish White Eagle club has sent one hundred lorries to Poland and Western Ukraine since the war started and they are full of donations for the refugees. Over six million people are displaced in Ukraine and Poland needs help with the ten million who have arrived in their country. Your donations are very gratefully received and please see me if you want to give cash or cheques. Thank you. **Claire Cornell**

They still need: Shower gel, shampoo, soap, sanitary items, nappies, warm socks, protein bars, packet soups First aid kits, toothbrushes, tooth paste, 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

CRAFT CLUB

March Craft Club will be on Monday, 20th March.

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**

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.

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****Quiz Night!****

Saturday 11th March at St John's Church at
7pm

Come along with your team of no more than 6
and bring your own food and drink.

£5 per person

and if you don't have a team, come along
anyway!

Prepare to be challenged on many subjects
from animals to atoms, kings to Kardashians,
root numbers to Route 66.

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It will all be Quite Interesting and a lot of fun
Raffle and prizes

Quiz Night Raffle Prizes

The raffle will be in aid of The Sunnybank Trust. If anyone is able to donate a prize it would be much appreciated. Please let any of the Social Committee know. Anne Andrew, Chris McInnes, Carol James, Chris Redrup, Jean Tutton.

Social Committee

FOODBANK

This week they urgently need : UHT Milk (FF and SS only please), Long life fruit juice, Tinned potatoes, Hot Chocolate, Noodles, Long life sponge puddings, Squash, Mayonnaise, Sugar (500g bags only please), Washing powder/pods, Female deodorant, Shampoo / conditioner, Toilet rolls, Bags for Life / Very strong bags

Please, no more of these items as we are at capacity: Dog Food, Cat Food, Tea Bags, Tinned Fish, Coffee *Polly Elder*

Sunday's Services

Today's Service

Resurrection Road: A Glimpse of Eternity

(Mark 9:2-13)

Sometimes life delivers astonishing moments that render us awestruck and leave an indelible mark on our memories. In our bible reading today, Jesus' dazzling transfiguration on the mountain top, accompanied by Moses and Elijah, was an unexpected and mind-blowing experience for his disciples, Peter, James and John. When was the last time following Jesus led to something astonishing and unexpected for you?

Readings

Revelation 1:12-18

Maggie Savill

¹² I turned round to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash round his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white

as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Mark 9:2-13

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² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what 'rising from the dead' meant. ¹¹ And they asked him, 'Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?' ¹² Jesus replied, 'To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? ¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.'

Collect

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Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessor

Chris Redrup

Music at 9.30am

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! (MP 575)
2. Blessed Assurance (MP 59)
3. Majesty (MP 454) (sing x 2)
4. There is a Redeemer (MP 673)
5. Amazing Grace (MP 31)

Music at 11am

1. Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)
2. Shout to the Lord

Book of Remembrance

Diana Joy Adele Price
Rodney Webber
Francis John Redrup