



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

The joy of the Easter season that began last week carries us through the next few weeks all the way to Pentecost. However, this Sunday marks the last in our sermon series, Resurrection Road, covering the final verses of Mark's gospel. I am delighted that Pastor JB's daughter, Yea In, will be preaching at both services. I am writing this before Anne and I head to North Wales in the van, so I am pleased to say the weather was wonderful/mixed/lousy and we had a fabulous/awful time! Easter blessings to all!

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## SPRING SERVICES

Services over the next couple of months are what we're calling 'Spring Celebrations'. Starting with a commemoration of St George's Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be looking at biblical views on Kingship (Coronation Sunday), Creation (Pet Sunday) and Work (Vocations Sunday), as well as celebrating those highlights of the church calendar; Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity. We will also be acknowledging two faithful followers of Jesus: John the Baptist and Barnabas...and did I mention Mission Sunday when Sally and Yagya will be joining us? Lots to look forward to and some great opportunities to invite a friend! Please take a service card from the front of church.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## HOLY COMMUNION

From last weekend, Easter Sunday, we have returned to the chalice for taking the wine at Communion. This was unanimously agreed by the PCC at the last meeting. The small cups we have been using were only ever a temporary measure for Covid/lockdown. If anyone feels uncomfortable drinking from the chalice, you can still come forward for Communion and take the bread/wafer only. Please note we will not be offering intinction (dipping the wafer). Non-alcoholic wine will continue to be available. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to myself or the wardens.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## 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*

## CORONATION STREET PARTY

On Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-6pm, the Stoneleigh Park Road Coronation Street Party will be taking place in and around the church. For those of you who experienced the Jubilee party last Summer, it will be a similar format. We would really appreciate

volunteers throughout the day to help set up (from around 10.30am), greet visitors and take stuff down later (from 6pm to 7pm). We also need cake makers! We will show the Coronation on the TVs in church so no one misses out. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the wider community so thanks for your support. There is a signup sheet at the front of the Church, please indicate the time/times you would be able to help. Additionally there is a signup sheet for all you wonderful bakers who feel able to bake/donate cakes for this wonderful occasion.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be held on Monday, 17th April, 10am- 12 noon in the Parish Room. Bring your crafting and join us. All are welcome, see you there!

## 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.

## NEWS FROM EPSOM & EWELL REFUGEE NETWORK (EERN)

**UKRAINIAN CONCERT:** The Rotary Club of Ashted are hosting With One Voice, a concert of Hope and Peace in support of Ukraine and Ukrainians in our area. It takes place on Saturday 22nd April at 7pm at St George's Church, Ashted KT21 2DA. Tickets can be purchased online (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/with-one-voice-songs-of-hope-and-freedom-tickets-574916399427>) or at the door on the night. **HELP NEEDED :** **Sponsors:** We are desperate to find new sponsors for Ukrainian families or individuals who need to move on from their current host. **Landlords:** Many Ukrainian families are now working and looking to rent - EERN can support them and ensure everything runs smoothly. Please email us if you have a property to rent – you will receive your rent and help a family start a new life. **Event organisers:** We want to hold some fundraising events later in the year. If you feel you have skills to offer to help pull these together then please get in touch by emailing us here. Speak to Rev Geoff if you can help with any of these things.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## 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

School holidays always put extra pressure on the Foodbanks round the country and our local branch is obviously no different as this is how they worded their request list this week.

Due to unprecedented demand for emergency food provision, we urgently need:

Tinned meat, Cooking sauces, Tinned vegetables, Longlife juice, Pulses - all kinds, we have none, Ketchup/Brown sauce/Mayo, Powdered milk, Savoury biscuits, Cereal bars, Washing up liquid, Shampoo / conditioner

If you are shopping for your household this week and need these items yourself, please try to get an extra packet, tin, bottle for the Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

**Polly Elder**

## 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>

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Bring your friends to St Pauls Howell Hill to hear a message with a Christian edge from a speaker of note and enjoy conversation over a tasty lunch:

11:30 Arrival and Coffee and ends by 2.30pm.

3rd May What is the world coming to?  
*Rev Ken Hobbs*

7th June What's love got to do with it?  
*Mark Tomlinson (Sutton Community Works)*

5th July Doing time as a politician, prisoner & priest  
*Rev Jonathan Aitken*

Please see flyer at the front of the church or visit: [saintpauls.co.uk/foodforthought](http://saintpauls.co.uk/foodforthought) to book your place.

## Sunday's Services

### Today's Service

#### Resurrection Road: Can you believe it? (Mark 16:9-20)

Most commentators agree that the final verses of Mark's gospel were not written by Mark but were a later addition. However, they are perfectly complementary to the other gospels in highlighting the initial scepticism of the disciples who had not yet seen the risen Jesus, yet ultimately galvanised by his command to 'preach the gospel to all creation.' The final verse describes how Jesus 'worked with them', a partnership that still underpins the mission of the church to this day. Are you on board?

### Reading

Mark 16:9-20

<sup>9</sup>When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup>When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it. <sup>12</sup>Afterwards Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. <sup>13</sup>These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on people who are ill, and they will get well.' <sup>19</sup>After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

### Collect

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

### Intercessor

**Ken Mussell**

### 9.30 Music

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today (MP 76) vs 1,4,5,6
- 2 Jesus is Lord (MP 367)
- 3 When I survey the wondrous cross (MP 755)
- 4 *During communion:* Father hear the prayer we offer (MP 132)
- 5 I will sing the wondrous story (MP 315)

### 11.00 Music

1. How Great is Our God
2. The Creed
3. Jesus Paid it All
4. 10,000 Reasons

## Book of Remembrance

Jean Beryl Richards  
Muriel Unwin Rhind-Tutt