



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter Easter Sunday – 9th April 2023

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

A very Happy Easter to you! Our long journey through Lent is over and on Sunday we celebrate. Christ is risen! There will be one combined Family Service with Communion at 10am on Sunday. A brief reminder that there will be no services on Monday or Wednesday next week as Anne and I are taking a few days off after Easter. I will be back for Sunday 16th when Yea In, Pastor JB's daughter, will be preaching for us.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

COMMUNION

I have mentioned this in the past couple of services, but I want to confirm in writing that from this weekend, Easter Sunday, we will be returning 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.

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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.

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STEWARDSHIP AND LEGACIES

The Sunday before last 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.

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NO MORNING PRAYER OR HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES ON APRIL 10th AND APRIL 12th

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

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.

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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

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: The World has Changed (Mark 16:1-8)

Mark's account of the resurrection is almost certainly missing its original last page. Nevertheless, in just a few verses he manages to capture the confusion, the alarm, the sheer terror of those women who gathered early on that Sunday morning to find an empty tomb and an angelic figure declaring Jesus had risen from the dead. The women who fled 'trembling and bewildered' from the tomb were the first witnesses to a new chapter in world history. Jesus, risen, changes everything. Has he changed you?

Reading

Mark 16:1-8

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When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.' ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Collect

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God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Intercessor

Ian Hargrave

Music

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today (MP 357)
- 2 O Praise the Name (vid)
- 3 In Christ Alone (MP 1072)
- 4 Thine be the Glory (MP 689)

Book of Remembrance

Mary Rhona Manley

Jean Morgan

Vera Francis Lucy Pinn

Thomas George Rhind-Tutt

Muriel Unwin Rhind-Tutt