



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since we celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, yet here we are once again this weekend marking another very special royal occasion, the Coronation of King Charles III. Please pray for the King and our nation at this time; that it may be a time of joy and hospitality. Just like last year, St John's will be the focal point for a big neighbourhood street party. As I write, I have no idea what the weather will be like, but rain or shine our goal is to make Christ's love visible to all and position our church at the heart of the community. If you are not able to come along and help/host, please do pray for a successful event.

*Rev. Geoff Andrew*

## SPRING SERVICES

Services over the next couple of months are what we're calling 'Spring Celebrations'. During this time 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*

## UKRAINIAN REFUGEE HELP NEEDED – ACCOMMODATION

A Ukrainian mother and her 13 year old daughter, who arrived in the UK last May 2022, need to move from their current host at the beginning of June and find a new home. The mother is a confident person, keen to build future for herself and her daughter in the UK. Her daughter is not coping well. Sponsors/hosts are paid £500 per month by the government to provide accommodation only. There is no need to provide food as the family is in receipt of government benefits. If you can help, please speak to me.

*Rev Geoff Andrew*

## REFUGEE HELP NEEDED

One of the refugee families staying at the Orchid Hotel includes a young man with autism. The family are desperate to spend more time outside the hotel but are not confident on their own. We are looking for someone with, perhaps, SEN teaching experience to accompany them on occasional outings to local areas of interest. Please let me know if you can help.

*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*

## STONELEIGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT: SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY

Peter Webb, a member of our church family, is organising an event to encourage local people to get more involved with local charities and voluntary groups. Please take a copy of the flyer at the welcome desk. Various groups, including St John's will be represented. It will be held in St John's Parish Centre on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm. Peter would very much appreciate assistance with setting up/taking down, serving teas and coffees, etc. A sign up list for volunteers is in the welcome area at church.

*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

Each month the Foodbank sees around 50 new clients so our help is still very much needed.

This week they urgently need:-Cereal (not Weetabix or porridge, we have lots), Baked beans (yes really), Cooking sauce, UHT Milk, Tinned vegetables, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned fruit, Squash, Custard, Longlife sponge puddings, Powdered milk, Sugar, Washing powder, Nappies size 5+, 6 and 6+ Loo roll.

Bags for life/ very strong bags are always useful

Please, no more of these items as they are at capacity: dog food, cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup.

Thank you everyone and enjoy a historical weekend.

**Polly Elder**

### Craft Club

The next meeting of Craft Club will be held on Monday, 15th May, 10am- 12 noon in the Parish Room. Bring your crafting and join us. All are welcome, see you there! **Veronica Gittins**

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Bring your friends to St Paul's 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.

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

### Today's Service

#### **Coronation Celebration: The Kingship of Christ (Colossians 1:15-23)**

Whatever your feelings about the Coronation, and the monarchy in general, we British have always managed to put on a good show when it comes to royal pomp and pageantry. The Coronation service will be no exception, being steeped in historical symbolism, tradition and holy scripture. Our bible readings at St John's on Sunday mirror (almost) those being used at the Coronation service. The passage from Colossians speaks of the supremacy of Christ, one who is over all 'thrones or powers or rulers or authorities.' He is the one to whom we offer our ultimate allegiance. He is the one who has brought us from death to life.

### Readings

**Colossians 1:15-23**

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<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of<sup>a</sup> your evil behaviour. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

### **Luke 4: 16-21**

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<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: <sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. <sup>20</sup>Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

### Collect

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Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour:  
look with favour upon your servant Charles our King,  
and bestow upon him such gifts of wisdom and love  
that we and all thy people  
may live in peace and prosperity  
and in loving service one to another,  
to your eternal glory;  
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### Intercessor

**Ken Mussell**

### Music 9.30am

1. Christ is made the sure foundation
2. I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship
3. Majesty
4. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

### Music 11am

1. Happy Day
2. Shout to the Lord
3. As the Deer
4. King of Kings