



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Trinity Sunday

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

I hope everyone has had a good week and you're enjoying the belated Spring weather. This weekend we continue our Spring Celebrations series by observing Trinity Sunday, a day when we focus on the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And a little advance notice about next week...Anne and I are away for the weekend so an old friend of St John's, Rev Maggie Marsh, will be preaching and leading at both services on June 11<sup>th</sup> for a celebration of St Barnabas.

*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 a 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*

### 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

We've been told that the Foodbank centres are seeing around 50 new clients a month - that's up from 30-40 in the past. They really do need our support at the moment.

This week they need: Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Cooking sauce, Custard, Longlife sponge puddings, Squash, Tinned spaghetti, Honey, Ketchup / Mayo, Noodles, Cereal bars, Chocolate, Male/Female deodorant, Adult toothbrushes, Washing up liquid, Washing powder, Cleaning products

They don't really need dog food, cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup just now as those shelves are well stocked.

If you'd prefer to donate cash, please put it in an envelope marked "Foodbank" and hand it to one of the Welcomers or a Church Warden. The money is transferred to the Foodbank as a contribution from St Johns. Did you know that all our food gifts are weighed and noted in the Foodbank's ledgers. It helps them to identify their regular support.

Bless you all for your contributions.

*Polly Elder*

### CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday, 19th June. We meet in the Parish Room from 10am - 12noon. All are welcome, so bring your crafting and 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.

Jesus told Nicodemus, a Pharisee, that 'no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' The phrase 'born again Christian' has taken on some unfortunate fundamentalist connotations in recent decades, but an understanding of Jesus' teaching is key to our identity as followers of Christ. This Sunday we will see how Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus help us to understand the meaning of being born again and how this relates to our life with God within the Trinity.

**Readings****Proverbs 8: 22-31****John Rogers**

<sup>22</sup> 'The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; <sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. <sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; <sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, <sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. <sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. <sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in the human race.

**John 3: 1-16****Rev. Geoff Andrew**

**3** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' <sup>4</sup> 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Intercessor****Ken Mussell****Music 9.30am**

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
2. Christ is made the sure foundation
3. Breathe on me, breath of God
4. *During communion:* O Lord, hear my prayer
5. O praise ye the Lord!

**Music 11am**

1. This is amazing grace
2. Good good Father
3. No longer slaves
4. 10,000 reasons