



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 16th July 2023

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

As you read this, Anne and I will have just set off for a week's holiday in Italy. Needless to say, I will not be around this Sunday so I'm delighted that Rev Ken Hobbs (anyone remember him?) has agreed to return for a special guest appearance in my absence. I know Ken is looking forward to catching up with you all. He will be continuing with the latest instalment of our mini-series, Blueprint, looking at 1 Timothy. Please also note there will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 17th nor Communion service on Wednesday 19th. I wish all of you a good and blessed week and look forward to seeing you on Sunday 23rd.
Rev. Geoff Andrew

ST JOHN'S: THE WAY FORWARD

After a series of meetings and discussions earlier this year, the time has come for us to actively progress our Church Development Plan, 'St John's: The Way Forward'. This can be found on the website. For those of you without printing capability we will have hard copies available in church (choose your favourite colour!). Please do familiarise yourself with the plan, and as it says in the document, let me know if you're keen to take a role in any of the four areas of focus. And either way, please pray for our church, that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to fulfil God's mission here in Stoneleigh.
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.

If you wish to give money to Ukraine, please either write a cheque made payable to Shelly Weiczorek or put cash in an envelope marked Ukraine. We can then buy chest drains and other medical equipment that is not easy to buy in shops.

Thanks for all 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

NEW GIVING STATION

We have installed a new giving station for financial donations at the welcome table inside the double glass doors. This is for contactless payment. If you are a church member, please consider setting up a standing order or direct debit.

Treasurer

FOODBANK

Sharp eyed readers may note that toothbrushes are on our list this week but not the usual instruction to have these singly boxed. Furthermore the photograph which accompanied the list depicted packets of two brushes together so I presume the guidance has changed. This makes sense to me as it's frequently cheaper to buy two supermarket branded brushes than a singly packed brand name brush..... now doesn't that make our role as intermediaries between Collection point and the Resources Centre sound wildly interesting!!! Can you spot the other quantity difference in this week's list?

This week they need: Tinned meat, Custard, UHT Milks (full fat and semi skimmed), Sponge puddings, Sugar (500g or 1kg packs please), Small chocolate bars / treats, Washing up liquid, Adult Toothbrushes, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Sanitary Pads, Nappies sizes 5+, 6 and 6+ and they still need bags for life or strong bags.

The emailed list always starts by thanking the 'wonderful, faithful supporters' - it's a pleasure to pass that on.

The Foodbank Team

CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday 17th July. We meet in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon. Bring your crafting and we will be delighted to see you there.

Veronica Gittins

BRING AND SHARE AT THE VICARAGE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Save the dates: Sunday 6th August for a Bring and Share lunch at the Vicarage.

Sunday 20th August – Picnic in Nonsuch Park



Today's Services

This week, Paul's letter to Timothy turns to the subject of godly leadership. Paul wants Timothy to be vigilant about identifying and challenging false teaching. He encourages him to grow in godliness and to pass on those lessons to his church. He wants him to be a good example (despite his young age), devoted to preaching the gospel and staying true to his calling so that others can observe and learn. Whether we are in leadership positions or not, Paul's advice is a timely reminder that our own lives are a showcase for the gospel and we should be diligent in pursuing the way of Christ.

Readings

1 Timothy 4:1-16

Graham Waller

4 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.¹⁰ That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe.¹¹ Command and teach these things.¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Mark 10:35-45

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³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.'³⁶ 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked.³⁷ They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.'³⁸ 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?'³⁹ 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.⁴² Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are

regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Collect

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O God of our pilgrimage, who hast led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessor

Janis Forder

Music 9.30am

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
2. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
3. A New Commandment
4. *During Communion:* Broken for me, broken for you
5. O Worship the King

Music 11am

1. 10,000 reasons
2. No longer slaves
3. The Creed
4. This is amazing grace