



# St John's, Stoneleigh

## Weekly Newsletter

### 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

As the Summer gathers momentum, I want to wish 'bon voyage' and safe travels to all of you who are about to go on holiday or take a trip. Anne and I have just had a lovely couple of days in the van staying near Tunbridge Wells. This weekend in church we will be continuing our Blueprint series, studying 1 Timothy. This Sunday we're looking at 'worship' and addressing some of Paul's comments about the role of women (a nice easy follow-up to last week's sermon!). We are also delighted to be baptising Frankie and Charley Rashbrook at the 11am service. This Sunday is a Prayers for Healing service at 9.30am and a Communion service at 11am.

*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*

#### GARDENING PARTY

Anyone who likes Gardening please come and give a hand for a couple of hours on Saturday 15th July from 9.00am to 11.00am. We'd like to tidy up around the memorial Cross and down the church driveway plus take off the ivy that's growing up the church walls. Sign-up sheet for volunteers at the front of the Church. Thank you.

*Churchwardens*

#### 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

Do you notice certain shelves in the supermarket and remember that those items are often on the Foodbank's request list? Some old regulars are back on the list again this week.....I wish I'd picked up the items when I was passing those shelves whilst shopping last week!

**They need:-** Tinned meat, Custard, Dried noodles, Sponge puddings, Sugar (500g or 1kg packs please), Small chocolate bars / treats, Washing up liquid, Shampoo /Conditioner, Deodorant, Shower gel, Sanitary pads, Nappies sizes 5+, 6 and 6+

Bags for life or very strong bags are always in demand.

If you'd prefer to give a cash donation, please put it in an envelope marked 'For Foodbank' and hand it to a welcomer or church warden.

*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*

## Today's Services

In chapter 2 of 1 Timothy, St Paul turns his attention to how worship should be conducted in church, with particular attention paid to prayer and learning. Here we also discover Paul's instructions about how women are to conduct themselves in church. His comments seem controversial to our contemporary understanding of women's roles, but it is important to understand the context of his words and a broader view of Paul's attitude to women in the New Testament.

## Readings

### **1 Timothy 2:1-15**

***Chris Redrup***

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup>Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. <sup>9</sup>I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, <sup>10</sup>but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. <sup>11</sup>A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. <sup>15</sup>But women will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

### **Luke 10:38-42**

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<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' <sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

## Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Rev. Geoff Andrew***

## Intercessor

***Ian Hargrave***

## Music 9.30am

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (MP 529) vs 1,3,4,5
2. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (MP 564)
3. Father, we love you (MP 142)
4. *During Communion: As the Deer* (MP 37)
5. Thine be the Glory (MP 689)

## Music 11am

1. Shout to the Lord
2. Be still for the presence of the Lord
3. O Praise the name

## **Book of Remembrance**

Daphnie Iris Ramshaw