



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter Third Sunday of Easter 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

This weekend we are holding just one service at 11am in partnership and fellowship with All Nations Korean church. For those who don't know, All Nations has been meeting to worship in St John's church building every Sunday afternoon for the past 19 years. Pastor JB Park and I will co-host the service and Yea In (JB's daughter and one of our 11am worship leaders) is preaching. After the service, All Nations will be providing a delicious lunch so I hope that you will be able to join us for the service and for the fellowship meal too. Next week (April 21), we will be returning to complete our sermon series on James which we began before Lent. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## IMPORTANT \*\*CHANGE TO SERVICE ON APRIL 128\*\*

**April 28, there will be one service at 10am**, celebrating St George's Day and including the participation of the young members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoneleigh Scout group. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in the Parish Centre after the service at 11.45am. All members of St John's church family are encouraged to attend this review of the year with updates from different areas of church life.

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## ZOOM

Our Sunday service is streamed via <https://stoneleigh.tv>. Any problems, please let us know. **Tim Rogers**

## NEW START DATE FOR START COURSE – WEDS MAY 1

The Start Course is for anyone who wants to explore Christianity, or Christians who would value a refresher on the basics of our faith. It takes place over six informal discussions sessions on a Wednesday evening, commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7.30-9pm. Many of the St John's church family have participated already so do ask around (or me directly) if you would like to know more. This is also a great opportunity to invite someone you know who is curious or asking questions about faith or just life in general. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## MUSICIANS WANTED

We are looking to add to our worship team for the 11am service. No experience of public worship is necessary. If you play an instrument and would like to get involved, please let me know. We especially need a drummer! **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE ON APRIL 28

I am delighted to say that a member of St John's church family – John Dicey – will be confirmed on April 28, 6.30pm at All Saints Church, West Ewell. This is a deanery-wide event and Bishop Andrew will be presiding. Please do pray for John as he prepares for this event and do come along on the evening if you can to support him. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## CHURCH RETREAT – SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

We've told you WHEN, now we can tell you WHERE.

Wychcroft  
Southwark Diocesan  
Resource & Retreat Venue  
Wychcroft South Park Lane  
Redhill, RH1 4NE



WHY, WHAT and WHO is coming soon...

## CHURCH 'WHO'S WHO'

With us having two well-established congregations now, it is not always easy to match a face with a name. So we plan to produce a church 'Who's Who' booklet with names and photographs so we can get to know each other better. This is only for the use of church members and will not go further afield. John Martin has kindly agreed to lead the project and he will be approaching you sometime in the next few weeks to ask if he can take your photograph and a few details. I encourage everyone to participate. Thank you. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM

As required by the Diocese there is a copy of the Electoral Roll at the back of the Church. If anyone not on the Register would like to join please see either Sue Pennington or Chris McInnes and fill out a form before the APCM on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11.45am. **Sue Pennington**

## CRAFT CLUB 🧶

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday, 15th April. We meet in the Parish Room from 10 am to 12 noon. All are welcome, so bring your crafting and join us for coffee, biscuits and chat, oh, and some crafting!! **Veronica Gittins**

## UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Please help the people of Ukraine as the war goes into a third year.

The White Eagle Club Ukraine Appeal thanks St John's church for your unwavering support and solidarity in our mission to support the people of Ukraine affected by this cruel war. St John's church has been collecting many items from our urgent list eg - food, first aid, clothes and monetary donations to purchase specific life saving medical equipment. Please continue to bring your items to the church and we will promise to continue to deliver them to the people in need.

The church community has been nothing short of amazing and we thank you once again for your ongoing kindness.

You can also donate on line at [whiteeagleappeal.org](http://whiteeagleappeal.org) or bring cheques payable to Shelly Wieczorek. If you want to give cash, please mark your envelope "Ukraine".

*Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact*

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer helps us grow closer to God, becoming more aware of His constant presence with us. Experiencing God right here and right now leads to awe, which strengthens our faith and encourages us to trust God in deeper ways. Ultimately, prayer leads us to worship.

Please join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday between 3.30 and 4.30 in the chapel for a time of worshipful prayer.

*Steve Simper*

### **FOODBANK**

Donating to the Foodbank is not just a question of popping a few tins or packets into a collecting box. We're aware of the fact that each item tells the recipient that someone cares. That means a lot when the going is tough, so thank you for all your support.

This week the urgent list includes:-Squash, Long life Juice, Female Deodorant, Shaving Foam, Powdered milk.

They also need:- Male Deodorant, Tinned Spaghetti in tomato sauce, Vegetarian Tinned foods (Mac & cheese etc), Conditioner, Nappies size 4.

*The Foodbank Team*

### **THE ARK**

"THE ARK welcomes you to our informal fellowship gathering "Shabbat "n" That" at 13 The Stanfords, East Street, Epsom, KT17 1JE (Jane's flat) on **Saturday 27 April**. Open House/Drop-in from 10.30 am until around 6pm for sharing, learning, discussion and creativity. Refreshments available. For further information contact Jane Mathews (01372) 741966, Graham M. Waller (01372) 741569. Please let us know if you are interested in coming along as we have limited space!

*Graham and Jane*

### **Today's Services**

It is very easy to forget that we are part of a global church and Christians everywhere are our brothers and sisters in the faith. Despite the obvious differences across denominations, all of us share a belief in 'One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism', and we each have our part to play in God's great plan. His desire is to see us live and work to His glory in unity. St Paul's description of the church as one body with many parts is a particularly apt theme as we come together as St John's and All Nations in Jesus' name.

### **Readings**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

*Ken Mussell*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would

the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

#### **John 17:20-24**

<sup>20</sup>I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

### **Intercessor**

*Mr. Jae Won Lee*

### **Music**

1. O Praise the Name
2. Amazing Grace
3. The Lord's my Shepherd (I will trust)
4. How Great Thou Art

### **Book of Remembrance**

Rita Ramsay  
Joan Beryl Richards