



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter Pentacost 19th May 2024

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

It was great to see so many friends and neighbours (two and four legged!) last weekend for Pet Sunday. We had lots of dogs as expected (and what well-behaved animals they were), but thanks also to Maggie for bringing her giant African Land Snail, an exotic distraction from our otherwise canine celebration. The Easter season reaches its climax this Sunday as we celebrate the birthday of the church - Pentecost. On this, the 50th day after Easter Sunday, we recall the events described in Acts chapter 2 when the Holy Spirit fell like tongues of fire onto the praying disciples, propelling them into the street to preach the Good News of the risen Christ, an evangelism campaign that continues to this day. I'm pleased to welcome back Ian Hargrave who will be preaching at both services this weekend.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

JEAN RENNO

I announced in church a couple of weeks ago the sad death of Jean Renno. Jean was known to many people at St John's and in the past had been very active in the church, especially with her passion for organising events and social activities. She will be missed. I have been asked by the family to let you know that although the funeral next month will be a quiet ceremony for the family, there will be a Memorial Service at St John's. The date for this has not yet been set so I will provide details as soon as I have them. In the meantime, please pray for Fred, Jean's husband (who is currently in hospital) and for Jean's children.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

ZOOM

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

Tim Rogers

CHURCH RETREAT



You are warmly invited to our Church Retreat on Saturday, 13th July at the serene location of Wychcroft. This is an opportunity for us to come together to deepen our prayer life and to discern God's will for each of us, our church family and our community.

Please take a leaflet from the front of the church and book your place today.

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The people of Ukraine urgently need : baby formula (all ages), wet wipes, nappies (all sizes), long life baby food, baby

toiletries, adult toiletries (shaving gel, soap, shower gel) sanitary items, long life food, bandages, plasters and painkillers.

You can also donate online at whiteeagleappeal.org or bring cheques payable to Shelly Wieczorek. If you want to give cash, please mark your envelope "Ukraine".

Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact

FOODBANK

Thank you to the intercessors who lead us in prayer at our services and frequently include the work of the Foodbank. We tell the staff - both full time and voluntary - that our church prays for their work and in emails they have frequently acknowledged and thanked us as a congregation for doing this. Prayer is something which separates our collection box from the like available at Sainsburys. It is something we can all offer so please continue to hold the Foodbank in prayer.

If you feel that you can offer more tangible support too they would very much appreciate these items to help maintain the stock;- Jars of cooking sauce (urgent), Instant Coffee (urgent), Longlife Sponge puddings (urgent), Sanitary Towels (urgent), Weetabix, Tinned Meat (Hot dogs, Meatballs, Ham, stew etc), Tinned Pulses, Jam, Chocolate Spread, Mayonnaise, Powdered Milk, Shower Gel, Shaving Foam, Washing Up Liquid, Toilet Rolls, Nappies size 6 *The Foodbank Team*

TOOLS WITH A MISSION

As you know we collect tools for charity once every 3 years and this year our tool collection will be on Saturday, 8th June from 10 - 4 p.m. If you are able to come along and bring donations or help on the day for as much or as little time as you can, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we need many helpers at 10 a.m. on 10th June to load all the tools on to the TWAM lorry when it arrives as the hall is booked later in the day on Monday and we need to get it clear, swept and clean. Many thanks.

Claire Cornell

RESOURCES SUNDAY

Don't forget that Rosalie has put some sample Bible Reading Fellowship notes at the back of church. Do have a look at them.

Why do I love them? They introduce sections or themes from the Bible in an interesting and easy to understand way, a page for each day. They include the Bible text so they are easy to pack and take away with you so no need to skip your reading or search hotel rooms for a Gideon Bible to keep on track. The small booklets fit neatly in my handbag or rucksack. I've read and shared them in hospital waiting rooms and on buses.

Some mind blowing moments have stayed with me forever - just ask me why Palm Sunday could be renamed!

Do you use any other form or format to help you with your Bible Study? Please talk to us about them so we can put a good exhibition together for Resources Sunday in August.

Polly Elder and Will Porter

CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday, 20th May. Please bring your crafting and join us in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments will be served and a warm welcome is guaranteed. See you there! *Veronica Gittins*

Today's Services

Today's Theme is all about Fire. Fire from Heaven with the coming of the Holy Spirit. What was the immediate consequence for Jesus' disciples? How could this affect us in Stoneleigh today, as we celebrate Pentecost?

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Acts 2:1-18

Janis Forder

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel. 17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

John 14:10-20

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me¹⁴ for anything, I will do it.

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Intercessor

Chris Redrup

Music for 9.30am

1. Come down O Love Divine (MP 89)
2. O worship the King (MP 528) vs 1,2,5,6
3. Father we love you (MP 142)
4. During communion: Breathe on me, breath of God (MP 67)
5. Tell out my soul (MP 631)

Music at 11.00am – Will and Team

1. Good Good Father
2. Consuming Fire
3. Heart of Worship
4. Waymaker

Book of Remembrance

Doreen Emily Abbotts
William Blake
Joyce Alice Frost
Derek Reginald Clive Pavey