



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter Trinity Sunday 26th May 2024

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

So the Summer came...and went again! Never mind, the rhythm of our own seasons at St John's sees us return to the book of James this week after last Sunday's Pentecost celebrations. At the 11am service we look forward to welcoming the friends and family of Jack Allen who will be baptised. Jack follows in the footsteps of his brother Harry who was baptised at St John's two years ago. Please pray for Jack, Harry and their parents, Martin and Rachel. For those of you heading away for the half term holidays, may God go with you and bless you on your travels.

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 Wiczorek. If you want to give cash, please mark your envelope "Ukraine".

Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact

FOODBANK

It's easy to let numbers sail over our heads and feel meaningless but here are some from the Foodbank which you may care to read very slowly.

In April the Foodbank fed 556 people and 248 of them were children.....

They had a total of 208 volunteers who gave them 1,059 hours of time to enable them to run 21 foodbank sessions. This included 8 drivers, 36 warehouse helpers and 164 session crew.

None of them are 'just a number' each number is a person.....

This week they have asked to be kept busy with :- Urgent supplies of:- Jars of cooking sauce, Instant coffee, Long life sponge puddings, Custard, Tinned meat (hot dogs, meatballs, ham stew etc), Tinned pulses, Sanitary towels and tampons

Stocks are also low in:- Biscuits, Savoury biscuits (cream crackers etc), Crisps, Packet soup, Jam, Marmalade, Mayonnaise, Conditioner, Female deodorant, Toilet rolls.

The Foodbank Team

HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS FOR TOOLS WITH A MISSION

We will be providing refreshments for volunteers from 10am to 4pm. Chris McInnes will be setting up for the 10am start but would be grateful if people could help with an hour (or two) to help during the day. If anyone could make a cake/biscuits that would be wonderful. There is a sign up sheet at the front of Church. Thank you.

Social Committee

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

SUMMER FAIR – JULY 6th 2024

Our annual fair is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to help set up, man the stalls, provide cakes and prizes for the raffle. Please sign up to assist in whatever way you can. The sign up sheet is at the front of church.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

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

BIBLE READING RESOURCES

I use Sacred Space. You go on line type in Sacred Space and then Daily Prayers Archive and the dates for the week come up with that day in bold. It is, I think, Ignatian. I use it most days and find it really helpful as it has prayers as well as a Bible passage to read and some things in the passage to think about.

Sue Pennington

Today's Services

Our theme this week is all about the perils of being rich. James comes across like one of the Old Testament prophets in his blunt warnings to those who use their wealth to exploit others. It's an uncomfortable message for those of us living in the comparative affluence of leafy Surrey. It's easy to dismiss the idea that we exploit others, but can we be confident that James' message isn't aimed at us? How can we ensure that what we own does not own us?

Collect

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.

Readings

James 5:1-6

Jane Mathews

5 Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. ²Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure^[a] for the last days. ⁴Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust^[a] consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust^l consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Intercessor

Chris Redrup

Music for 9.30am

1. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
2. Be thou my vision
3. Take my life, and let it be
4. *During Communion:* There is a Redeemer
5. O praise ye the Lord

Music for 11am

1. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
2. Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
3. Shout to the Lord