



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 30th June 2024

WELCOME

St John's Church would like to warmly welcome Rev. Rosemary Donovan, our Area Dean, who will be taking our service today and also welcome Lucy and Andrew and Sally and Yagya who will be speaking to us on our Mission Sunday.

CHURCH RETREAT – **UPDATE**

Would you please complete a booking form, found at the front of Church, even if you have signed up on the list. If you have not yet signed up...you are warmly invited to our Church Retreat on Saturday, 13th July at the serene location of Wychcroft.

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

ZOOM

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

Tim Rogers

PRAYERS OF LOVE AND FAITH

If you were in church on June 16, you will have heard me announce that St John's PCC, with my support, has made a unanimous decision to endorse the Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF) that were issued late last year by the Church of England. The PLF are essentially blessings that may be used within a regular church service to bless same-sex relationships. They recognise the diversity within the church family and affirm the love, commitment and fidelity present in those relationships. The PLF do not constitute a form of marriage. The Church of England continues to uphold the doctrine that Holy Matrimony may only exist between one man and one woman. The blessings do not change that. An FAQ is available in church or we can email it to you on request. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me or a member of the PCC.

Rev. Geoff Andrew

WHO'S WHO

This weekend we are publishing our St John's Who's Who booklet with photos and names of our church members and regular attenders that I hope will help us to get to know each other a little better. This will only be distributed to the church family. I am indebted to John Martin who has now met just about everybody in order to take photos and put this booklet

together! Please be sure to collect one next time you are in church (or we can bring one to you!). *Rev. Geoff Andrew*

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Service arrangements for the next few weeks will be a little 'changeable'. This is partly due to my absence prior to my induction as vicar and partly due to holidays. Apologies in advance for the potential confusion, but please mark your calendars and keep an eye on this newsletter for updates:

- *Rev Geoff away from June 24th until July 11th: no Monday Prayer on June 24th, July 1st, 8th and no Communion on Wednesday June 26th, July 3rd, 10th*
- Sunday June 30th: one service at 10am. Theme: Mission Sunday. Rev Rosemary Donovan
- Sunday July 7th: one service at 10am. Theme: TBD. Rev David Packham
- Thursday July 11th: one service at 7.30pm. Theme: Rev Geoff service of Induction. Bishop Andrew
- Sunday July 14th: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Disability Sunday. Rev Geoff
- *Rev Geoff away from July 18th until July 25th: no Monday Prayer on July 22nd and no Communion on Wednesday July 24th*
- Sunday July 21st: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Summer Psalms. Rev Rosemary Donovan
- Sunday July 28th: services at 9.30am and 11am (inc baptism). Theme: Summer Psalms. Rev Geoff
- All Sundays in August; one service at 10am. Theme: Summer Psalms. Rev Geoff (Aug 25th Rev Ken Hobbs)

Rev. Geoff Andrew

FOODBANK

John and Maggie are our stalwart helpers to get our foodbank items to the resources centre but John will be pushed to help on July 24th and it is the week when the WI kindly adds to our donations the night before. Is there anyone who drives who would be prepared to help me get the boxes emptied in church. I must admit that the centre is up a single track road with a couple of passing places so confidence in reversing may be required. I reckon an hour of time might be all that is required. Thank you in anticipation.

Donations tend to drop off a bit in the summer but demand increases as school holidays start so no apologies for the length of this list.

This week - BEYOND URGENT- they have NO : - Tea, Squash, Long Life Sponge puddings, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Female deodorant, They also URGENTLY need:- Cooking Sauce, Rice, Tinned Vegetables, Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Dried Noodles (not pot or

instant), Crisps, Adult and Children's chocolate, Conditioner, Washing Powder or Pods, Washing up Liquid, Shower Gel

ALSO needed :- Custard, Rice Pudding, Shaving Foam, Nappies 6+ and 4, Hand wash (pump), Household cleaning products, Baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash etc).

The Foodbank Team

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'S INSTALLATION AS VICAR – THURSDAY 11TH JULY AT 7.30pm

There is a sign-up sheet at the front of Church for the names and numbers of our Congregation who are wishing to attend Rev. Geoff's Installation Ceremony for catering purposes.

Social Committee

BIBLE READING RESOURCES

As part of our preparations for Resources Sunday on 18th August it was helpful to have a chat with Gill Sathyamoorthy about her choice of helpful resources.

Gill reads both New Daylight and also Bible Reflections for Older People. She particularly appreciates the latter because she feels that she can connect with the thinking behind the commentaries. Each reflection features just one sentence from the Bible and there is the added bonus of clear print. Reflections are not dated so there is no pressure to read one every day to keep up with the theme. Gill has been particularly taken by a section in the current edition which is entitled Within the waves by Clare O'Driscoll as she identified with the writer's love of the sea.

Do make a note of the date to see the many and varied suggestions of resources available to us. If you would be prepared to tell us in a few words about the materials you find helpful to keep everyone's appetite whetted please contact one of us.

Will Porter and Polly Elder

PRAYER TOGETHER – GENERAL

As part of Stoneleigh Baptist's day of prayer for the General Election next Wednesday 3rd July I shall be leading a Zoom meeting at 12 noon to which we are inviting members of other local congregations to join with us.

Below are the Zoom details for the prayer for the General Election next WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 12 noon - 1pm.

Should you wish to join me and members of Stoneleigh Baptist in prayer next week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81024114405?pwd=hVgCiN5D4k57E1XiwcnRTDY42wk2ZY.1>

Meeting ID: 810 2411 4405

Passcode: 890910

Paula Smith – Stoneleigh Baptist Church

Luke 10:1-12

Video

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. **2** He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. **3** Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" **6** And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. **7** Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. **8** Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; **9** cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you. **10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, **11** "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." **12** I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

Intercessor

Ian Hargrave

Today's Service

Reading