



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 9th June 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

As I write this I am anticipating a busy weekend with our TWAM (Tools With A Mission) 'Big Donation Day' taking place on Saturday from 10am to 4pm. This is a great initiative that calls for local residents to bring their unused and unwanted tools to the parish centre from where the TWAM charity will collect them, refurbish them and send them to Africa to enrich the lives of those less fortunate. It only happens once every three years so do come along and lend your support, have a cup of tea...and bring a couple of old spanners! Sunday sees our final look at the Book of James before we embark on a series of 'special Sundays' with Father's Day (June 16), St John's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday (June 23) and Mission Sunday (June 30). Please pray for all these events that God will use them to draw people closer to his light and his love.

**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:

- Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Walk the Talk (James). Rev Geoff
- Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Father's Day. Rev Geoff
- Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>: one service at 10am. Theme: St John's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Rev Geoff
- *Rev Geoff away from June 24<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup>: no Monday Prayer on June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and no Communion on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>*
- Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>: one service at 10am. Theme: Mission Sunday. Rev Rosemary Donovan
- Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>: one service at 10am. Theme: TBD. Rev David Packham
- Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>: one service at 7.30pm. Theme: Rev Geoff service of Induction. Bishop Andrew
- Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Disability Sunday. Rev Geoff
- *Rev Geoff away from July 18<sup>th</sup> until July 25<sup>th</sup>: no Monday Prayer on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and no Communion on Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>*
- Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>: services at 9.30am and 11am. Theme: Summer Psalms. Rev Rosemary Donovan
- Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>: 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 25<sup>th</sup> Rev Ken Hobbs)

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

## FOODBANK

Did you know that St Johns helps two stages of the provision to support people struggling to feed their families? Some people find it easier to give a cash donation rather than shop for food items. These financial donations are shared between the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank and the Epsom Pantry.

Epsom Pantry is a welcoming community hub built around food. As well as offering access to affordable and healthy groceries, Epsom Pantry provides information and advice, opportunities to volunteer and learn new skills and a network of support. It is a means of strengthening members' financial and emotional resilience while also helping to reduce the dependency on food banks. It differs from food banks as it is not a crisis provision; instead, it is a community food shop run by and for its members.

If you prefer to provide items for the Foodbank this week they need: Jars of cooking sauce, Instant Mash, Long life Sponge puddings, Custard, Packet soup, Chocolate spread,

Chocolate bars, Crisps, Gluten free items, Toilet rolls, Shaving Foam, Washing powder or pods, Baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash etc).

Thank you for your donations, whether they be items needed to stock the shelves or cash to support the Foodbank and the Pantry.  
**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 29 June**. Open House/Drop-in from 10.30 am until around 6.00 pm for sharing, learning, discussion and creativity. Refreshments available. For further information contact Jane Mathews (01372 741966) or Graham Waller (01372 741659). Please let us know if you are interested in coming along as we have limited space!  
**Graham and Jane**

### CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill, wishes to hire an organized individual to support the Rector and Churchwarden. Tasks include managing volunteer rotas, creating news sheets and publicity material, and maintaining the parish website. Skills needed: diary management, online skills, word processing, spreadsheets. Flexible hours, £18-£20/hour. For more details please email:

[admin@stpeterswoth.org](mailto:admin@stpeterswoth.org)

### SUMMER FAIR – JULY 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>TH</sup> 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

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**

### Book of Remembrance

Doreen Simon

### Today's Services

The 9.30am Communion this week is a Prayers for Healing service. The 11am service is also Communion. The theme for Sunday's final session on the Book of James is 'Prayers of Faith'. James urges prayer in all circumstances, highlights faith's healing power and generally encourages church members to support and correct each other in mutual love. What does it mean for us today to be 'family'? And how can we grow together as disciples of Jesus?

### Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

#### James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

#### Matthew 18:15-22

<sup>15</sup>If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. <sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

### Music for 9.30am

1. Guide me O Thou great Redeemer
2. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
3. As the Deer
4. During Communion: Make me a channel of your peace
5. In Christ Alone

### Music for 11am

6. Light of the World (Here I am to Worship)
7. No Longer Slaves
8. The Creed
9. Oceans