



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Many thanks to Rev Rosemary for covering for me last weekend. Anne and I had a wonderful holiday, but after a rather patchy attendance record at St John's over the past few weeks, it is good to be back! This Sunday we have a baptism to look forward to. Over the last few months, those who come to the 11am service will have met Vanda and Celso Rodrigues and their lovely children. I am delighted that on Sunday I will be baptising two of them...Mathilde and Jasmine. Please pray for the whole family as these two young ones step out along the road of faith.

*Please remember that starting next week and for the whole month of August, we will have just one service at 10am!*

**Rev. Geoff Andrew**

## MECHANICS FOR AFRICA

In August, Ken and Margaret Hobbs are cycling coast to coast on behalf of Zambia Christian charity Mechanics for Africa and are inviting sponsorship.

If anyone is interested in supporting them, go to

<https://www.justgiving.com> and search for Mechanics for Africa and you will see Ken's fundraiser.

## 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 July 28<sup>th</sup>: services at 9.30am and 11am (including 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)

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

**Shelly, Ukrainian Refugee Contact**

## FOODBANK

Thank you to the members of Stoneleigh WI and to the regular congregation for the generous donations of items from the Foodbank's list of much needed items last week. As we had a

new volunteer on the team, welcome and thank you Lauren, we were able to give John & Maggie a well-deserved rest from the weekly deliveries up to the Foodbank's stores. Many thanks too to the other couple of volunteers who were not needed this time - we shall be back to you I promise! How wonderful that our congregation has been able to supply so many goods and a keen team to support the Foodbank over the past few years.

This week they urgently need: Weetabix, Tinned Vegetables, Long life Milk (full fat or semi skimmed), Dried Noodles (not pot or instant), Long Life Juice, Squash, Male Deodorant, Shampoo, Washing Powder.

They also need: Pulses, Instant Mash, Microwave rice, Sweetcorn, Rice, Honey, Biscuits, Long life Sponge puddings, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise, Shower Gel, Washing up Liquid, Nappies 4, 6 & 6+ , Strong shopper bags and bags for life.

**The Foodbank Team**

## ZOOM

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

**Tim Rogers**

## BIBLE READING RESOURCES

Philip asked the Ethiopian, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He said he did not ("How can I understand unless I have a teacher to teach me?") and asked Philip to explain the text to him. Acts 8: 30-31, 34

Time is moving smartly towards August 18th, the Sunday we plan to have a small exhibition of materials available to help us to grow in our Discipleship.

This week we should mention and remind folk about the little library we have at the back of the church. This is full of interesting gems. You do not have to stay and read the books in church as there is a sign out book nearby in which you can record that you've borrowed a volume for a while. I recently picked up the Tynedale commentary on the Letters of John by John R.W. Stott as I was sorely missing my collection of Tom Wright's New Testament for Everyone series. The Tynedale commentary is perhaps heavier going but, nevertheless, I did find it useful to explain a few passages which had got me wondering.

No one has mentioned Scripture Union or SPCK materials that are available, so we've written to them to request some examples for you to see in the exhibition. There is still time to mention to us anything which you feel should be included. Write a note to yourself that you will allow extra time after the

service on 18th August to browse the materials we have in the exhibition.

***Will Porter and Polly Elder***

### **Today's Services**

We continue with our season of Summer Psalms. Psalm 19 celebrates God's revelation through creation and His law. It tells us that 'The heavens declare His glory', and nature speaks of His handiwork. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul and providing wisdom. How can we make sure that we are tuned into God's goodness through His creation? What might be preventing us?

### **Collect**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Reading**

#### **Psalm 19**

***Janis Forder***

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.  
<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring for ever.  
The decrees of the LORD are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.  
<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from wilful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my  
heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### **Intercessor**

***Chris Redrup***

### **Music at 9.30am**

1. Blessed assurance (MP 59)
2. What a friend we have in Jesus (MP 746)
3. There is a Redeemer (MP 673)
4. During communion: Spirit of the Living God
5. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah (MP 201)

### **Music at 11am**

1. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
2. O Praise the Name
3. Shout to the Lord

### **Book of Remembrance**

John Adrian Froud  
Reg Simon