



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 7th July 2024

WELCOME

A warm welcome back to Rev. David Packham who will be presiding and Ian Hargrave who will be giving the Sermon.

CHURCH RETREAT – **UPDATE**

Thank you to all who have completed their application form and paid for a spot on our Retreat. Looking forward to welcoming you all to Wychocroft on Saturday 13th July.

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

ZOOM

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

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 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

Another Quiz question (well it IS the silly season!) Who went to their cupboard and found the cupboard bare? Well, that was quite an easy question (making no bones about it!) but what isn't easy to remedy is the Foodbank's empty shelves so there is another 'They have none' part of this list again this week. Please.....no bones though.

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), Powdered Milk, Crisps, Adult and Children's chocolate, Conditioner, Washing Powder or Pods, washing up Liquid, Shower Gel.

They ALSO need: Custard, Rice pudding, Shaving foam, Nappies 6+ and 4, Hand wash (pump), Household cleaning products, Baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash etc), Strong shopping bags and bags for life.

Thank you – we appreciate that everyone is having to stretch just now and yet you always do your best for us.

The Foodbank Team

WHO'S WHO

There are still copies of 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

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

CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting of Craft Club will be on Monday 15th July. We meet in the Parish room from 10am to 12 noon. Come along with your crafting and join us for a coffee and chat.

Veronica Gittins

BIBLE READING RESOURCES

Hebrews 10:24 says, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds." In that spirit we are looking forward to our exhibition on 18th August. It's time to tell you about online resources.

There are a number of people now who are appreciating Will's contributions to our St Johns Reflections Whats App. Will uses:

- 1) The Bible App (Youversion)
- 2) The Chosen (modern accurate tv series of the gospels)
- 3) The Bible Project (short animations that help unlock the Bible)
- 4) Wild at Heart. Originally a great book encouraging people to live life to the full, but now also a regular podcast/you tube channel doing the same.

I suspect that, like many who have grown up with modern technology and who also live very busy lives, it is helpful to have your Bible resources right beside you and available on your phone. (Judging by the time he posts I often wonder if Will uses the time of his commute in study and prayer - what a good idea and it helps me to think of him on his journey with a full working day ahead of him.). Don't forget that you can ask Will for more information on Resources Sunday - we hope to have some examples of these to watch or listen to. Don't be put off by thinking that you do not have the confidence to use online material in this way - there are people in our church family who can help you get started. There are so many advantages to having online Bible study help.

Make time on August 18th to stay after the service and look around our exhibition. Can we also encourage you to encourage others? What resource do you use that might help others? Do tell us if you would like us to include anything which we have not mentioned yet. ***Polly Elder and Will Porter***

Today we look at Priesthood: from its origins in the Wilderness with Moses, through the Example of Jesus as Priest, to how the Anglican Church has interpreted and formalised this Role. What can we expect from our Vicar and how should we support him in this Role

Readings

Exodus 40:1-15

Maggie Savill

40 The LORD spoke to Moses: ²On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. ³You shall put in it the ark of the covenant, and you shall screen the ark with the curtain. ⁴You shall bring in the table, and arrange its setting; and you shall bring in the lampstand, and set up its lamps. ⁵You shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the covenant, and set up the screen for the entrance of the tabernacle. ⁶You shall set the altar of burnt-offering before the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, ⁷and place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. ⁸You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court. ⁹Then you shall take the anointing-oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it shall become holy. ¹⁰You shall also anoint the altar of burnt-offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, so that the altar shall be most holy. ¹¹You shall also anoint the basin with its stand, and consecrate it. ¹²Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water, ¹³and put on Aaron the sacred vestments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, so that he may serve me as priest. ¹⁴You shall bring his sons also and put tunics on them, ¹⁵and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests: and their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout all generations to come.

Matthew 6:5-15

⁵'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Intercessor

Ken Mussell

Music

- 1 How Great Thou Art
- 2 Amazing Grace
- 3 As The Deer
- 4 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)