



St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter 18th August 2024

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Thanks to everyone who came to the Vicarage BBQ last weekend. It was lovely to socialise in good company, with great food and glorious sunshine, and with our talented churchwarden Adrian on chef duty! A reminder that we are worshipping at 10am again this Sunday, in a more 11am-style service. Don't forget that this week is also Bible Reading Resources Sunday. Join us for coffee in the Parish Centre after the service and take a chance to review the resources that we're recommending. Having a more thorough knowledge of the Bible is foundational for our faith development and there are many great daily reading guides, commentaries and apps to help us understand what we're reading (or watching or listening to!).

Rev. Geoff Andrew

DECORATING BACK OF CHURCH

I'd greatly appreciate help during the month of August to decorate the back of the church. 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th August for actual painting. Please email: adrian.coppin@talktalk.net or WhatsApp Adrian with any dates you could help with painting - book case, walls and ceiling.

WhatsApp 07831 470846

Adrian Coppin

AUGUST SERVICES AND REFRESHMENTS

With much hard work by Adrian Coppin, St John's has received the Faculty to go ahead with the refurbishment of the back of Church. To facilitate this, we will be holding refreshments after the 10am service in the hall, rather than at the back of Church, for the month of August.

Social Committee

MESSAGES FOR CHURCH WARDENS

We are resurrecting the message book for the church wardens. It is a green file on the table by the glass doors. If you notice a bulb gone, a fault with any equipment or any other fabric problem, please note it in the file with your name and date so that we can deal with it promptly. Many thanks.

Adrian and Claire

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

All Sundays in August; one service at 10am. Theme: Summer Psalms. Rev Geoff (Aug 25th Rev Ken Hobbs)

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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: www.justgiving.com and search for Mechanics for Africa and you will see Ken's fundraiser. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

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

FOODBANK

Psalm 41:1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Last week someone commented on how busy the local parks and play areas are just now. The fine weather has meant that local resources are so precious for all our 'staycation' families. The exercise and fresh air certainly does everyone good but it often results in demands for more snacks or picnics. Please help the families who are staying at home this year.

This week they urgently need: Shower gel and Washing powder.

They also need: Honey, Biscuits, Long life Sponge puddings, Instant Coffee, Custard, Rice Pudding, Long Life Juice, Rice, Tinned Spaghetti, Cooking Sauces, Dried Noodles (not pot or instant), Deodorant (Male & Female), Shampoo & Conditioner, Adult Toothbrushes, Washing up Liquid, Nappies 5, 6+ & 7, Strong shopping bags and bags for life.

Cash is always useful - please put your donation in an envelope marked Foodbank and hand in to a Welcomer.

Thank you from The Foodbank Team. **The Foodbank Team**

BIBLE READING RESOURCES

Our exhibition is TODAY in the hall so please stay for coffee after the service and have a browse.

Remember though that we have only included a few suggestions. If you come across some resources which help you to understand the Bible little bit more please let us know - we can always spread the word near our little library.

Will Porter and Polly Elder

Today's Services

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible and it's all about how God's word guides us along the right paths. It serves as a reminder to prioritize spiritual growth, seek God's wisdom, and maintain a deep, personal relationship with Him amidst life's challenges. The psalm's focus on obedience, perseverance, and delight in God's teachings remains relevant for navigating modern life with faith and integrity.

First Reading

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

¹⁰⁷I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

¹⁰⁹Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your statutes are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

⁴Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted¹ by the devil. ²After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

⁴Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test. ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Intercessor

Chris Redrup

Music

1. Light of the Word (Here I am to Worship)
2. Lord, You Have my Heart
3. Make me a Channel of Your Peace
4. Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Book of Remembrance

Rene Grace

Freda Lumley

Michael Sheridan

Yvonne Tripcony

Jean Margaret Washington