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More information about the work of St John's, can also be seen on our website and Facebook page:

www.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchstoneleigh



MEMBER

St John's is a Hybrid Church Charter member. We strive to provide ways to digitally access church services in real time, allowing those digitally present to contribute, lead and serve as equals. This digital access extends to church meetings and events where possible. For more information about the Hybrid Church Charter, please see our website.

St John's takes SAFEGUARDING very seriously and we strive to ensure that at all times, St John's is a safe place for all children, young people, victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults.

On our website you will find copies of our Safeguarding Policy and also our Data Privacy Policy, together with other information about events and activities.

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Welcome

by Rev Geoff Andrew

After three years here in Stoneleigh as Curate of St John's Church, I stepped into the role of Vicar in July of this year. It doesn't often work out in the Church of England that you get to stay where you've served your apprenticeship, so I consider myself blessed that I'm able to commit the next few years to this wonderful community.



Our goal as a church is to serve the people of Stoneleigh to the best of our ability, in Jesus' name. In this latest magazine you will find details of everything we have to offer over the next six months, from the Christmas services (sorry...but it's not that far off now!), to our 2024 Season of Music & Comedy; from special celebrations and commemorations like Harvest, Remembrance and Remembering Loved Ones, to the St John's Café, the Baby & Toddler group and all the other community classes that take place in our Parish Centre.

As I write this, the new footbridge across the railway with lift access is due to open in just a few weeks. No doubt this improved connection between the two sides of Stoneleigh will bring more people to our doors. The church is open every day for personal prayer and reflection so please feel free to drop in and find some peace in the midst of a busy day.

May God bless you!

Rev Geoff Andrew Minister

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St John's Season of Music & Comedy

September 21st - December 21st

Our annual Season of Music has a new twist this year with the addition of comedy, as well as a bonus Christmas movie.

We kick off on **September 21st** with the fun-packed, joyous music of Abba and **Mamma Mia 2 – Here We Go Again**, the sing-along version. St John's will once again be transformed into a Greek taverna so come and sing your heart out to the big screen and big sound with friends and family.

On **October 26th**, we're delighted to welcome back the multi-talented musician and singer **Jonathan Veira** with his inimitable mix of stirring anthems and soulful ballads interspersed with amazing, and frequently humorous stories of life and faith.

Comedian **Tim Vine** will be hosting our annual Quiz Night on **November 23rd**, adding his distinctive brand of one-line humour to the serious business of quizzing! Teams of 6 are invited to participate. Profits for this event will support community development projects for our mission partners in Nepal.

We will be singing carols around the tree outside church on **December 13** for half an hour prior to enjoying another joyful set from **Rock Choir**. Profits will go to RUSH Academy, a school for orphans in Kenya.

As an added bonus this year, on **December 21st** we will have a special screening of that most Christmassy of Christmas movies, **It's A Wonderful Life**, with James Stewart playing small-town hero, George Bailey.

Tickets for all shows can be booked through the St John's website at: www.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/music

with the exception of the Quiz Night with Tim Vine for which teams must be submitted via email to:

office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

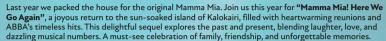
STJOHN'S SEASON OF MUSIC & COMEDY



MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN SING-ALONG

Saturday 21st September, 7:30pm - £5

(Wine and soft drinks available for a donation) Great raffle prizes!



St John's will once again be transformed into a Greek taverna, so dress up, bring your friends, some snacks and drinks for a fun night of dancing and singing! Doors open at 7:00pm, start at 7:30pm.



JONATHAN VEIRA

Saturday 26th October, 7:30pm - £10

(Wine and soft drinks available for a donation)

The amazingly talented and versatile international singer Jonathan Veira returns to Stoneleigh after last year's sell-out show. You can expect a stunning evening of music and laughter. With a voice like melted chocolate, Jonathan sings songs from Billy Joel to gospel and everything in between: ballads, blues, rock n roll, jazz and even opera – everything sounds completely authentic and exhilarating. Accompanying himself on the piano, his glorious singing frequently moves people to tears and then they later find themselves weeping with laughter!



QUIZ NIGHT hosted by TIM VINE

Saturday 23rd November, 7:30pm – £10 perm

(Wine and soft drinks available for a donation

Renowned comedian Tim Vine Tim is known for him to so to join the quiz and guiz and

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ROCK CHOIR

Friday 13th December, 6:30pm - £5

Rock Choir is back! Join us outside for carols and mulled wine around the Christmas tree, then head into the church at 7:15pm for a vibrant concert full of powerful harmonies, uplifting music, and an incredible atmosphere. Don't miss out on this feel-good musical celebration, and an opportunity to support disadvantaged children in Kenya.



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Saturday 21st December, 5:30pm - £5

(Hot drinks available for a donation) Great raffle prizes!

An absolute Christmas classic, 'It's a Wonderful Life' tells the heartwarming story of George Bailey, a man who discovers his true worth with the help of a guardian angel. Set in the charming town of Bedford Falls, this film celebrates the power of community, love, and the impact of one life. Bring friends and family for this Christmassy treat, complete with hot chocolate and candlelit atmosphere. Doors open at 5:00pm for a 5:30pm start.

Harvest Festival Church Service

October 6th - 11:00am



Harvest is one of the most important times of the year for farmers; the culmination of a year's work and investment. And it is an opportunity for us all, in our homes and in our communities, to give thanks to God for the bountiful food that the land provides.



The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in church is said to date back to 1843 at Morwenstow in Cornwall when the Rev Robert Hawker encouraged parishioners to bring produce to the church as a thanks offering.

This year, St John's will be celebrating Harvest with a service at 11:00am. We will be accepting donations of food* to support the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank who last year distributed more than 10,000 emergency food parcels. The service will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch.



*All items should be sealed, non-perishable, contain no alcohol and be in-date.

Remembering Loved Ones Church Service

October 27th - 3:00pm

This is a poignant and reflective occasion dedicated to honouring and remembering those who have passed away. The service offers a space for individuals and families to come together before our loving God in grief, remembrance, and hope. There is an opportunity to light a candle in memoriam.

Remembering Loved Ones is open to all to attend, whether or not those who are being remembered professed any religious conviction or faith. There is a point during the service when names of the deceased are read aloud. If you are planning to attend, you may choose to have the name of your loved one read out if the information is received by the church office at least one week prior to the service.



Remembrance Sunday Church Service

November 10th - 10:15am

Remembrance Sunday is a day dedicated to honouring the sacrifice of those who have died in wars, particularly in the two World Wars. This act of remembrance is not just a civic duty but a spiritual one, rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, who emphasized the greatest love as laying down one's life for others.

At a time when major conflicts continue to tear nations and communities apart, the Remembrance Day service prompts us to reflect on the importance of peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Our service begins in the church and then moves to the Garden of Remembrance where the bugler will play the Last Post and we observe a two minute silence. Wreaths will be laid at the foot of the cross.



Carols in The Station Pub

December 6th - 6:00pm



Get into the Christmas mood early in the month with some carol singing at The Station Pub led by St John's and our friends at Stoneleigh Baptist. Festive snacks will be provided.

Other Christmas events at The Station include:

CHRISTMAS FAIR

30th November, 12:00–5:00pm Enjoy holiday shopping, food trucks, kids' crafts, and a raffle, all in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Free entry.

CHRISTMAS GLASS BAUBLES WORKSHOP

4th & 18th December, 7:30–9:30pm Personalize glass baubles for your tree. £30.00 per person.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE SHOWDOWN SUNDAYS

1st, 8th & 15th December, 12:00–5:00pm Family gingerbread house decorating. £10.00 per kit.

KARAOKE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG FOR MACMILLAN

20th December, 7:30pmSing your heart out for Macmillan.
Non-singers pay £5.00.

MICHAEL BUBLÉ TRIBUTE NIGHT

28th December, 9:00pm until closeCelebrate the end of the festive season with a tribute to Michael Bublé's greatest hits.



For details of all these events please contact The Station Pub, Stoneleigh.

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Christmas Services

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Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. It commemorates the moment when God became incarnate, taking human form to bring salvation to humanity. It is a time of joy and gratitude for the love of God, who sent Jesus to bring light and life into a world of darkness.

Our usual line up of Christmas services is extended in 2024 with an additional Crib and Christingle service. This has been such a popular event with families in recent years that we have decided to hold it twice. It will be the same service so choose the time that suits you best.

Carol Service

December 15th at 6:30pm

An atmospheric traditional carol service with choir and organ, singing some of your favourite Christmas carols, together with readings from the nativity story.

Crib and Christingle Service

Christmas Eve at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Watch as the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem unfolds before your eyes with our real life cast of nativity characters. Plus a chance for the children to join in. There is a choice of services this year to cater for additional people.

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve at 11:30pm

A quiet service of reflection with carols, readings and a short sermon as we prepare for the Saviour's birth.

Christmas Day Celebration

Christmas Day at 10:00am

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We celebrate Jesus' birth with a Family Worship service including Holy Communion.

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A King is Born

The Christmas Story

A long time ago, in a small town called Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. One day, an angel named Gabriel visited Mary and told her she would have a baby who would be God's Son. Mary was amazed but trusted God.

Mary was engaged to a kind man named Joseph. When it was almost time for the baby to be born, they had to travel to Bethlehem. But when they arrived, there were no rooms left for them to stay in. Finally, they found a stable, where animals were kept, and decided to rest there.

That night, Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger, which is a box where animals eat their food.

Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly, angels appeared in the sky, singing and telling the shepherds that the Saviour, Jesus, was born. The shepherds hurried to see the baby and were filled with joy.

Later, wise men from far away followed a bright star that led them to Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They knew this little baby was a king.



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Worship For Everyone

Every Sunday at 11:00am

Worship for Everyone is a relaxed and informal style of church service. Come and join us for a coffee and chat beforehand. If you have children, don't worry about them making some noise or moving around.



The service consists of a short talk or sermon relevant to our lives today. We sing contemporary worship songs and make use of the large screens to show videos and slides. We provide space to reflect and pray to the God who loves us.

We also have provision for children who leave the main service to do age-appropriate supervised activities with our children's workers.

KidZone is our provision for children at St John's. We welcome all children! We learn about what it means to have a relationship with God. We hear Bible stories, ask questions, have discussions and enjoy craft activities to take home.



Holy Communion

Every Sunday at 9:30am

This is a more formal style of church service with Anglican Common Worship liturgy, traditional hymns and Holy Communion. The service lasts for an hour with refreshments served afterwards.

KidZone at St John's

"Teach a child the way they should go; even when they are old they will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

Welcome to KidZone! This is the time in the church service where the children go out of the main service for their own activities. We learn about God. We learn about Jesus. We ask questions, we have discussion, and hear about what the Bible has to say about how to live our very best lives and how much we are loved. We make beautiful crafts to remind us of what we have learned, we play games and we have a snack and a drink. When we go back into the church service we tell the adults what we have learned.

Here are just some of the craft activities we have enjoyed over the past year.



St. John's Craft Group

Third Monday of the Month 10:00am to 12 noon

We meet in the Parish Room in the Parish Centre. Everyone brings their own craft, be it knitting, card making, crochet, sewing, mindful colouring to name a few.



ST JOHN'S COMPANY

Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks, Cakes and a Warm Welcome

If you're looking for good company and a good coffee (or another favourite beverage) at a very reasonable price, come along to our community café. Everyone welcome!

Every Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm

St John's Church, Station Approach, Stoneleigh KT19 0QZ.

07468 096 350 office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

Toddler Praise at St John's

Every Tuesday (during term time) 9:45–10:00am

If you're coming along to our Baby & Toddler Group on a Tuesday, why not come a little early and join us in the main church for 15 minutes of worship for children with a couple of action songs, a Bible story and a prayer?

The children will love meeting Becky the bunny and Sean the lost sheep! And it's a lovely way to start the morning.



St. John's Church Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday (during term time) 10:00am to 11:30am

Where:

St John's Parish Centre

Cost:

£3.00 for the first child and accompanying adult £1.00 for each additional child or adult

Email:

babyandtoddlergoup@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

Facebook:

St John's Church Baby and Toddler Group Stoneleigh



This is a popular drop-in group for babies, toddlers and their carers. Everyone is welcome whether you are a mum, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent or carer.

There is a large range of toys including a home corner, see-saw, slide, ride-ons, books, puzzles, transport, farm and animal toys and a good selection of baby toys in the baby area.

Materials are provided on Jan's craft table for brilliant craft activities each week.

The fabulous volunteers from church provide the children with a drink and fruit at snack time and the adults enjoy freshly brewed coffee, tea and plenty of biscuits!

The children enjoy the routine of helping to tidy-up during the 'tidy-up' song, occasional bible stories with the vicar and joining in with singing at the end of the session.

The group has recently been very busy so please try to arrive as close to 10am as possible. Sadly, the doors will be closed when the maximum capacity of 45 children is reached.

Gin Yershon and Jan Davey



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Tunes 'n' Tea

Second Thursday of the Month 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Tunes'n'Tea is a musical and social community project that started in 2016 in St John's Parish Centre and, apart from the COVID period, has been running every month since. It was conceived as a way of bringing people together from the local area who may not usually go to see a live band. It is open to anyone, of any age. Many people don't want to go out in the evening, especially in Winter so we hold it in the afternoons.



It started out very quietly with mainly folk/country and soft pop music performed by any musicians we could get together at the time. The band is called Zephyr 6 (after the car, not the number of performers). As time went on, the band expanded and now we have up to 9 performers playing together

As Zephyr6 has been together now for quite some years, we have noticed that our audience (varying between 30 to 70 people) seem to like really upbeat numbers or as we call them "Bangers" as they really like to dance. Therefore, we perform Pop, Rock, Jazz and Country Rock mostly and on the whole we select songs they are familiar with from the 1950's to the present day.

So if you fancy listening, dancing, singing along to a live band, come and join in the fun!

Enquiries to: **020 8224 1351**

Leave a message and your number and we will call you back.

Entrance: **£5.00**

Carole and Alan Munday

Spotlight on... London All Nations Church

Every Sunday - 2:00pm

London All Nations Church is a Korean church established on October 1st, 2005, meeting at St John's Church. We are located about 15 minutes away from New Malden, the heart of the Korean community in the UK.

We are a small family-like community, built on faith and love while building up the kingdom of God. We have been growing in collaboration with St John's, transcending cultural and denominational differences. While our Korean Sunday service is held



at 2:00pm, it is also a source of joy to be a part of the 11:00am service at St John's as it is not common to witness such cooperation between the Korean and English churches!

Since 2007, JB Park has been serving as the Senior Pastor, with his wife, Grace Jang. Their four children – Yea In, Yea Jin, Joshua, and Sharon – are British-Korean and are part of a generation of believers who love and bridge the two cultures and they aide their parents in their ministry.

We pray at 5:00am every morning, holding onto the hope that we play a 'small role' with 'big vision', that a great wave of revival will wash over the world starting here, through prayer, worship and mission.

For this vision, we pursue to be:

A community of prayer

- where we can pray to God at any time.

A community of worship

- where we glorify God with praise and worship.

A community of mission

- where we establish the next generation with the word of God's truth.

Anyone who wants to join this vision of God's kingdom is always welcome.

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Weddings at St John's

Bringing two hearts together with God's love

Celebrating Your Love

If you have recently got engaged, congratulations on this joyful occasion! We're thrilled to hear about your plans and would be delighted to help you make your wedding day truly special.

Getting Married at St John's

The First Steps. If you dream of exchanging vows at St. John's, our team is here to support you. The initial step involves checking if your particular circumstances enable you to marry here. There are a number of legal checks and 'qualifying criteria' which the Vicar will happily guide you through, ensuring you meet the necessary requirements.



Planning Your Special Day

We will schedule an initial meeting with the Vicar. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the practical aspects of the service and delve into the profound significance of marriage. Your unique love story will shape the ceremony, making it a meaningful and personal experience.

What does it cost to get married in church?

At time of publication, fees for a Church of England wedding are £531, not including extras such as bellringing, organist or flowers.

Enquiries and Questions

Feel free to reach out to the Parish Office **07468 096 350** or **office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk** for any inquiries or questions regarding weddings.

Baptisms at St John's

Embracing New Beginnings

What is Baptism?

Baptism (also called christening) is a beautiful sacrament; a visible and public sign of an inner commitment to start following Jesus on a life journey of faith in response to His love for us. If the one being baptised is an infant, then parents and godparents make a commitment to raise the child in the knowledge of God's love and guide them to follow Jesus as part of the Church. This ceremony marks a new beginning in the family of the Church, expressing gratitude for the gift of new life.



Who Can Be Baptized at St John's?

If you live in Stoneleigh parish, are a regular worshipper, or have a connection with St John's, we would be delighted to discuss baptism with you for you or your child.

The Baptism Service

Baptisms take place during our regular 11:00am Sunday service. The Baptism ceremony involves the minister pouring water over the head to symbolise being washed clean to start a new life with Christ. A lighted candle, given at the end, symbolises Christ's love, as the light of the world and can be lit on each baptism anniversary. A bible is also offered as a gift to help people deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Godparents

If you've been asked to be a godparent, congratulations! For parents choosing godparents, we're here to provide advice. There should be at least three godparents with both genders represented. Godparents must be baptised. If someone is not baptised, they can still be involved as a sponsor but the minimum number of godparents is still required.

How do I arrange a baptism?

Please contact the church office **office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk** for more details and to arrange an initial chat.

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CLASSES AT ST JOHN'S

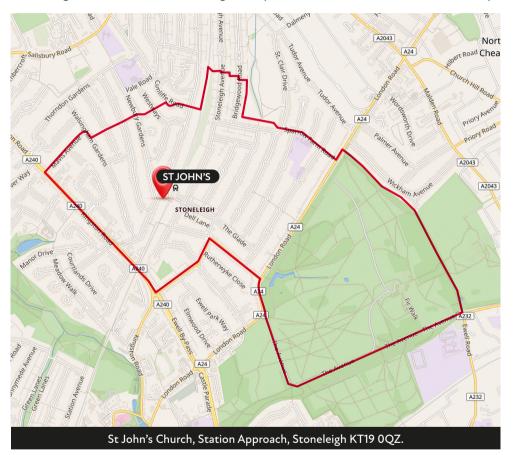
MONDAY	CLASSTIME	CONTACT
Super Seniors Exercise Class	10:15–11:15am	jane.pardoe@talk21.com
Craft Club (3rd Monday of Month)	10:00am-12:00pm	office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk
Ewell Dance	4:30-7:00pm	claire@ewelldance.com
Yoga (All Levels)	7:00-8:15pm	juliapatron@hotmail.co.uk
TUESDAY		
St John's Church – Baby & Toddler Group (during term time)	10:00–11:30am	babyandtoddlergroup@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk
Square Dance Club Beginners (NOT 4th Tuesday of Month)	7:00-8:30pm	spencer8@tiscali.co.uk
Square Dance Club Mainstream (NOT 4th Tuesday of Month)	8:00-10:00pm	spencer8@tiscali.co.uk
Stoneleigh WI (4th Tuesday of Month)	7:30-9:30pm	jennyhawkins3@icloud.com
WEDNESDAY		
Core Values Pilates	9:15-10:15am	paul@corevaluespilates.co.uk
Core Values Pilates	10:30-11:30am	paul@corevaluespilates.co.uk
Ewell Dance	3:45-7:00pm	claire@ewelldance.com
Stoneleigh Sparrows WI (3rd Wednesday of Month)	12:30-2:30pm	secretarystoneleighsparrows@surreyfedwi.org.uk
Zumba	7:45-9:00pm	zumbalatina23@yahoo.co.uk
THURSDAY		
Zumba	9:30-10:30am	zumbalatina23@yahoo.co.uk
Tunes & Tea (2nd Thursday of Month)	1:30-3:30pm	alanlestmunday@yahoo.co.uk
St John's Café	1:30-3:30pm	office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk
Surrey Dance Addicts	4:45-8:30pm	surreydanceaddicts@gmail.com
FRIDAY		
Worcester Park Karate	7:30-9:00pm	drmarcus1978@yahoo.com
SATURDAY		
Intermediate Pilates	8:30-9:30am	Michelle 07949 095435

St John's Church, Station Approach, Stoneleigh KT19 0QZ

Why not hire St John's Parish Centre?

The Centre is available for hire for children's parties, family gatherings and other events. For further information and details of pricing go to our website page: church.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk/hall-for-hire/ or phone Kerri on 07913 891 434

We're in a great location, close to Stoneleigh railway station on the other side from the Broadway.





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Services & Worship at St John's

Sunday Services

Join us for a variety of worship experiences every Sunday. Our usual weekly pattern is outlined below, but please check our website or contact us ahead for any changes, especially on special occasions like Easter and Christmas

9:30am Holy Communion

Experience the richness of tradition with hymns, prayers, sermon and Holy Communion. This service is also broadcast live online at www.Stoneleigh.tv

11:00am Worship for Everyone

A relaxed and informal style of church service with worship songs, videos, a talk and a time to reflect and pray. Our KidZone group makes this a great service for toddlers and primary age children and families.

Weekday Services

Monday 9:30am Morning Prayer (said) Join us at the start of each week for a period of prayer and reflection.

Wednesday 9:30am Said Eucharist

A 30 minute Communion service using the rich and poetic language of the Book of Common Prayer.

Open Doors at St. John's

Our doors are open daily from Monday to Saturday from approximately 8:00am until 4:00pm, creating a sacred space for private prayer and reflection, regardless of your faith or background.

Stay Updated

Check our website **www.stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk** or give us a call on **07468 096 350** to ensure you have the latest information, especially for special occasions.

