



St John's, Stoneleigh

Weekly Newsletter

8th June 2025 - Pentecost

A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Last week's Environment Sunday theme was a welcome opportunity to focus on one of the five Anglican 'Marks of Mission': to 'Treasure' creation. I do encourage you to sign up for the Creation Care Survey at www.creationcare.org.uk. If you are not familiar with the Five Marks of Mission, there's an easy way to remember them all beginning with T: Tell (proclaim the gospel to other people), Teach (disciple one another to grow in faith), Tend (care for each other's needs), Transform (oppose injustice and prejudice in the world around us) and Treasure. If we want to understand and engage with the full range of God's mission, we must endeavour to balance these aspects of the outworking of our faith. How do we bring all these things together to be effective disciples? Through the power of the Holy Spirit! This weekend as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, let's pray for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit - individually and collectively - to equip us for mission!

Rev. Geoff Andrew

ZOOM

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

Tim Rogers

'WE BELIEVE' CREED BOOKLETS

This year marks the 1700-year anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which met in the year 325AD to discuss matters of Christian doctrine. The most significant outcome of this meeting was the formulation of one of the foundational statements of Christian belief, the Nicene Creed, which we still use in our churches today. To commemorate this anniversary, the Church has produced a booklet of 24 daily reflections covering each line of the Creed. We have purchased a limited supply of these booklets for St John's and they are available at the welcome desk for a suggested donation of £3.

Rev Geoff Andrew

SUMMER FAIR – JULY 5th 2025 – 12 – 4^{PM}

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 and Tombola. Please sign up to assist in whatever way you can. The sign-up sheet is at the front of church.

PRAYER GROUPS – DAYTIME & EVENING

Please join us every 4th Thursday in the month between 3.30pm and 4.30pm in the chapel for a time of worshipful prayer.

Or every 2nd Thursday in the month between 7.30pm and 8.30pm in the church office (downstairs in the parish centre)

Steve Simper, Will Porter

FOODBANK

The last week has been Volunteers Week and Good the Company Surrey, which has the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank under its umbrella, has been celebrating the 300 volunteers who keep the stock in order, drive it out to centres and assist the people who need it to access not only the food but also the advice, help, guidance and friendship available. Do consider volunteering if you are interested. Meanwhile thank you John Saville for ferrying our donations to the hub each week.

This week they **urgently** need: Sweetcorn, Cooking Sauces, Pasta Sauce, Microwave rice, Powdered Milk, Instant coffee, Squash, Long Life Juice, Custard, Deodorant (Male and Female), Adult Toothbrushes.

They also need to maintain stocks: - Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Nondairy milk, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Porridge, Jam, Honey, Marmalade, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Spread, Sugar (500gr), Long life Sponge puddings, Rice Pudding, Savoury Biscuits, Biscuits, Cereal Bars, Kids Toothpaste age 0-2 & 6+, Shampoo & Conditioner, Tampons. Thank you. **The Foodbank Team**

HONEY AND BAMBOO ZERO WASTE SHOP EWELL

If you have any plastics that can be topped up with hand soap, shower gel, washing up liquid, hand sanitizer, detergent, fabric conditioner. Toilet cleaner etc, please take them to Honey and Bamboo in Ewell Village. They also do olive oil top ups, flour, all curry ingredients, fresh eggs, dried pastas. It is a treasure trove of items which are environmentally friendly! Please support them if you can!

Claire Cornell

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The White Eagle Club are continuing to support the people of Ukraine and the refugees in Poland who are affected by the Russian invasion. Thank you to everyone at St John's Church who are supporting us. We are still collecting the following:

Plasters, bandages, Pasta, rice, baby food, nappies and wipes, batteries, detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, hand wash and soaps, deodorant, sanitary pads, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, hand cream. Please put them in the box marked Ukraine at the front of the church. I also take cheques made payable to Shelly Wierczorek or you can donate money online at the "White Eagle Club Ukraine Appeal" on Facebook, Instagram or X.

Thank you again. **Shelly Wierczorek, Coordinator, White Eagle Ukraine Appeal**

ECO CHURCH NEWS

"St John's has a small but active Eco Church group but could do with *more* people to join us! We could do so much more with more helpers! I am so grateful to all those who helped with the bulb planting and creation of the wildflower area but we do have much more planned. Our next meeting will be in the vicarage on Tuesday June 10th at 19:30. Please do let me know if you are able to help in any way. In particular we need to increase our contacts with the local community and increase our campaigning (at all of local, national, and global levels) on issues of environmental concern.

Please note that there are still copies of 'Jesus Died to Save The Planet' available in Church. **Roger Blake**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EWELL - INTER-CHURCH PRAYER – MONDAY 9TH JUNE AT 7.30PM

A reminder that we meet again for inter-church prayer on Monday 9th June (7.20pm for a 7.30pm start) at Worcester Park Baptist Church KT4 7EW. **All** are welcome to join us.

I heard on "Songs of Praise", at the weekend, a minister from the Manchester area say "there has never been a significant move of God without united prayer."

I continue to believe God is encouraging us to come together in prayer for our community. Personally, I have been blessed and encouraged by the times we have spent together in the lovely prayer space at Worcester Park Baptist Church.

Paula Smith

Sunday's Services

The Easter season reaches its climax 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus with the festival of Pentecost. Jesus promised his disciples that after he had ascended to heaven (10 days before Pentecost) they would each receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in power. The disciples were propelled into the streets, proclaiming the Good News about Jesus in the native languages of all those gathering in Jerusalem for the festival. The same Holy Spirit is available to us today. The Spirit continues to empower, comfort, guide and teach us in our walk with Jesus. But we should remember that the Spirit is given principally for mission. And the trajectory of mission is always outward: Telling, Teaching, Tending, Transforming and Treasuring in the name of Jesus to bring about the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

Today's 9.30am service includes Prayer for Healing and the 11am service includes Communion.

Readings

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. **5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** Then how is it that

each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' **14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Luke 4:16-21

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: **18** 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' **20** Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Music 9.30am

1. Come down O Love Divine (MP 89)
2. Love divine, all loves excelling (MP 449)
3. Breathe on me, breath of God (MP 67)
4. *During communion:* Spirit of the Living God (MP 613)
5. Guide me oh Thou great Redeemer (MP 201)

Music 11.00am

1. Light of the World (Here I am to Worship)
2. Be Still for the Presence
3. Worthy of it All
4. O Praise the name

Book of Remembrance

Doreen Simon