



# St John's, Stoneleigh Weekly Newsletter

## 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. GEOFF ANDREW

Elsewhere in this newsletter, I have expressed my thanks to everyone at St John's – and many of our neighbours – who made such a great effort to ensure we had a successful Summer Fair. We have received a very nice email from Epsom Male Voice Choir thanking us for the invitation and for the lovely atmosphere to sing in. This weekend, we have another big event – we are hosting a wedding. I am delighted to be marrying Alison Wiltshire (a friend of ours from the June8 café) with her long-time partner Danny. The church will be full and June8 will be closed for the day so all the staff can attend! One of the great joys of parish ministry is to be at the heart of these wonderful community occasions. Please pray for Danny and Alison and their family. As we go into the Summer Season at church, a reminder that Bishop Lucy Amukowa (RUSH Academy) will be preaching for us on July 27 (don't miss this, she is amazing!) and then next month we start our All Together August services with one service at 10am. **Rev. Geoff Andrew**

### SUMMER FAIR

Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the Summer Fair, or who came along to support. And a special thanks to Amanda Reed who did most of the event organization. Not only did we enjoy hosting our local community, but in the process we raised the princely sum of £1,250 which will go towards the general running and maintenance of the church. **Rev Geoff Andrew**

### ZOOM

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

### INTER CHURCH PRAYER GROUP

The inter church prayer group meets again at 7.30pm on Monday 14th July in the prayer room at Worcester Park Baptist Church. All are welcome - whether you have been before or not! We spend time in prayer, both out loud as one or another leads us, or in quietness. We seek to listen to God & one another, trusting He will lead us - as we pray for our local community. **Paula Smith**

### CHURCH WORKING DAY – SATURDAY JULY 26

From time to time, the church needs a good tidy up – cleaning, polishing, patching and painting. We have a list of jobs that need doing inside and outside the building, we just need some people to do them! So we're planning to gather a working party on Saturday July 26 from 10am until 4pm. You can attend for some or all of that time. A full list of work that needs doing will be made available in the next couple of weeks, but in the meantime, please sign up and let us know you can come, and what hours you are available. You will of course have some

choice in the tasks you do, especially if you have physical limitations. Thank you! **Fabric Committee**

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month between 7.30pm and 8.30pm in the church office (downstairs in the parish centre). **Steve Simper, Will Porter**

### FOODBANK

Here is a little game to play round the dinner table.....how many nursery rhymes can you list which include the mention of food? It would seem that the thought of food and eating has been used to stimulate our minds from the very youngest age. Quite apart from the very obvious physical effects of poor nutrition what does it do to our minds if we have to struggle to put food on the table? Next week we'll look at another way that food has crept into our language. Meanwhile, please consider contributing an item or possibly two from these lists to support our Foodbank appeal.

This week they **urgently** need: - Sweetcorn, Cooking Sauces, Pasta sauce, Dried Pasta in Sauce, Noodles, Instant Coffee, Tea, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Custard, Chocolate, Chocolate Biscuit Bars, Biscuits, Tampons, Toilet rolls, Washing up Liquid.

They also need: - Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Microwave Rice, Ketchup/Mayonnaise, Squash, Porridge, Jam, Honey, Marmalade/Chocolate Spread, Sugar (500gr), Rice Pudding, Savoury Biscuits, Deodorant (Male/Female), Adult toothpaste, Hair conditioner, Washing powder/ tablets, Nappies size 5.

Thank you.

**The Foodbank Team**

### UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Thanks for your support for Ukraine over the years While the world is looking the other way, Russia has increased its bombing of the Ukrainian people. Please could you support us by donating: Bandages, plasters, pain killers, sanitising products, sanitary pads, nappies, batteries, baby food, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shower gel, handwash and soaps, deodorant and hand cream. Please put any items in the box by the glass doors or hand any cheques made payable to Shelly Wierzorek to Claire Cornell Thanks you everyone. **Shelly Wierzorek, Coordinator, White Eagle Ukraine Appeal**

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that Chirs McInnes is in the office on a Monday and Thursday between 9.30am and 4.30pm. If you email her on a Friday she will not pick up the email until Monday.

## **GRASSMARKET REUSABLE BAMBOO CUP £4**

I am placing an order for these Environmentally friendly reusable Bamboo Cups – 12oz liquid content. Rubber Holder ensuring its comfortable to hold. Dishwasher safe. If you would like to purchase one please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the front of Church.



*Roger Blake*

## **Sunday's Services**

How much do you value your relationship with God? Is it truly a central pillar of your life? Jesus leaves us in no doubt about the unsurpassing worth of discovering the Kingdom of God and then investing everything we have to possess it. This week we will focus on the value of this 'treasure', and then next week we will consider our response using our new church development plan (The Way Forward: Next Steps) to help each of us reflect on the part we might play in seeing God's kingdom come in Stoneleigh. This week's 9.30am service includes Prayer for Healing and the 11am service includes Communion.

## **Readings**

### **Philippians 3:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in<sup>[a]</sup> Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 13: 44-46**

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

## **Collect**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Music 9.30am**

1. My Jesus, My Saviour (MP 1003)
2. Jesus is Lord (MP 367)
3. Seek ye first (MP 590)
4. *During Communion:* There is a Redeemer (MP 673)
5. How Great Thou Art (MP 506)

## **Music 11.00am**

1. Cornerstone
2. Faithful One
3. Psalm 23 (Surely goodness)
4. You're Beautiful

## **Book of Remembrance**

Daphne Iris Ramshaw