



Welcome to St John's Church Stoneleigh

NOTICE SHEET FOR AUGUST 2018

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The next notice sheet will be issued on 2nd September. Notices for the next issue should be sent to Alison Edwards, please, by the end of Wednesday 29th August. If you have an urgent notice before then please contact Rev Borley (vicar@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk) or leave a note in the red box in the church

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The office is open on Thursday & Friday mornings from approx 8.45 - 11.45am.

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S THIS MONTH!

ALL-AGE COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST Next Sunday will see a 'trial' 10am service aimed at all ages, and will include the use of visuals and some simple things which young people can join in. We're not expecting many young people (as it's summer holidays). Rather it's an opportunity to try out and discover what does (and doesn't) work well for young people and families, as well as the whole congregation, at St John's. Please do support this - by coming on the day and offering constructive feedback afterwards, and of course in prayer.

NOTICES: If anyone has a notice that they would like to share, please give this in writing (paper copy or electronically) to Rev Mark and Alison in advance - by Friday if at all possible. We will make sure it goes on the notice sheet and is announced on Sunday. If there's an urgent notice, please let Rev Mark (or whoever is leading the service) know before the service starts, and we'll ensure it gets announced. We need a 'system' to avoid long and/or chaotic notice times (which I've seen too often in various churches), and having spoken to a number of the PCC, this seems a sensible approach. Many thanks, Mark

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC: A reminder about this 'family friendly' initiative, taking place next Sunday (5th August) 12-3pm and Tuesday 7th 10am-Midday. There'll be an actual picnic (bring your own food, refreshments provided), bouncy castle, teddy bear zip wire, outdoor games, and (hopefully) face painting. We're hoping to reach a wide range of families and children, to let them know and experience that St John's is here for them and is a fun place for families and young people. Please do invite along anyone you know who has children - there are 'flyers' on the welcome desk to take away and share. Also, if anyone can help in any way e.g. with refreshments, setting up / clearing away, welcoming / general organising on the day, or can help with face painting (!!) please let Rev Mark and Alison know this week. And please do pray for good weather and for those who will benefit to come along. Thank you very much.

FEEDBACK REQUEST: Whilst getting to know and speaking to people, the idea of re-introducing a healing service has been mentioned a number of times. If you have any thoughts on this - for example if you'd like to have a healing service at St John's or any thoughts about the frequency, format etc. - please let me know.

I'm currently going round and meeting with PCC members 1:1, but am keen to get to know all of you and hear any thoughts you have, particularly about St John's and the future. Please do let me know if you'd like to have²a chat with me or to share a particular thought. My phone number is 0208 3972208, or email vicar@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk. *Many thanks, Rev Mark*

TRAIDCRAFT: We will have the usual stall on Sunday 5th August , after the 10am service during coffee in the Parish centre with extended hours as part of the Teddy Bear's picnic. The stall will not be operating during the Tuesday picnic. There are currently a diverse range of products with lots of different and interesting items, and also includes a wide variety of cards as well as the usual sweets and biscuits.

Of course if you need something special there are catalogues in church, and on the stall, and you are invited to tell us of anything you need and we will add it to our next order and save you a delivery charge. Please remember, Traidcraft sells the best of fair trade, runs life-changing development projects and campaigns hard to bring about trade justice. *Veronica & Mike*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are going to decorate the Parish Room and Atrium between 6th and 17th August. But Ken can't do it all by himself so if you are able to help in any way with preparation or painting or cleaning please let Ken know.

SERVERS: We have a very loyal band of Servers but could do with some more Servers for all our Services. Full Training will be provided in this role, where you prepare the Altar and set up for Communion Services as well as supporting the clergy during the Service. It is planned in the Autumn to hold some training sessions for existing Servers and those wishing to take on this important role.

If you are interested please Richard Denyer.

TUNES'N'TEA: The next session of Tunes'n'Tea will be held on Thursday August 9th, 1.30-3.30pm, in the Parish Centre . Live music plus tea, biscuits and cake. £3.00 entrance. The next dates include September 13th.

OUR REGULAR SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

- **Every Sunday at 8.30am:** *Holy Communion - quiet "said" worship, using a Common Worship service. In the side chapel.*
- **Every Sunday at 10am:** *usually a Common Worship service with Holy Communion. Children's group most weeks (during term time). Otherwise family worship together in church, with dedicated family area.*
- **Tuesdays at 9am:** *Morning Prayer using Celtic liturgy, including prayer together and times of silence. In the side chapel.*
- **Wednesday at 10am:** *Holy Communion - a reflective service using the Book of Common Prayer. In the side chapel.*
- **Thursdays at 6pm** *Celtic Evening Prayer in the side chapel*

In addition to these church services St John's offers in the Parish Centre:

- a weekly Toddlers Group on Tuesdays from 10-11.30 am during school term time. The charge is £2.00 per adult and all are welcome with their under school age children.
- Seasons Café in partnership with NESCOL, every Friday in term time from 12 noon to 1.30pm.

Every Sunday afternoon, 2pm: All Nations (Korean speaking) church meets.

Every Friday evening, 8pm: All Nations meets for prayer in the side chapel.

- *Consecrated gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available. Please speak to those administering communion if you would like to receive either.*
- *At any of our Communion services, if you would like to receive Communion but find walking difficult, please speak to a welcomer at the door and they will arrange for Communion to be brought to you in your seat.*
- *This Church has a loop system. Hearing aid wearers should turn their aids to "T".*
- *Instructions in case of fire can be found at various points in the Parish Centre and by both main doors in the church*