



Welcome to St John's Church Stoneleigh

NOTICE SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

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The next notice sheet will be issued on 16th September. Notices for the next issue should be sent to Alison Edwards, please, by 9.30am on Thursday 13th. If you have an urgent notice before then please contact Rev Mark 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

Welcome to the Autumn season of services! As the last Sunday of the school summer holidays, today is a standard communion service. From October, the first Sunday in the month will normally be a service for all ages (without communion or Junior Church). The last weekend of this month, including the fifth Sunday (30th September), is our Harvest Festival celebration with something for everyone - see notice inside for more details.

FREDA LUMLEY'S FUNERAL - Freda's funeral will be this Thursday (6th), with a Committal at Randall's Park Crematorium at 11am, followed by a Memorial Service in St John's at 12pm. Freda will be coming to rest in the Lady Chapel overnight on Wednesday, arriving at 5.50pm with a short service at 6pm. All are welcome at any or all of these services and at refreshments in The Station pub afterwards.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Arrangements for this years Harvest Festival have been finalised. There will be a parade service for all ages at 10am on Sunday 30th September, followed by a Harvest Lunch. (There will also be a short 8.30am communion service that day). There will be a social event aimed at all members of the congregation and community on Friday 28th with the theme of 'Strictly Come Harvest' - a fun evening for all involving an opportunity to join in (or watch) Square/Barn dancing and simple Latin-style dancing. Publicity and details will be available shortly, but please put the dates in your diary and invite you family, friends and neighbours.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC: Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Teddy Bears Picnic events such a success. We had over 225 people across the Sunday and Tuesday, lots of good conversations and relationship-building, and a huge amount of positive feedback. This has made a significant start on developing relationships with young families, and there are plans to build on this - watch this space!

NOTICE SHEET: Starting in September, the notice sheet will be produced fortnightly (as a trial for a couple of months). If you have any notices you'd like to go on it, please put them in writing (hard copy or email) to Alison in the office - deadline 9.30am on Thursday. If there's an urgent notice, please give it in writing to the Service Co-ordinator on Sunday morning, who will pass it to the officiating minister to be announced. Thank you.

IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: To help ensure good communication, administration and organisation, there will be fortnightly meeting of the Clergy and Wardens on Mondays, with a brief update for the whole congregation on the noticeboard at the back of church. We will focus on current and upcoming activities and issues, along with keeping oversight of the overall aims and running of St John's. Please let Rev Mark, Rev Maggie or one of the Churchwardens or Assistant Wardens know if there's anything you would like discussed at one of these meetings.

Also, to ensure that Alison can fulfill the key aspects of her role as Vicar's Administrator, if there's a job you'd like her to do (e.g. printing or other admin task), please ask Rev Mark so that Alison's work can be kept manageable!

TRAIDCRAFT: The Traidcraft stall will be in the hall after the 10am service on 2nd September and 7th October.

Christmas begins here! We have a fantastic range of Christmas cards, decorations and gifts, so be sure to have a look. We will also have our normal stock of biscuits, mints and fudge.

New brochures are due out soon. We hope to have them by mid-September. Please take a look and we can order anything from them for you (that way you don't pay delivery!). Whilst we try to have a fair selection of items on the stall, we cannot display every item in the brochure – so if you want something special, please look out for the new Autumn brochure.

Veronica and Mike

SUNDAY ROTAS: Thank you very much to everyone who helps with various roles on the rota. We're keen to ensure that services run smoothly, and your help is vital. There have been a few problems lately, so to avoid any confusion and/or people not being available, if you swap a role you're down to do, please could you either update the hard copy at the back of church and/or contact Alison in the office by 9.30am on Friday at the latest. Alison will send out reminders by email on Thursday to everyone involved with the coming Sunday's service, and a final confirmation on Friday.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER: For the next couple of weeks, Celtic Morning Prayer on Tuesdays will start at 9.15am. This is a trial to see if it helps avoid the morning traffic for those who have to face the A240!

FOODBANK FOCUS SUNDAYS: It has been decided that we should make a particular effort to support the Foodbank on the first Sunday of each month. I will produce plenty of lists of their more urgent requirements to distribute on the Sunday before. There will also be a basket for monetary donations - help with the finance to maintain the vans and the Resource Centre is always extremely welcome.

I will continue to produce a few copies of latest 'wishlist' each Sunday if you wish to help during the rest of the month. The box for donations will remain in church at all times.

Some people have preferred to have each new 'wishlist' forwarded to them by email as and when it's issued - if this would help you please see me about it.

The next Foodbank's Fundraising event is a Curry Night at Tamarind Spice, Ewell on 11th September. The cost is £20 per person for a set meal. The food is lovely and plentiful. Booking is essential.

Polly Elder

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 have a 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*

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: There are a series of events at the cathedral in the next couple of months commemorating Remembrance. On 5th & 6th October there is a light and sound projection filling the interior with poppies. Tickets are £5 and the event starts at 6.30pm. On 10th November the outside of the building will be illuminated with images of falling poppies. On 11th November in addition to the county Service of Remembrance there will also be the lighting of a Beacon and a performance of Britten's War Requiem. Details of these and many other events including a Christmas Fair can be found on posters and leaflets at the back of church.

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

PCC MEETING: The next PCC meeting is on Monday 10th September at 8pm.

DIARY: Could everyone please make sure that all church activities are noted in the diary kept by the glass doors. This includes but is not limited to house groups, meetings of committees, social events. They can then be included in the notice sheet and also publicised.

HEARING AID DROP-IN CLINIC - FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: A free drop in clinic for local people with NHS hearing aids takes place at St. John's (in church) usually on the first Friday of each month 12 noon - 1pm. This service is run by volunteers trained by the audiology departments of Epsom & St Helier Hospital and hold training completion certificates. It is a Guildford Diocese initiative in partnership with the NHS. The service offers: basic hearing aid maintenance; battery supply; cleaning & re-tubing; trouble-shooting & advice. Please remember to bring your brown NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings and requirements) and your hearing aid(s) each time you come to the clinic. For more information please contact John Simon 8393 6155

HEARING CHAMPIONS SCHEME WINS FAITH AND HEALTH AWARD:

The Hearing Aid clinic which operates here at St John's (run by John, Cynthia and John) is part of the Hear Here! Hearing Champions scheme which recently won an award for Faith in action. Chosen for its cross-sector impact and community-driven approach, Hear Here! is the winner of the inaugural Faith and Health Award. FaithAction launched the award to celebrate the 70th birthday of the NHS and to shine a light on the role that faith-based organisations are playing in supporting health and wellbeing in their communities.

Daniel Singleton, Director of FaithAction, said, "Hear Here! is such a simple idea, and one that we think could be easily replicated by other faith and community organisations. And yet this simple thing is changing people's lives for the better, which is why we think it's such a worthy winner of this award."

Tracey Wade, Sensory Inclusion Adviser at the Diocese of Guildford and Hear Here! coordinator, said, "Without aftercare for hearing aids, this wonderful tool that can help people stay engaged with life is useless. Some people are also struggling with the emotional side of hearing loss – for people to stay truly well, they often need extra support, and that doesn't have to come from the hospital. Hear Here! shows how a partnership with other organisations like churches can work in practice to improve wellbeing."

Congratulations and many thanks to all those involved. A full copy of this article can be found on the Guildford Diocese website or on the notice board at the back of church.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Please ensure information is provided in the church diary (kept on the table by the glass doors) for every activity and meeting arranged.

Sunday 2	8.30am: Holy Communion
Monday 3	House Group. Contact Mavis Skeet 8393 8229
Tuesday 4	9.15am: Morning prayer
Wednesday 5	10am: Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
	6pm: Freda Lumley received into Lady chapel
Thursday 6	10.15am - Funeral procession for Freda Lumley
	12 noon - Memorial service for Freda Lumley
	6pm: Celtic evening prayer
Sunday 9	8.30am: Holy Communion
	10am Holy Communion
Tuesday 11	9.15am: Morning prayer
	10.00am Toddler Group
	2.30pm House Group. Contact Rosalie Jackson 8393 5147
Wednesday 12	10am: Holy Communion - Book of Common prayer
Thursday	6pm: Celtic evening prayer
Sunday 16	8.30am: Holy Communion
	10am Holy Communion
	6.30pm - 8.30pm: FOCUS
Tuesday 18	9.15am: Morning prayer
	10.00am Toddler Group
Wednesday 19	10am: Holy Communion - Book of Common prayer
Thursday 20	6pm: Celtic evening prayer
Sunday 23	8.30am: Holy Communion
	10am Holy Communion
Tuesday 25	9.15am: Morning prayer
	10.00am Toddler Group
Wednesday 26	10am: Holy Communion - Book of Common prayer
Thursday 27	6pm: Celtic evening prayer
Sunday 30	8.30am: Holy Communion
	10am Holy Communion
	6.30pm - 8.30pm: FOCUS

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 9.15am:** *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*