



Welcome to St John's Church Stoneleigh

NOTICE SHEET FOR LATE OCTOBER 2018

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The next notice sheet will be issued on 4th November. Notices for the next issue should be sent to Alison Edwards, please, by 9.30am on Thursday 1st November. 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

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER: We welcome and thank Reverend David Senior who is leading the services at 8.30 and 10am today. Please join us for cake and refreshments after the 10am service to mark John Savill's milestone birthday. Happy Birthday John.

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE: This opportunity to remember loved ones who have died is next Sunday (28th October) at 6.30pm. Invites have been sent to all those families for whom we have taken funerals in the past three years, but of course all members of the congregation and anyone who wishes to remember loved ones is most welcome and encouraged to come. There will be an opportunity to request names to be read out on the night, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER: This Sunday we will have two opportunities to give to those who are in need, both locally and further afield.

Shoebboxes - We will be collecting filled shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The charity Samaritan's Purse will distribute them to children around the world who would otherwise have little to celebrate at Christmas. You can pick up an information leaflet from the table at the front of church or can look online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk> There are also some flat packed boxes available if you don't have a shoebox to fill. If you are not able to fill a box but would like to contribute there will be the opportunity to make a financial donation.

Foodbank - As it is the first Sunday of the month it is also Focus on Foodbank Sunday. Flyers are available telling us what their particular needs are this month. If you are not able to make a food donation on 4 November the box is always available at the back of the church to receive gifts at any time.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: There will be a traditional Service of Remembrance at 10am on Sunday 11th November, with two minutes silence and laying of wreaths at 11am. There will also be a half-hour Praying for Peace service at 6.30pm, followed by Ringing for Peace at 7pm - part of the largest nationwide ringing of bells since the end of the First World War 100 years ago. Please do take flyer(s) from the welcome desk and share them as widely as possible.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Plans are well underway for our extensive Christmas festival which is particularly aimed at engaging with the wider community as well as our regular congregation. This will include a Star Trail for young and old, Santa's Christmas Party (a follow-up to the Teddy Bears Picnic) as well as the Christmas Craft Fayre, Carols round an outside tree, and all the usual Christmas services. To make this a success, we particularly need people willing to help with the Star Trail (setting up on Thu 6th Dec and school visit dates - to be arranged) and the two Santa's Christmas Parties (Sat 15th and Tue 18th Dec). More details nearer the time or speak to Rev Mark.

VISION SURVEY : To help prepare for our church vision day, there is a very short and simple survey to get an accurate picture of who comes to St John's. Copies are on the Welcome Table (with the pen box above it), and there is a box to put completed surveys in near the door. It is very important to get accurate information on this so that we can plan for everyone's needs and preferences, and it will take literally one minute to fill in (7 ticks!). Please could evrryone who comes to St John's (even if only occasionally) complete one of the survey forms. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to come to the vision day itself (9.30 - 3pm on Saturday 17th November) where we will explore together the future that all of us - and God! - would like to see for St John's. If you would like to express what you see as the priorities for the church, there is an online questionnaire. Please email Rev Mark for the link to this or ask him for a paper copy.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - REQUEST FOR DONATIONS:

We are planning to hold a bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair on December 8th. Please could you bring any bottles of any description so that we can have plenty of prizes on the stall. We will keep them in the choir vestry so that they are completely separate from the Food Bank donation. Many thanks for your help with this. Claire

HEARING AID DROP-IN CLINIC - FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER: Please note the change of date this month. 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

CHRISTMAS COW FOR KAKAMEGA: Last year you may remember that St John's raised £350 from donations to buy a cow to provide Christmas lunch for all the children at the RUSH School in Kakamega, Kenya who have no where to go for Christmas. Derek and I are doing the same again this year. If anyone wishes to make a contribution to this worthwhile cause, please either see me (cheques payable to International Needs or cash) or go on line to the International Needs web page www.ineeds.org.uk where you can donate and Gift Aid your donation. Please let me know if you donate on line so that I can keep a running total of funds raised. RUSH UK is now under the umbrella of International Needs in order to safeguard their future as Joan Hadlow retired from running RUSH single handedly on her 70th birthday this year! The kids don't have any presents and so their Christmas lunch is the one thing they can look forward to! Derek and I will match all donations given ourselves.

I have pictures and a short video of the children having their lunch last year if anyone would like to see where their money goes. Many thanks for all your help with this. *Claire*

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.

TUNES'N'TEA: On Thursday 12th October, 1.30-3.30pm, the next session of Tunes'n'Tea will be held in the Parish Centre. Live music plus tea, biscuits and cake. £3.00 entrance. The subsequent session will be held on November 9th.

24th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE: One of our FOCUS group, James Nicholas has been selected to represent Surrey & the UK at next year's Scout Jamboree which is taking place in West Virginia, USA. This is the largest gathering of Scouts in the world and only takes place every 4 years. The World Scout Jamboree is an educational event that brings together the world's Scouts to promote peace and mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills. Although James' says he was 'lucky enough to be selected' this underplays the rigorous series of camps he attended which tested the full range of skills needed including teamwork. The camp in Virginia is expected to be the size of London in area. James is now fundraising to cover the costs of getting there and his range of handmade badges and key rings are available in the Scout shop in Stoneleigh Broadway. Congratulations to James and we wish him well for his once in a lifetime trip.

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*