



Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 10th March 2019

The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome! We are also delighted that you are joining us for worship today and we pray that each of us will meet with God.

Collect for today:

Heavenly Father,
your Son fasted in the wilderness for forty days,
battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you
there:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible readings for today:

First Reading - Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

Hymns at our 10.00 am service

MP 400 - Lead us heavenly father lead us

MP 160 - Forty days and forty nights

MP 590 – Seek ye first

MP 760 - When we walk with the Lord

INTERMENT OF ASHES

There will be a short service to inter Gill Marshall's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance today. This will follow refreshments after the 10am communion. Dennis and the family invite all members of St John's to join them.

LENT COURSE

The Lent course, Questions of Faith, will be on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.15pm, starting this week. There will be refreshments beforehand from 10.45am. Each session will start with a short video, followed by discussions to help explore some key issues in Christian faith. Each session is 'self-contained', so feel free to come to whichever is convenient. The course is ideal for both existing Christians who would like to consider faith more deeply, and those who want to explore, so please do invite anyone who might be interested.

Rev Mark Borley

NEW APPOINTMENT

We are very pleased to announce that our new Vicar's Administrator, Kerrie Winter, has been appointed and will be having initial familiarisation this week. Kerrie has two children who come to Toddler group, and has been to the family events we held last year. Please do make her welcome.

Rev Mark Borley

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years we are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll for the Parish. This is a list of those who feel they belong to our church because they live in the parish and/or attend worship here regularly. Everyone whose name was on the old Roll will by now have received a new form to complete.

If you have not yet returned your form to me could you please do so by Sunday 17th March at the latest.

Thank you.

Lynda White (0208 393 2743)

EASTER VIGIL AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

We would like to make an advance invitation to come to the Easter Vigil at Guildford Cathedral on Easter Eve - Saturday 20th April at 8pm. As well as being a wonderful Easter tradition, it is also a Confirmation service, and Carol James from St John's will be getting confirmed. All are welcome to come and enjoy the occasion and support Carol. We will try and arrange lifts.

Rev Mark Borley

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

A new continuing prayer list is available for you to take to use in your private prayers. This list is also used during prayers at both morning and evening prayer. It will be reviewed every two to three months. Please let me know if there is anyone who you would like to be added to or taken off the list.

Jean Tutton, Pastoral Coordinator, 020 8393 3687
jean.tutton@ntlworld.com.

SERVERS

We are very short of servers for both the 8.30 and the 10.00 am Sunday services. We are going to hold some training Sessions for Servers to which any member of the congregation is welcome, to see what is involved. If anyone would like to volunteer to help once a month, please talk to Richard Denyer.

Training Sessions:

Wednesday 20th March: 6.45pm – 7.30pm and 8.00pm – 8.45pm

Thursday 28th March: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April: 6.45pm – 7.30pm and 8.00pm – 8.45pm

Please advise Richard Denyer by Sunday 17th March at email: rwdenyer@gmail.com which session(s) you would like to attend.

TODDLER GROUP

We are supporting our Tuesday morning Toddler Group with the introduction of more craft and short story activities. If anyone would like to volunteer to help or lead a short session on an occasional basis, please make contact.

Mike Gittins

FAMILY MORNING

A drop in session on Saturday 30th March (10.30 – 12.00) to prepare for Mother's Day. The focus is on young people being invited to share in lots of activities, in conjunction with flower ladies, which will include dressing the new notice board, creating posies and Mother's day cards, (tulip printing) and some fun, with coffee provided.

Share the word as EVERYONE is welcome

Mike Gittins

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is on Tuesdays at 9.15am and Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 6.00pm in the side Chapel. Both services are short, reflective services offering the opportunity for prayer and contemplation, which may be helpful during the season of Lent. They use liturgy from the Celtic tradition. Everyone is welcome.

EASTER EGG HUNT

To be held on Tuesday 9th April (10.00 – 11.30) as a "parents/carer with children" activity. To start with craft sessions in the Hall, which will include making Easter Cards, maybe Easter nests, craft and an Easter Hat making competition – with prizes!

An essential event for all the Toddlers and children, but also a fun time for all as everyone is welcome.

Mike Gittins

RECORDING OF SERVICES

Following our training session on the sound system I produced a reasonable recording of last Sunday's service. I emailed the link to a church member who was able to access on the iPad and listen to the service. We will be working on perfecting the recordings, but if anyone would like more information about receiving the recording in the future, please talk to me.

John Simon

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 17th March:

- Closure of the Electoral Roll

Monday 18th March:

- Craft Club
- PCC Meeting
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Saturday 30th March:

- Family morning preparing for Mother's Day – all are welcome

Sunday 31st March: Mothering Sunday

- All-age service which will be a non-eucharistic parade service.
- Traidcraft Stall after the 10.00am service

Tuesday 9th April:

- Children's Craft and Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday 18th April:

- Distribution of Hot Cross Buns to commuters

Our purpose at St. John's is to:

- *Glorify God with our voices and lives*
- *Care for each other and enrich our personal faith*
- *Share God's love with the wider community*

OUR REGULAR SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Sundays at 8.30am:

Holy Communion – a 'said' service held in the side Lady Chapel using Common Worship.

Sundays at 10.00am:

1st Sunday of the month: Worship Together – a family friendly service sometimes including Holy Communion.

Followed by refreshments.

Other Sundays at 10.00am: Holy Communion – a service with hymns and a sermon followed by refreshments. Each week there is a dedicated family area in church for very young children and in term time there is a children's group in the Parish Centre.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Tuesdays at 9.15am:

Morning Prayer using Celtic liturgy, including prayer together and times of silence. Held in the Lady Chapel for around 20 minutes.

Wednesdays at 10.00am:

Holy Communion – a reflective service using the Book of Common Prayer held in the lady chapel. Refreshments are served afterwards with a time for conversation.

Thursdays at 6.00 pm:

Evening Prayer using Celtic liturgy, including prayer together and times of silence-held in the Lady Chapel for approximately 20 minutes.

Please speak to those administering communion if you would like to receive either a gluten free wafer or non-alcoholic wine.

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".



Items to be included on the next notice sheet should be emailed to a member of the leadership team, the parish office or to mag911@btinternet.com by 9am next Friday.