



Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 24th March 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome!

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

Collect for today:

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible readings for today:

First Reading – *Isaiah 55:1-3 & 6-9*

Gospel Reading – *Luke 13.1-9*

Hymns at our 10.00 am service

MP 94 – Come let us sing of a wonderful love

MP 37 – As the deer

MP 806 – Beauty for brokenness

MP 315 – I will sing the wondrous story

LENT COURSE

The Big Questions of Faith Lent course will continue on Wednesdays at 11am. The next session will be on the 27th March exploring the theme of "Does faith make a difference?" Please do invite anyone who might be interested in exploring faith further - either existing church members or anyone who is seeking to know more.

Rev Mark Borley

NOTICE SHEET

There will be a new notice sheet each week now on a permanent basis. Any notices should be sent to Kerrie Winter, the new Vicar's Administrator, at office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk by 9am on Fridays at the latest please. If any urgent announcement comes up after this, please let Rev Mark know via email or in writing. Many thanks to Mike Gittins for doing the notice sheet in the interim.

Rev Mark Borley

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

EASTER BREAKFAST

This year we are planning to have a parish breakfast at 9.00am on Easter Sunday. This will be before the 10.00am service. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to join us it would be helpful if you could put your name on the signup sheet on the table by the glass doors to give us some idea of numbers. However, if you are unable to commit in advance but decide that would like to come you will still be very welcome.

I would be grateful for some help with both setting up on Saturday afternoon and serving on the day. If you are able to help with either please let me know.

Jean Tutton

020 8393 3687, jean.tutton@ntlworld.com

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

HOT CROSS BUNS

As usual we shall, together with the Baptist Church, be giving out hot cross buns to commuters about 6.30 am on Thursday 18th April. I should be grateful if, as usual, some people could come to the Parish Centre and help with the buttering and distributing of the buns. We usually finish around 8.00 - 8.30am.

Sue Pennington

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

SUNDAY ROTAS

Kerrie Winter will be starting work soon on the next set of rotas which cover Sunday services. The next rota will cover the period 12 May - 28 July. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you think that the time is right for you to come off a rota or if you would like to join one.

The duties covered include Servers, Chalice Assistants, Intercessors, Readers, Service Co-ordinators, Welcomers, Hymnal/sound system operators and Coffee. Many thanks to all of you who help to make Sunday services run smoothly.

Jean Tutton

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:

Thursday 28th March: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

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

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

FAMILY MORNING

A drop in session is being held 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 the flower ladies, which will include dressing the new notice board, creating posies and Mother's day cards, (tulip printing), you can add a heart to the Mother's Day Tree and lots of other 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.

Liturgy is from the Celtic tradition. Everyone is welcome.

RECORDING OF SERVICES

We now have the ability to record the main Sunday morning service and then email a link for listeners to access from the internet.

If anyone would like more information about receiving the recording in the future, please talk to me.

John Simon

EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Last year we fed more than 3,700 people, which sadly means we saw a 40% increase on our 2017 figures. In December we fed a total of 564 people compared to 270 in December 2017.

At the annual collection held in Tesco Leatherhead in early December, the public were asked if they would like to add a couple of items to their trolley to donate to us. Some incredibly kind people pushed entire trolleys loaded with goods over to us.

TODAY'S WISH LIST: Children's toothbrushes, children's toothpaste, tampons, shampoo, shaving foam and male deodorant.

OTHER: Rice pudding, sponge puddings, custard powder, instant mash, UHT milk, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti, jam/peanut butter, mayonnaise and loo rolls.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 30th March:

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

Sunday 31st March: Mothering Sunday

- 10.00am All-age 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

Sunday 19th May:

- Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Johns with a special Sunday service where we will be joined by special guests.

Saturday 29th June:

- Summer Craft Fair, 10.30 – 2.00pm

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".

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