

Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 31st March 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome!

A warm welcome to St John's as we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Today is an all-age service with 'something for everyone', and we hope and pray that you will enjoy the service and find it helpful. We're delighted to have the Scout and Guide groups with us for their parade service, and to welcome everyone who is visiting St John's today. Everyone is warmly invited to share in refreshments in the Parish Centre after the service.

LENT COURSE

The Big Questions of Faith Lent course will continue on Wednesdays at 11am. The final two sessions will be this Wednesday, 3rd April and Wednesday 10th April. The last session will be a question and answer – suggestions for topics welcome. 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

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 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

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EASTER EGG HUNT

To be held on Tuesday 9^{th} 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

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

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 Session:

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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

Monday 15th April:

- Craft club

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

Items to be included in the next notice sheet should be emailed by 9am next Friday to Kerrie Winter, the Vicar's Administrator, at office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

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".