



Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 2nd June 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are joining us for worship today and we pray that each of us will meet with God. Today we welcome Rev. John Baxter who will be taking our 10am service.

Collect for today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Bible readings for today:

First Reading – Acts 16.16-34

Gospel Reading – John 17:20 - end

Hymns at our 10.00 am service

A new commandment (MP 1) (sing twice through)

Abba Father (MP 3) (sing twice through)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind (MP 111)

Bind us together, Lord (MP 54)

OPEN MEETING

There will be a meeting following the service on Sunday 9th June, starting after coffee, which is open to all members of the congregation. This will address the views and concerns which have been expressed recently, and in particular consider the future direction of St John's, and will be facilitated by the Area Dean - Rev Des Williamson. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rev Mark Borley

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

The Pastoral Team will be updating the continuing prayer list soon. Please let me know if you would like your name to be added or if you know of anyone who would like us to pray for them. Also please let me know if there are any names which now is the right time to take off the list.

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ALL NATIONS PRAYER GROUP

All Nations church have a group coming over from Korea to pray for local churches, including St John's. They will be here from 20th to 22nd June, and would be very grateful if anyone could offer them overnight accommodation. They are all middle-aged, and will be out throughout the day. Please contact Jong Bum, the minister of All Nations (bum1971@hotmail.com) if you might be able to help.

Rev Mark Borley

SUNDAY 10AM INTERCESSIONS

Prayers of intercession are an important part of our Sunday services, and it is really good to have members of the congregation doing them. This doesn't have to be difficult as one of the main ways of doing this is to read prayers that have already been written. Rev Mark will be running a short (approx 20 minute) workshop to show how to do this. All current Intercessors are invited to attend, as is anyone who might like to consider doing this at some point, or anyone who is interested. Please let Rev. Mark know if you'd like to come to the workshop, and we'll arrange one.

Rev Mark Borley

PRAYER WEEK

Each year the Churches Together in Ewell organises a Week of Prayer. People are encouraged to visit a prayer room in one of the churches or to sign up on a list to pray for an extra hour at home.

After discussion at the PCC it was decided that there would probably not be many people who would want to do this and that it would be better to ask people to pray for an extra 5 or 10 minutes every day.

Prayer guidelines will be issued nearer the time. The Prayer Room at Ruxley Church will be open from 9am to 9pm on Wednesday 5th June if anyone wants to use it.

Sue Pennington, 020 8393 4356

JANET ALDER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Janet invites you all to join her to celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday 9th June after the 10.00 service. We will celebrate with her before the open meeting.

GROUP PHOTO

Would you like a copy of the group photo which was taken to mark St John's 80th anniversary? If you would, please add your name to the list on the table by the glass doors. Large (10"x8") - £1.25, Small (6"x4") - 15p.

Jean Tutton

TRAIDCRAFT

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The new Spring Summer brochure is available and we have two copies showing all the latest products in the range. Our stall today shows just a small selection – if you would like anything from the brochure we would be happy to order it for you. We do have a small stock of ginger and double chocolate cookies – but, unfortunately both are once again out of stock.

We will have a stall at the Craft Fair on Saturday 29th June.

Veronica and Mike Gittins

YOUNG FAMILY ZONE

You may have noticed that the display in our revitalised children's area in church has changed from an Easter theme, to Noah's Ark. This is the work of St John's Baby and Toddler Group over the last three weeks. In week one the rainbow was created (sticking), followed by the Ark (sponge painting) and finally the colouring of the pairs of animals in the third week. And at each stage children were also able to take home a small rainbow and animal masks they had made. As we move into the second half of the summer term we will be making owls, crafting for Father's Day and working towards a Summer Seaside Special on the 23rd July.

Children+Youth committee

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE, 10AM SERVICE

Rev. David Fox-Branch from Christchurch Epsom Common will be taking the 10am Wednesday service.

Janis Forder

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is back at Guildford Cathedral! From 4pm on 9 June, Christians of all denominations will gather in praise and prayer – come along and join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the area at this special event.

From 16:00 – 18:00 bring your picnics to enjoy some live music and entertainment outside the cathedral before we join together in a contemporary worship service with a message by Pete Greig until 19:00. There will then be a chance to join a prayer vigil led by the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking that will finish at 23:00.

No need to book – just show up for as much as you would like! Please note there will only be parking at the cathedral for blue badge holders. All others should park as directed on the University of Surrey campus (about a 10 min walk).

NOTICES

Please note the change to the deadline time for notices. Going forward, please ensure all notices are received by 8am rather than 9am. Thank you.

Kerrie Winter

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 2nd June:

- Start of prayer week

Friday 7th June:

- Hearing Clinic 12pm to 1pm
- Last Nescot Seasons Café until September 2019

Sunday 9th June:

- Opening meeting with Area Dean, Rev. Des Williamson

Saturday 29th June:

- Summer Craft Fair, 10.30 – 2.00pm

Tuesday 23rd July:

- Toddler Group Summer Seaside Special

Items to be included in the next notice sheet should be emailed by 8am next Friday to Kerrie Winter, the Vicar's Administrator, at office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE FOODBANK

"Dear Friends,

Please excuse this extra update but we think it is so important we had to share about an important upcoming event that we are holding.

As you will have seen from our newsletter updates the foodbank is growing and we have now fed nearly 18,000 people. We saw a 44% rise last year and our figures are still going up all the time.

We have become very concerned about the rises and so we have been exploring what can we do to address the increase, in a community as wealthy as Surrey. Is there a way of reducing the demand for our foodbank, can we create an exit plan? We don't believe that anybody in our community should be in food poverty.

In light of that we are excited to be launching the East Surrey Poverty Truth Commission. This brings together people in poverty with business and civic leaders to see what can be changed and how the cultures can be affected.

We are launching the commission on 4th June at Bourne Hall, Ewell and would like to invite you to come, due to your support of what we do. Please see the invitation notice at the back of church. The event is free but you need to book an online place so we can monitor our numbers. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided."

Polly cannot attend this event so it would be great if someone else from St John's would represent us and report back. Please let Polly know if you plan to attend.

Some Foodbank Fundraising Events for your diaries

Live music by 3men and a Lady on Saturday 22nd June at St Joseph's Catholic Church Christall Hall. Event starts at 7.30pm. Free admission. Raffle with many amazing prizes. This event is being held on our behalf but please contact the office for more information.

Quiz night on 12th July at GRC, (our main office), Ruxley Lane, Ewell. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Maximum number of people per team is 8. Cost £6 per person. Booking is essential. This is a BYO event.

Curry night on 17th September at Tamarind Spice, Ewell. Tickets cost £20 per person for a set menu. Arrivals from 7pm but all guests to be seated by 7.45pm. The last curry night was a sell out so early booking is recommended.

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".