



Welcome to St John's, Stoneleigh

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Sunday 21st July 2019

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome!

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

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible readings for today:

First Reading – Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel Reading – Luke 1:38 to end

Hymns at our 10.00 am service

Christ, whose glory fills the skies (MP 79)

Bind us together, Lord (MP 54)

Love divine, all loves excelling (MP449)

Rejoice, the Lord is King (MP 575)

MESSAGE FROM REV. MARK

Some of you may know that I have had to face a number of stressful issues recently. In particular, last week I had to support my mother for emergency hospital investigations for suspected cancer, as well as having an interview for a new post which looked very promising but I didn't get. This has left me without any job or accommodation from the end of next month, and has been very stressful. I've seen my doctor, who is clear that this is the culmination of a prolonged period of high stress (including two deaths in the family, unexpectedly difficult times at both Ruxley and St John's, and now inevitable concerns about my future), and is affecting my health and ability to work effectively. As a result I have been signed off for four weeks until 15th August. My thoughts are with St John's, and I would greatly value your prayers and support at this difficult time. Many thanks and blessings.

Rev. Dr Mark Borley

ROTA AND CONTACT LIST

The rota for 4th August to 20th October 2019 is now available at the back of the church. There are extra copies printed for those who don't have access to email and would like to take a copy home. There have been revisions since last week.

I have also created a new contact list which has been emailed to you all. Copies of the contact list are available in the vestry.

Kerrie Winter

SEASIDE SPECIAL ACTIVITY MORNING

An end of term event will be held in the Parish Centre this coming Tuesday, starting at 9.30am. The event is designed for 0 – 5year olds, with older siblings welcome, with children accompanied by an adult. We will complete various craft activities and also a pirates treasure hunt. For full details, please see the leaflets on the welcome desk.

The Families and Youth committee would welcome any adults who would like to come along and help supervise, whilst having some fun. Please talk to Mike or Veronica for further information.

Mike and Veronica Gittins

HYMNS

In Rev. Mark's absence, Rita and Alison have volunteered to coordinate the selection of hymns for the 10am Sunday services. Our aim is to include as many favourites from the whole congregation whilst maintaining relevance to the services. This week's hymns were chosen by David Wiltshire's House Group. If any other group or individuals would like any particular hymns included please let us know, with specific tunes and dates if appropriate. We may be limited by what is on the digital hymnal but that still gives a very wide selection. Contact Rita or Alison (rita_ramsay@icloud.com or alison.edwards@mac.com) or complete one of the hymn slips on the table by the door.

I will sing unto the Lord a joyful song

Alison Edwards

BREAKTHROUGH

BREAKTHROUGH (12A) for Silver Screen (for aged 55+) is being shown at Epsom Odeon this Tuesday @ just £3 per person inc. free tea/coffee and biscuit. Showing Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm.

For details see www.breakthroughtickets.co.uk

UPCOMING SERVICES

On the advice of his GP, Rev. Mark will be absent for the next four weeks. Rev. Mark is hoping to be back for the remaining services before his license ends. There is a 'Thinking of you' card for you to sign if you wish.

We thank Rev. John Baxter for taking today's services. I am making plans for future services.

Janis Forder

RIDE AND STRIDE – 14th September

The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust gives grants to places of Christian worship of all denominations. The main source of its funds is the annual Ride & Stride event on the second Saturday of September. Walking and cycling are rewarding ways to enjoy and admire different Surrey churches. Cyclists and walkers - and indeed those giving time to serving squash or welcoming visitors - are asked to seek sponsorship, from your congregation and friends, to raise funds for our county's precious buildings (including some in Greater London). Half the moneys you raise by participating will be returned to your church. SCPT also looks more favourably if you apply for a grant.

You do not need to be open. Simply display the Visitor Register Welcome Notice prominently on Saturday 14 September from 9 am to 6 pm. Seeing this Register really encourages travellers from other chapels and churches; being greeted by someone is a bonus. Please return the Register to me afterwards by email or post.

Packs containing lists of churches, sponsorship forms and the Welcome Register are available from me or you can download these from www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride If you have any queries please contact me or you may find answers on the SCPT website.

Shirley Quemby, Area Organiser

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 23rd July:

- Toddler Group Summer Seaside Special

Sunday 4th August:

- All Age Service 10am

Monday 19th August:

- Craft club 10am to 12pm

Wednesday 21st August:

- David Wiltshire's House Group 3pm-4:30pm
Contact David Wiltshire for information on 020 8393 2726.

Thursday 22nd August:

- Third Thursday Coffee Morning 10:30am
Contact Roger Blake for information on 020 8393 1724.

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

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".