



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Welcome to all, especially any here for the first time, as we worship God together

**Today's Service**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**10:30am: Morning Worship with the  
Rev Emma Aikins**

*followed by our Lent Course, in the Church*

**We welcome Emma and thank her  
for leading our Service today.**

*Hymns: StF 235, 419, 238*

*Readings: Luke 13:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Denise, Barbara and Jim

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda

Music - Hilda, Sound - Catherine

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Barbara

We have an audio loop system, large print hymn books and bibles, and a wheelchair - also our current Church magazine and our information leaflet about activities at the Church Centre - just ask the Welcome Team at the door for anything you need.

Our Pew Collection today is for the Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

# Prayers

Please pray for Emma leading our Service today, and for David at Martin Way this morning.

Please pray also for those of our Church family who are unwell or finding their mobility limited and consider whether they might welcome a call or visit from friends.

# Notices

**Annual Church Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Please can groups let me have reports for the ACM by the 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you gave me a report for Church Council, I will reproduce that for the ACM. *Denise*

**British Summer Time** starts early next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March when 1:00am suddenly become 2:00am! Feels like time travel. *Robin*

**Banham Marsden March** has been rescheduled for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Publicity.** At the end of February 2019 Church Council agreed to form a Publicity Team comprising Lesley, Catherine and Robin. “to co-ordinate all Church publicity”. There are two main aims in this. 1) to ensure that the efforts of those organising events etc are suitably supported with appropriate publicity in good time and in the appropriate places (posters, NewsSheet, Link etc) and 2) that such publicity is identifiable as being connected with Stoneleigh Methodist Church, to the mutual benefit of the event and the Church. The team are at [publicity@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:publicity@stoneleighmethodist.church). *L,C&R.*

# In case you missed it . . .

**Local Charities’ Nominations 2019** At the last Church Council it was agreed that, in addition to our regular grants/donations to the Methodist charities and others we, as a Church, are exploring the idea of supporting a number of different local or UK based charities, from this year 2019.

Members are invited to propose a charity with the following information: the name of the charity, the charity’s registration number and a brief introduction of what the charity does, and conclude how the grant donation will enhance the work of the charity. Sign off with your name as the proposer – (200 words).

A handwritten/cut out appeal can be passed on to the Steward on duty, equally a typed-out description about your nominated charity can be emailed or given to the Steward on duty or Rev Emma Aikins by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

The Leadership Team will shortlist to a maximum of 6 charities and have them ready to be voted on to choose two (2) charities at the Annual Church Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that new suggestions made at the Annual Church Meeting will not be included for voting. The amount for this grant is £350. *Emma*

### **Churches Together in Ewell**

CTE invite all congregations to try and visit each other during LENT and here are some that are on offer:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - come to St Clements RC Church at 7:45pm. Hear about and experience the 'Stations of the Cross' as Father Graham and representatives from CAFOD lead us through this meditative time as part of their Lent tradition.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** - come to All Saints 'Quiet Day' between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Activity stations will be set up all based on Psalm 23.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 8:00pm. Stoneleigh Baptist will host an evening of worship and prayer with the opportunity to find out a little more of the activities of the church, and perhaps even answer the question "what do Baptists especially believe?"

### **Easter at our Church**

**Good Friday** will be at 10:30am with the Rev Emma Aikins.

**Easter Sunday** will be at 10:30am, Holy Communion with the Rev Chris Morley.

### **and elsewhere**

**Palm Sunday**, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm, Holy Communion at Ruxley with Canon Hilary Johnson.

**Maundy Thursday**, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm, Holy Communion at Ruxley with the Rev Emma Aikins.

**Good Friday** - Walk of Witness in Epsom starting at 9:50am in Church Street and finishing in the Town Centre about 11:00am. There is a poster on our notice board.

# The coming week at SMC

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

*DIY/Auriol - 12:30pm at Jim's*

*Conquest Art - 2:00-4:00pm in the Link Room*

*Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's*

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room; 'The Lady Gardener' with Tania Thurgood*

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

*Knit & Natter - 10:00am 'til noon, in Room 1*

*Quiet Reflective Service - 7:30pm in the New Room*

## Thursday 28<sup>st</sup> March

*Carers & Toddlers - 10:00-11:30am in the Hall/Link Room*

## Sunday 31<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Mothering Sunday

*Morning Worship - 10:30am with the Rev Emma Aikins*

*Stewards - Jeananne and Debbie*

*Welcome - Denise and Val*

*Music - Vivienne, Sound - Tom*

*Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Church*

*Followed at 11:15pm by our Lent Course, in the Church*

## Contact Details

**Contact:** Jeananne (07729 028850) -[contact@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:contact@stoneleighmethodist.church).

**Website:** [stoneleighmethodist.church](http://stoneleighmethodist.church) - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

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Alternatively pass to Denise or Robin, or drop into the Church letter box under the arches by room 1. We'll make every effort to get late entries published, or read from the lectern if too late for the printed sheet.