



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Welcome to all, especially if you are here for the first time, as we worship God together

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**10:30am: Morning Worship with  
Valerie Ashcroft**

*Hymns: - StF 224, 225, 34, 227, 1 (red hymnbook in the pews)*

*Readings: - Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Denise and Sally,  
Welcome team - Jeff & Doris, Music - Pat P (H)  
Sound - Colin, Refreshments - Denise

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.

We will serve refreshments in the Church after the Service.

Many thanks to the Church Cleaning team for their work yesterday.

# Prayers

Please pray for Valerie leading our Service this morning, and for Emma at Raynes Park also 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.

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25*

# Notices

**David’s Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** is now confirmed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020; 2:30pm at the Church with the committal at the North East Surrey Crematorium (Morden) at 1:20pm. All are welcome to both; family flowers only please.

**Memories of David** - if you have memories of David you would like shared in the service, or passed on to the family, please send them to Emma, [minister@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:minister@stoneleighmethodist.church), by Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January please.

**God in Love Unites Us - Marriage and Relationships: Circuit Conversations.** At 1:00pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we will gather at Stoneleigh Methodist Church to sit around a meal table to eat together and to enter into a prayerful consideration of the Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group 2019. As we converse sensitively and respectfully with one another we will cover such subjects as ways of relating, relationships and sexuality. We will not be voting on anything. Please join us if you possibly can. To help with catering, please let the Emma know by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January if you are hoping to attend. Thank you. *Rev Paul Timmis*

**Christmas ‘Special’ Services.** Using the familiar formats, our *Carols by Candlelight* and *Crib Services* were much appreciated by those present. We were once again grateful to those who prepared and deployed the candles, and to Louise who directed and co-ordinated the children on

Christmas Eve. May these reminders of Christmas continue for the enjoyment of us all.

**Action for Children.** The total amount raised from the Christmas Collections was £127. My thanks to all who gave.; the money will help enable all the projects they support to help families cope when difficulties arise. *Jeananne*

**The Link** The last date for contributions for the next issue of the Link is next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please send contributions to Vivienne or Helen directly, or to [link@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:link@stoneleighmethodist.church)

**Together at Christmas** The Churches Together Christmas Day was very much enjoyed by those who would otherwise have been alone. A full Christmas dinner and a raffle, where every guest got a Christmas gift, was followed by a Christmas quiz and musical entertainment. A big Thank you to all those who helped either with transport or by contributing drinks and raffle prizes. Your help is very much appreciated. *Sally*

## **In case you missed it . . .**

**Flower Rota** - the rota on the notice board in Church now covers the whole of 2020. If there are any special dates you would like to remember during the year perhaps now is a good time to 'make your mark'? *Robin*

**NewsSheet items** are always welcome (up to 6:00pm Saturday if possible); please email them to [news@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:news@stoneleighmethodist.church) and not to any individual person. This dedicated email address makes it clear that you intend the content to be published and ensures that news does not get lost in the day-to-day Church mail we receive, or treated as spam; it also automatically sends copies to the whole NewsSheet team for that week without any GDPR or blind copying issues. Several times recently I have received items where it was unclear to whom it was addressed (because it had been sent as a BCC), and thus whether it was for information or publication. Thanks for your help in this, *Robin*

**Access to Room 1.** You may notice a keypad has appeared next to the door under the arches nearest to Room 1. The new system allows external group leaders to use a key fob to open the door from the outside without the risk of leaving the door unlocked. Once the group leader has arrived subsequent members can be let in using the buzzer, which has been extended into Room 1. *Robin*

# Looking forward at SMC

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

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

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

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room with the Rev John Baxter - all are welcome*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

*Holy Communion/Covenant - 10:30pm, Rev Emma Cusack*

*Stewards - Jeananne and Debbie (communion)*

*Welcome - Ken & Brenda,*

*Music - Vivienne, Sound - Tom, Refreshments - Denise*

## Contact Details

**Address:** 1 Stoneleigh Crescent, Stoneleigh, Epsom KT19 0RT

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

*For both Foodbank and Whitechapel - if there is no-one at the Church Centre to accept donations, please phone 020 8393 2155 for advice.*

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

**All items for future NewsSheets** - if you can, please email to [news@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:news@stoneleighmethodist.church) from where they will be automatically redirected to those compiling the next edition - **please do not send to individuals** (in case they are not about for a few days).

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