



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

## Today's Service

# Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## 10:30am: Morning Worship with Tony Loft

We welcome Tony and thank him  
for leading our Service today.

*Hymns: StF 196, 34, 230, 693, 222*

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

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Jeananne and Val

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda

Music - Hilda, Sound - Catherine

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Church

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 Services.

# Prayers

Please pray for Tony leading our Service today, and for Emma at Ruxley 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

**Thanks to the Church Cleaning** crew yesterday who helped tidy the Church after the Christmas festivities, and prepare it for our Covenant Service next week.

**Small Gopak table** - over the Christmas period we seem to have 'lost' one of the small foldable tables from the Link Room. If you know where it might be, please let me know. *Robin*

**Circuit Epiphany Service** at Martin Way Methodist Church, SW20 9JZ - 4:00pm this afternoon, 6<sup>th</sup> January - all are welcome. If you're thinking of going, please let Jeananne know (for catering).

**Link Group** will meet at Barbara's on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January for their annual New Year Party, starting at noon. *Ken*

# In case you missed it . . .

Our Christmas Day Service, led by Lesley and Jeananne, was well attended, but unfortunately with only one child. Somehow, this almost symbolic presence, and the 'lightness' of the leadership, resulted in a most welcoming service for Christmas Day. We were each asked to add our wishes to labels which were added to branches of a tree placed at the foot of our cross as part of our offering.

We are blessed to have such gifted people as part of our congregation.



**Many thanks to all who prepared the Church** for the Christmas period; for the decorations, refreshments, the services themselves - not forgetting of course those who tidied up afterwards. Without this small and largely unseen small army of people, those who visit our Church, possibly for the only time in the year, would not see and feel the warmth of the Church family.

**The SMC Congregation** are all invited to a Buffet and Dance in celebration of the marriage of Bill and Emma - to be held at Ruxley Church Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 from 4:30-9:30pm. Please make a note in your diaries now!

**Epsom Book Fair** this year from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 at Epsom Methodist Church. Full details are on the poster on the main notice board - over 80,000 well sorted books last year, so plenty of choice! Also, DVDs, records and CDs.

### **Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship - UK Choir at Ruxley Church**

Come and hear the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship - UK Choir at Ruxley Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm. This wonderful choir is coming to Ruxley Church - it should be a great evening with a variety of songs and hymns, all with a gospel sound.

The choir has performed at Easter People, Westminster Central Hall regularly and for the memorial thanksgiving service of Rob Frost, and celebrations for Ghana's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence in the presence of the president of Ghana.

Tickets are £10 each (children free) and are available from any SMC Steward, or Anne and Brian (Ruxley) on 020 8397 5809. Refreshments will be available. Any proceeds will go towards Sudbury School in Ghana to help build their Library/IT Centre. *Emma*

**Publicity.** It was suggested by the Leadership team that we should have a Publicity team to co-ordinate news and publicity for the Church. The team we have put together consists of Robin, Catherine and Lesley, who will work together to make sure that what goes on at SMC is advertised within the Church and to the community effectively. The team will be officially appointed at the next Church Council.

# The coming week at SMC

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

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

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

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

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room with Deacon Dawn Canham - all are welcome to this meeting*

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

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

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

*Link Magazine contribution deadline for the next issue*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*Communion/Covenant - 10:30am with the Rev Emma Aikins*

*Stewards - Lesley, Barbara and Jim, Val (communion)*

*Welcome - Geoff and Norma A*

*Music - Vivienne, Sound - Norma J*

*Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Church*

## Contact Details

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**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.