



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service

Sunday 12th May 2019

**10:30am: Holy Communion with the
Rev Emma Aikins**

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

Hymns: StF 548, 713, 573, 596

Readings: Acts 9:36-43

Our Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards – Marion & Ernie, Denise (*communion*)

Our Welcome team – Norma A, Barbara and Jim

Music – Hilda, Sound – Catherine

Refreshments – Gloria, Flowers – Val

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 Richard at Ruxley this evening.

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

Meet the Neighbours – the 21st September has been set for our next event, please note the date in your diary.

Local Charity Support. Church Council on 28th April agreed to provide financial donations to three local charities nominated by members. The charities this year are:

- a) **Age Concern Epsom & Ewell (ACEE)** are a forward thinking, energetic, local, independent charity (they are not part of Age UK) supporting the elderly in the borough providing Information & Advice, Home Visiting, a varied social inclusion programme, Medical Transport, Foot & hearing aid clinic, IT support & education and DIY services. They also have an afternoon tea party here at SMC one Sunday afternoon a month. They provide their services with the help of over 270 volunteers. As an independent charity we receive no statutory funds and rely entirely on fundraising and the support from local businesses and community groups to provide our services.
- b) **Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network.** This is an enthusiastic group of local volunteers committed to the common goal of helping refugees and asylum seekers who find themselves in this area. They aim to befriend and support people struggling with the challenges of a new country and culture with little understanding of the language. They do this by offering help with housing, medical needs and the difficulties of bureaucracy. They also set social groups where people can meet and share their experiences to support and help each other.

There will be a talk by their representative at our 23rd June Service.

- c) **Stoneleigh Community Library** is open five days a week and has been a marvellous resource for the local community, old and young, for 53 years. It is now run solely by volunteers and managed by Friends of Stoneleigh Library. Their charitable objects are twofold. Firstly, to ensure that Stoneleigh has a lending library for the benefit of local people and, secondly, for the library to be a vibrant community space and community hub for all in the area, whether they borrow books or not.

In case you missed it . . .

Leadership Team Vacancies. I am appealing for two church members to join the Leadership team to support the Minister in her ministry at SMC. The Leadership team meets prior to Church Council and about four times a year. LT will act on the directives of the Church Council and send proposals to the Church Council for decision. The Minister may discuss with the LT any issue which may need attention so in other words the sounding board for the Minister. LT look into services, activities etc in advance to discuss/plan. We are aiming to have the meetings in the mornings or day time unless it's an inconvenience to anyone, then it would be in the evening. If you can offer an hour and half; four times a year to support the Minister then please email or speak to me.

There is also a need for one more person to be part of the Property and Finance Committee. Do speak to myself or Denise if you are interested please. *Emma.*

Flower Rota. There are a number of gaps in our flower rota over the coming months, if you would like to add your name to the list to bring flowers to decorate the church, please put your name against your chosen date. Many thanks, *Val*

EU Elections. We have received confirmation that the Church Centre will be required for the EU elections on Thursday 23rd May. *Robin*

Flower Festival - Christ Church with St Philip at Worcester Park between Friday 17th and Sunday 19th May. The theme is 'Memories' and displays will be staged by local florists and groups. Full details on the main notice board. *Robin*

The coming week at SMC

Sunday 12th-Saturday 18th May - Christian Aid Week

Monday 13th May

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 14th May

Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30-4:00pm in the Link Room with the Rev Barbara McIntivey - all are welcome to join us

Thursday 16th May

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

Sunday 19th May

Morning Worship - 10:30am with Valerie Ashcroft

Stewards - Catherine and Sally

Welcome - Ken & Brenda

Music - Vivienne (Hymnal), Sound - Tom

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Sally

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Contact: Jeananne (07729 028850) -contact@stoneleighmethodist.church.

Website: stoneleighmethodist.church - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

All items for future NewsSheets should be emailed to news@stoneleighmethodist.church from where they will be redirected automatically to those compiling the next edition - **please do not send directly to individuals** (in case they're 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'll make every effort to get late entries published, or read from the lectern if too late for the printed sheet.