



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service
Sunday 21st July 2019

10:30am: Morning Worship
with Richard Graham.

Welcome to Richard, and thank you
for leading our Service today.

Hymns: StF 319, 560, sheet, 489 (red hymn book in the pews)

Readings: Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Our Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Denise and Sally

Our Welcome team - Jeff & Doris

Music - Vivienne, Sound - Robin

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Sally

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. There are still envelopes for the special Action for Children (AfC) collection.

We will serve refreshments in the Church after the Service.

Prayers

Please pray for Richard leading our Service this morning; and Emma at Raynes Park this morning and 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

Geoff Lawrence - I would like to put on record, on behalf of the family, our heartfelt thanks to the Church family - both for all the loving kindness to help in making the service for Dad run so smoothly, and for all the messages of support, thoughts and prayers that we have received over the past few difficult weeks. Knowing how much Dad was cherished by everyone has given us much comfort and strength, and will continue to do so in the days ahead. *Paul*

Louisa's Wedding will be on Thursday 25th July at 4:00pm when she will marry Alistair. Norma & Louisa hope you can join us in Church, and afterwards for refreshments in the Link Room. Norma J would appreciate it if you could let her know if you intend coming so she has an idea how many to cater for.

The D.I.Y. and Auriol House Group will meet at 12:30pm on Monday 29th July at Jim's House. Please bring a sandwich. *Joan*

Brian P has not been able to be at church for a couple of weeks - he has moved to a new home in Banstead and is really happy. Emma popped into see him, and relayed the good news to the Leadership Team.

So, on Wednesday I went to visit him and was really impressed with the hospitality and the welcome from the staff. Brian and I had a lovely chat and he was delighted to show me all the photographs of his family and his lovely grandchildren.

His room overlooks the garden growing area with lots of vegetables, and some beautiful roses. He is not far from Banstead Methodist Church, which he will visit shortly, so he will report back on that.

He sends his good wishes to you all. *Jeananne*

In case you missed it . . .

Bunny's Funeral was a wonderful celebration of his life, with people smiling, reminiscing, and also trying to recognise each other! He was so much part of our life here at Stoneleigh, but it was interesting to hear about his early life and working life.

His sons, in their address, spoke movingly of his loyalty and his integrity - and the legacy of family he had left behind who would carry on those qualities.

There were quite a few of us from SMC, and it was perfect to sit in the cool of Leatherhead Methodist Church remembering a lovely man. *Jeananne*

Geoff's Celebration of Life - What a celebration it was; the church was full and there was such a lovely atmosphere of memories which made you smile; we all felt touched to be sharing in such a moving and joyful service with Geoff's family and friends.



The gathering in the Link Room afterwards was a joy to behold! Geoff would have been so happy with it all. Food everywhere, people chatting, and there he was at the centre of it all, with great photographs, a beautiful cake with a steam train as its centre piece, and a wonderful drawing showing a medley of all his interests!

We send our love to all his family and friends, and we were so glad to be to be a part of it all. *Jeananne*

Thanks to those of the Church family who played numerous roles in preparing the Church for Geoff's Service and the gathering afterwards - far too many to mention individually but, as usual, the result is always memorable.

Summer Maintenance. Our annual maintenance starts in August with several dates when access to parts for the Centre will not be possible. Please respect any 'No Entry' notices you come across and do phone Denise or I for clarification if you need to make an unexpected visit (I have planned around all known Centre and car park usage). Thanks *Robin*

Looking ahead at SMC

Monday 22nd July

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 23rd July

Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm - Colin & Pat's Norwegian Travels. All are welcome.

Wednesday 24th July

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

Thursday 25th July

Wedding of Louisa & Alistair - 4:00pm - Norma invites all to join them for the service and afterwards in the Link room for refreshments. Please let Norma J know if you intend coming so she has an idea how many to cater for.

Sunday 28th July

Morning Worship - 10:30am, with the Rev Emma Akins

Stewards - Jeananne, Barbara and Jim

Welcome Norma A

Music - Marion (Hymnal), Sound - Tom

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Joan

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

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