



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

## Today's Service **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

### **10:30am: Morning Worship by Local Arrangement**

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

*Hymns: StF 571, 162, 638, 625, 410 (red hymn book in the pews)*

*Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29, Luke 12:49-56*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards – Lesley and Denise

Our Welcome team – Denise

Music – Vivienne, Sound – Robin

Refreshments – Gloria, Flowers – Marion & Ernie

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, with cakes by Megan.

# Prayers

Please pray for Jo and team leading our Service 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.

*“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

# Notices

**Summer Maintenance.** Exterior painting starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>; if it's wood or metal it's very likely to be wet at some point, so please respect any 'No Entry' or 'Alternative Entrance' notices you come across, and do phone Denise or me for clarification if you need to make an unexpected visit (I have planned around all known Centre and car park usage). Thanks *Robin*

**Prayer Handbook 2019/2020** - Prayers for every day of the year.

The theme is 'Responding to the Gospel' and the background to this theme has been put very well by Barbara Glasson, President, and Clive Marsh, Vice President, the British Methodist Conference.

"We are inviting people to tell stories that respond to the gospel. These stories will sometimes be testimonies, our own faith stories, and this links with what young people in the Methodist Church of Great Britain have asked us to focus on during 2019/2020. We are witnesses to God and God's work. We are followers of Jesus the Christ. The Spirit helps us when we pray and in our story-telling.

"We need to practise our faith story, to tell testimonies before they are eulogies; to live open, simple, trustworthy lives in the landscape of today. We trust this Prayer Handbook will help us all to find fresh connections between gospel stories and the stories around us, so that this year we will be able to proclaim clearly, through words and actions, "We believe it!"

I have 20 copies at £3.50 each - see me if you would like one. This is a wonderful resource, I love using it, so will you! *Jeananne*

**Meet the Neighbours II.** Following the success of the event in February we are holding another, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00–4:00pm.

This will be a targeted event and we have increased the number of roads we will be covering; in all we will be delivering nearly 500 personal invitations. We hope that all of you have ‘saved the date’ as suggested in a previous notice, and will be joining us that afternoon - but before then we will need some help to deliver the invitations.

If you can commit to delivering on SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER then please sign up to deliver in one (or more) of the roads on the sheet that will be available over coffee as this will be your last opportunity. Many thanks, *SMC Leadership Team*.

**SMC Website Update.** You may have heard that the SMC website needs a technical update **to** catch up with the latest internet standards. Together with an augmented Publicity Team I'll be doing this over the next year or so, probably starting after the summer break.

There are many, many changes we could also make to the content, layout and general look of the website - things that are much easier to incorporate into the new structure as we rebuild than afterwards. What I would like to hear from members now is what you think should be included, and perhaps also what we have currently that we do not really need

Let me know over the summer and I can try it in our existing website, which will give us a flying start with the new version. Feel free to mention anything which may be on your mind- I have been working with the site for so many years now I've forgotten how the 'person in the pew' sees it, and I really need your help here!

Speak to me or email [webmaster@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:webmaster@stoneleighmethodist.church) - I am constantly ‘tweaking’ the site based on comments received. *Robin*

**A large plastic box of material ‘bits’** appeared on a table in the Room 1 storeroom a few weeks ago – is it yours? *Robin*

## **In case you missed it**

**Action for Children** - I have the final total collected, and it was £240. Thank you all for giving to such a great charity. *Jeananne*

# **Looking ahead at SMC**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

## **For the remainder of August**

*Even when we do not have contractors on site, I and my little team of helpers may well be at work, or paint may be drying, so please respect the 'No Entry' signs and/or locked doors if you come across them. I will remove signs and unlock doors as soon as it is 'safe' to enter. Thanks. Robin*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

***Morning Worship - 10:30am, with Viv Newitt***

*Stewards - Jeananne, Barbara and Jim*

*Welcome - Jeff & Doris*

*Music - Hilda, Sound - Pat P*

*Refreshments - Gloria*

## **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 should be emailed 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.