



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service Sunday 25th August 2019 10:30am: Morning Worship with Viv Newitt

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

Hymns: StF 152, 18, 655, 416, 660 (red hymn book in the pews)

Readings: Isaiah 58: 9b-14, Luke 13: 10-17

Our Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Jeananne, Barbara and Jim

Our Welcome team - Jeff & Doris

Music (Hymnal) and Sound - Pat P

Refreshments - Gloria

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 Viv 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.

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3

Notices

Meet the Neighbours II. I hope that you all have the date for the next Meet the Neighbours event in your diary, September 21st, 2:00-4:00pm.

The invitations will be going out on the 8th and we are grateful to all those who have offered to help with the deliveries. Anyone who would like to help with refreshments, either providing cakes or as part of the kitchen team, please speak to Jeananne. Also, if you are available to help set up in the Link Room before the event, we would be happy to have your help; speak to a member of the Leadership Team. *Lesley*

Summer Maintenance. Exterior painting is nearly finished now; with just a bit of tidying up to do this week. However, 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).

I have rescheduled the replacement of leaking rainwater pipes for Wednesday 11th September, and I have told all our immediate neighbours of this change for this noisy work. The final clean-up will now be done after this work.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my little band of helpers who have taken on some of the tasks with me this summer - Noah & Jacob, Tom & Ben (mainly sweeping and weeding), and Kate (cleaning candle wax from the Church, fixing the hymn boards, sweeping, painting, changing batteries, installing security film, and much more). Property Committee will get the full list of work done, including by contractors, at their next meeting. Thank you, *Robin*

Milk Bottle Tops - Hello, just a quick note to thank the Church Family and Group Users for their continued support by donating milk bottle tops.

The bottle tops are either posted or taken to Portugal where they are given to the local (voluntary) Fire Service. They are then sorted into their different colours and, when a sufficient number have been collected, they are sold on for recycling into usable products.

The funds raised help to provide the fire service with much needed kit. Other use of the funds has provided a wheelchair for a disabled resident and a prosthetic limb to another and many other medical needs that may not be possible for individuals to purchase for themselves.

Your donations are greatly appreciated by the fire service and others that have benefited. With thanks for your help. Kind regards to all, *Dulcie & Sue*

In case you missed it

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

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 - I am constantly 'tweaking' the site based on comments received. *Robin*

Looking ahead at SMC

Monday 26th August - Bank Holiday

For the remainder of August

Last days of painting, and some odd jobs and tidying up to complete so, if you see any, please respect the 'No Entry' signs and/or locked doors you come across. Thanks. Robin

Sunday 1st September

Holy Communion - 10:30am, with the Rev Chris Morley

Stewards - Jeananne and Sally, Val (communion)

Welcome - Ruth and Christine

Music - Hilda, Sound - Tom

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Jim

Contact Details

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

Contact: Jeananne (07729 028850) -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 - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

All items for future NewsSheets - please email to 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.