



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 15th September 2019

10:30am: Morning Worship
with Richard Graham

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

Hymns: SoF 953, StF 513, SoF 434, 19, 892

Readings: Psalm 51:1-10, Philemon 1:1-21, 25, Luke 15:1-10

Our Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Jeananne, Barbara and Jim

Our Welcome team - Pat S

Music - Vivienne, Sound - Catherine

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Denise

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 (coffee & walnut with real cream), and Daisy (lemon drizzle).

Prayers

Please pray for Richard leading our Service this morning, and Emma at Raynes Park this morning and Worcester Park 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.

'But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.'
Psalms 59:16

Notices

Church Cleaning - thanks to all who helped clean the Church Centre and welcome 'Ride & Stride' visitors yesterday (including 18 from St John's, Old Malden.

Meet the Neighbours II. Next Saturday, September 21st, from 2:00-4:00pm. 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*

Churches Together in Ewell Annual Review - 25th September, 8:00-9:30pm at Stoneleigh Baptist Church; The Glade, Stoneleigh KT17 2HL. The Annual Review will look back over the year of joint activities of our fifteen churches - there's a lot to celebrate and report on! We will get through the bits of business we must do (including electing some officers) as swiftly as possible to leave room for prayer and worship.

We really want to focus on celebrating and declaring our unity as Churches Together. If possible, could you bring a ribbon (or a ribbon-like piece of cloth) - minimum length 80cm/32" - to form a 'display of unity' on the night. (there will be spares for you to use if you can't bring your own). This meeting is open to all - not just Ministers and reps!

I do hope you can come - we really are stronger together! Thank you. *Sally*

'Thanks' Singing Group (*from the Church archives*). The later years of the 1970's were marked by the very active participation of the many teenagers who had grown up within the Church. They, with their friends, in the spirit of the time, united to make their own music, often with a spiritual flavour. Fortunately, an adult singer, Mr David Smith of the English National Opera Company, encouraged their efforts to such an extent that they sang as a choir in many of our services, and at the Methodist Conference in 1979, and at many other places. As the 1970s ended this choir, known as 'Thanks', brought the Church into the 80s with their emblem 'Let us Give Thanks' proudly displayed for all to see, and very much with the sentiment which this story opened.

In the ensuing years the Rev John Rowland encouraged these young people, and there were many who took their talents through various training colleges and other establishments into the wider world strengthened, we are sure, by the close fellowship of 'Thanks'. John went all too soon to Cornwall, leaving us with the flavour of his several pilgrimages to the Taizé Community; those haunting chants and refrains will long remain to remind us of his interest and care in Stoneleigh.

The 'Thanks' group are having a get together in the Link Room on the 5th October from 5:00-7:00pm and everyone at SMC and Ruxley is invited.

The group propose singing a couple of sets with a break in the middle with tea/coffee etc, and an opportunity to chat. Do come along. *Denise T.*

Ruxley Church Harvest Barn Dance featuring Ruxley's own live Ceilidh Band 'Ouch' with caller Brian Cockram - Saturday 5th October, 7:00 - 10:30pm. Tickets available in advance - for further information & tickets please ring 020 8397 5809. Proceeds to Sudbury School, Ghana - full details on our main notice board.

In case you missed it

Rita and Brian thank you all for the very beautiful bouquet of flowers and card given to us for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary last Sunday. As Brian thanked the congregation, he was moved to realise he was standing in the very spot he would have stood 60 years ago! Many thanks, *Rita*

Looking ahead at SMC

Monday 16th September

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday Fellowship - at Chessington Garden Centre

Thursday 19th September

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

Saturday 21st September

Meet the Neighbours II - 2:00-4:00pm

Sunday 22nd September

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

Stewards - Lesley and Norma A

Welcome - Ruth and Christine

Music - Hilda, Sound - Pat P

Refreshments - Gloria

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.