



Welcome to the 'virtual' Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday 19th April 2020

10:30am: Morning Worship with Deacon Dawn Canham

Prayers

Please pray for Emma and Dawn, and for others within the Church and beyond; and for the continued health of our Prime Minister, key workers, and all the National Health Service on whom we depend so much now, and at all times.

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 from friends. And pray for the family and friends of Peter Poole whose cremation is this Friday, 24th April.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ," Philippians 1:9-10

Notices

Weekly News/Service sheet. During the present restrictions we cannot worship at Church, but we will continue to produce a weekly NewsSheet each Sunday, and a weekly service will be prepared for us. Thanks to all those who make this possible.

Corrinne Payne passed away in the early hours of last Sunday (12th); please remember in your prayers Corrinne's daughter Debbie, Debbie's sister and brother, and their families. Further details of the arrangements will follow in due course.

Peter Poole's funeral will be at 11:20am this coming Friday (24th), led by Emma. Family and close friends only. Full details of the Service in next week's NewsSheet, together with ways to donate should you wish to do so. Meanwhile you may wish to think of Peter, his family and friends, on Friday morning. *Lesley*

Sabbatical I have had a conversation with both Circuit and District to postpone my sabbatical leave till early next year, as it's impossible to have anything done during the current restrictions. This decision has been accepted; however, I need to wait to hear about the confirmation of the new date as well and I will share that in due course. God bless and Keep safe - *Emma*

Our usual **Online Sunday Service** will not be from Christ Church with St Philip this week, but the attached Service will be live from the Lantern Methodist Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LanternMethodist>. Apologies to those members who do not have the facilities for accessing this. I understand that Worcester Park will be back on line next week (26th). *Robin*

Foodbank have launched a special funding appeal to help them cope with the increased demand on their services— it's at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/epsom-and-ewell-foodbank-covid19-crisis-appeal> and they are already well on their way to their target of £10,000. Can you help? *Lesley*

Around the Trolley

A new section of the NewsSheet for less formal news and information exchanges. All contributions gratefully received – it's your NewsSheet! Robin

My cat Rosie enjoying a bit of company in the window. *Lesley*



The **Ginkgo Tree** in the car park continues to flourish – at this rate it should look very presentable by the summer. I find this 'new life' at the Church very uplifting; together with the flowers in the Courtyard it gives hope that the Church is very much alive and waiting patiently for the congregation to return. Meanwhile we aim to keep all members fully informed through the weekly News/Service sheet, and invite you to share your experiences, however brief, with us all. *Robin*



Garden Waste (Brown bin) collections have restarted, and the new 'collection calendar' shows that Stoneleigh Crescent will be collected this coming week and fortnightly thereafter.

Contact Details

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

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

Minister: 020 8393 2322, emmacusack121019@yahoo.com, or Skype is available by arrangement. The Minister's Rest Day is Friday.

News/Service sheet. During this time of forced 'social distancing', we at SMC are focussed on maintaining weekly contact with every one of our membership, plus others who may be interested, such as specific friends at Ruxley and Tuesday Fellowship.

The combined sheet is circulated to all members, either by email, or through your letter box if we possibly can; it will also be posted onto the Church website in the normal way. If you'd like to be added to our email circulation list, or know someone who might appreciate this, just let me know. Jeananne and I will do our very best to ensure all members are kept 'in the loop' – *Robin*

*Other Churches offer Services etc through the Internet such as **All Souls in Langham Place** who are producing very polished mid-week and Sunday Services at allsouls.org – these are complete with music, singing and subtitles so you can follow along.*

All items for future NewsSheets –please email to news@stoneleighmethodist.church or phone 020 8393 2155.

Sunday, April 19th 2020

This Service will be live streamed at 10:30am from the Lantern Methodist Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LanternMethodist>

Peace I give you, my peace I give to you, says the Lord.
**Lord, give us your peace help us to accept the peace
you give. May your peace soak up our thoughts,
flood our feelings, still our bodies, fill this place.
In your peace let us relax, now,
accepting ourselves and each other as
you are accepting us.
Lord, give us your peace.**

Psalm 16:

A David Song

Keep me safe, O God,
I've run for dear life to you.
I say to God, "Be my Lord!"
Without you, nothing makes sense.

And these God-chosen lives all around—
what splendid friends they make!

Don't just go shopping for a god.
Gods are not for sale.
I swear I'll never treat god-names
like brand-names.

My choice is you, God, first and only.
And now I find I'm your choice!
You set me up with a house and yard.
And then you made me your heir!

The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake
is confirmed by my sleeping heart.
Day and night I'll stick with God;
I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

I'm happy from the inside out,
and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.
You canceled my ticket to hell—
that's not my destination!

Now you've got my feet on the life path,
all radiant from the shining of your face.
Ever since you took my hand,
I'm on the right way.

The Message (MSG) - Copyright © 1993, 2002, 2018 by Eugene H. Peterson – used with permission

Reading:

John 20:19-31

To Believe

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

The Message (MSG) - Copyright © 1993, 2002, 2018 by Eugene H. Peterson – used with permission

**Loving God, we praise and adore you for your great compassion, for giving us new birth into a living hope. The glorious truth of the resurrection astounds us; we pray that we never lose the wonder of what you have done for us, of the wonderful, lasting inheritance you provide for us.
Amen**

Reflection:

Prayers for ourselves and others:

The response is: **Lord, fill them with your peace.**

Followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices/family time

Final Prayers:

**As the disciples in the locked room reached out and touched you, let us reach out and touch you today, living Lord Jesus.
Let us feel your scarred hands and feet.
Let us put our hands in your side.
Let us be still and know that you are our Lord and our God.
Amen.**

Material used in this service

*Susan Sayers; Reflective services, copyright 1991,2010 Susan Sayers. Used with permission
© ROOTS for Churches Ltd (www.rootsontheweb.com) 2002-2020. Reproduced with permission.*