



Welcome to the 'virtual' Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday 22 November 2020

10:30am: Morning Worship with Richard Graham

Watch live at bit.ly/3lOp0Js or join on Zoom at bit.ly/2J5jvY8

6:30pm: Evening Worship with Paulette Withycombe

Prayers

Please pray for Emma, for Richard and Paulette, our Stewards; for others within the Church and beyond who continue to work tirelessly for the benefit of all, and for the continued health of our 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 note 'Thinking of Others' in our Trolley section today.

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5

Notices

Pastoral News. Jack W is recovering from a successful knee operation and we send him our good wishes.

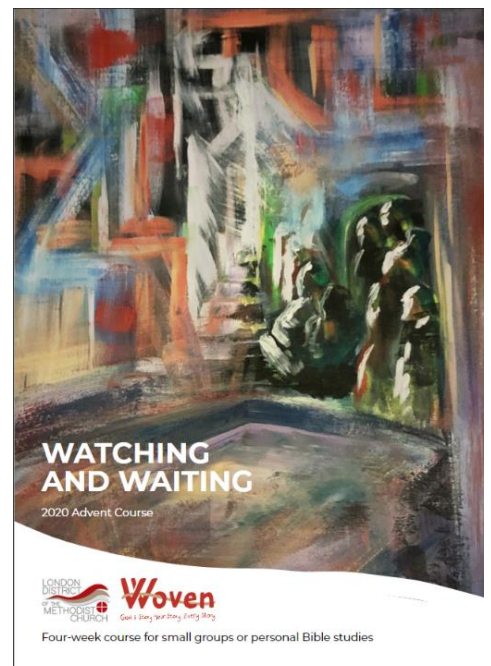
Thank you to Margaret W and her sister Denise who have been knitting Beanie Hats for



Whitechapel. They are like the dynamic duo of knitters! The hats are really cosy, and such lovely colours and patterns. If anyone has spare wool that could be put to good use; just let me know and I will collect it. *Jeananne*

Amberley Gardens House Group


I have 15 copies of the Advent Course we have already started at the Amberley Gardens House group. I will deliver it to most people on my NewsSheet round so there will be spares, and I am happy to deliver it for anyone who would like it – just let me know. Emma is going to be using the material in her services. *Jeananne*




WHITECHAPEL This year donors and volunteers helped The Whitechapel Mission provide more than 100,000 breakfasts, 34,000 bags of groceries, and 45,300 articles of clothing to men and women in desperate need of help. They rely on donated food and clothing to meet these important needs.


- **Clothing**- Clean, new and gently used clothing of all types is helpful. Large sizes are especially helpful. They are always in need of new underwear/t-shirts and socks, new and gently used jeans and shoes, and professional clothing for those looking for work or re-entering the workforce. In the winter, they are especially in need of warm outerwear: coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves.
- **Toiletries** - new razors, toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, hand cream, shampoo. Many of their guests will come through the doors each morning looking to have a wash, clean their teeth and a shave. More than 75 people a day will want to have a shower and choose clean clothing.
- **Linens** - They are always in need of bath towels, hand towels, face cloths, twin-size sheets and blankets, and sleeping bags. And especially needed now; Sleeping Bags, Woollen Hats, Gloves and Scarves.


Any donations, clothing for Whitechapel etc – please leave in porch of 198 Stoneleigh Park Road, and they will be taken to Whitechapel after the lockdown.

 **FOODBANK Christmas Appeal** Details of this year's appeal are below. Please only donate items from the following list. **WE CAN'T TAKE ANY OTHER ITEMS** at the moment due to an overwhelming response from Harvest.

 Please make sure your donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

 No reverse advent boxes please, as we pack all of our clients' boxes individually.

 Cut off date is 11th December to give us time to sort and pack your donations.

 Items we would like are:

- Boxes of biscuits
- Tubs/boxes of chocolates
- Small/medium Christmas puddings (alcohol-free)
- Mince pies (alcohol free)
- Yule logs/chocolate swiss rolls
- Savoury snacks (twiglets, cheeselets, crisps)
- Mixed fruit and nuts
- Small boxes of shortbread
- Sweets/biscuits for our older/single clients
- Gravy granules
- Hot chocolate
- Custard
- Schloer/other non-alcoholic fizz
- Christmas napkins
- Disposable tablecloths
- New tea towels
- Wrapping paper
- Gift tags
- Sellotape

Thank you, as always, for all of your support 🙏❤️

Please either donate at the usual supermarket points or bring donations to our car park at the Generation Resource Centre, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG, Monday - Friday 9:00am-3:00pm (close early at 2:00pm on Thursdays).

Please avoid 8:30 to 9:00am, and 2:45 to 3:15pm. It may be busy outside those times so please drive carefully. *Many thanks*

Around the Trolley



Ruxley's Garden of

Reflection. Out doing my walking I had a lovely quiet moment in Ruxley's Memorial Garden. The colours were beautiful and thankfully the walls were dry for sitting on. *Jeananne*



While walking I have seen that people are putting their Xmas trees up and I have noted that nature is decorating its own trees, though without nature-killing glitter!! *Jo*

Cotoneaster



Callistemon (Bottlebrush)

and from Vivienne – just to prove there is light at the end of the tunnel - well, on the Hogsmill anyway!



YouTube – now that we are having our Sunday Morning Worship recorded each week, you can always watch and listen to the Service at your convenience at any time after Sunday morning. They are stored in our very own YouTube channel which you can find at bit.ly/3esvuuw.

Contact Details

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

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

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Online Services etc

Our weekly News/Service sheet is delivered to every member, and also a streamed or video Sunday Service is available to those able to receive it.

Christ Church with St Philip, 10:00am - [facebook.com/christchurchsaintphilip](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchsaintphilip).

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, 10:30am Sunday at shmc.online.church.

The Ruxley/Stoneleigh Thursday Morning prayer (10:00am) by Zoom is open to all. It's followed by Chat Time and virtual tea/coffee from 10:45-11:15. Email to publicity@ruxley-church.org.uk by Tuesday for details and a copy of the liturgy too.

The Methodist Church is offering 'Dial-a Prayer' free of charge, updated every Thursday afternoon, on 0808 281 2514. There's also weekly news, again free, on 0808 281 2478.

Methodist Church Year of Prayer on Tuesdays at 12:45pm – a 15 minute Service on Zoom and Facebook Live – full details on <https://www.methodist.org.uk/yearofprayer/>

To join the **Evening** Service through Zoom go to us02web.zoom.us/j/
and use Meeting ID: 664 159 4384, passcode 123123.

On your home phone, dial 020 3481 5240, listen to the announcement and enter the meeting ID 664 159 4384 followed by # (hash) when prompted, and the passcode 123123 followed by # (hash) when prompted.

And that's it; you should be connected and are able to listen into the service.

Hang up when the service finishes, or whenever you want to leave.

Morning Worship - Sunday 22nd November 2020 – 10:30am

Sunday before Advent: Christ the King – led by Richard Graham

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To join the **Morning** Service through Zoom go to bit.ly/2J5jvY8 and use
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To unmute yourself during the post-service chat time, press *6

Psalm 100

(NIV)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good
and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.

Prayer of Approach

(500)

Lord, we come again together,
scattered in our homes but joined as one church.
We come to gather up
all we have said and done and thought since last we met
and bring it as part of our offering of thanks and praise.
We have come to seek your truth,
to praise your glory
and to allow the light of your love
to drive the darkness out of our lives.

Amen.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

(Roots)

We praise you, Lord Jesus,
that in a world that misleads us, you are our truth;
in a world of false gods, you are our true Saviour;
in a world of dominant powers, you are our peace;
in a world of false dreams, you are our reality;
in a world that is hurting, you are our hope.

For all the world,
you are a glimpse of heaven and a bringer of life,
and we praise you, Lord Jesus, we praise you. **Amen.**

Hymn: Singing the Faith 335

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet-call shall sound: rejoice!*

*Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
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A Prayer of Confession

(500)

Lord, we confess that we pay lip-service to the values of your kingdom.
We love those who love us, but we find it impossible even to like our enemies.
We are honest and faithful if the cost is not too high.
We confess that too easily we accept the standards of the world
and not those of Christ.
We have settled for justice instead of caring concern
and for fair play when you called us to love.
We have exchanged what is right for what seems to work and what is true for what does not hurt.
We allow the world to set the example instead of our Lord.

Forgive us, Lord, that our striving against temptation is so weak
and our struggle for what is right is so short-lived.

Forgive us, renew and empower us
to stand
and to strive
and to struggle
for Christ and the kingdom.

Amen.

In silence, I invite that we think about the times in the past week where we have fallen short of God's glory, where we have not been true representatives of his kingdom here on earth, and have said and done things we should not have done, and we bring them to the Lord in repentance of what we have done wrong.

Lord God, we thank you that you have said that whoever comes to you in true repentance of their sins, you will forgive and wipe the slate clean. So, we know that this morning we can stand firm in that knowledge, and in the knowledge that our sins have been forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Readings:

1 Samuel 8: 1-10, 19-22

(NIV)

Israel asks for a king

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, 'You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.'

But when they said, 'Give us a king to lead us,' this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: 'Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.'

Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king.

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. 'No!' they said. 'We want a king over us. Then we shall be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.'

When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. The Lord answered, 'Listen to them and give them a king.'

John 18: 33-37

(NIV)

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

'What is truth?' retorted Pilate.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 185

Sing we the King who is coming to reign;
glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain!
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,
joy to the nations when Jesus is King:

*Come let us sing: praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:
this is our song, who to Jesus belong:
glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

All shall be well in his kingdom of peace;
freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase;
justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring;
wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King:

Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin;
doubt shall not darken his witness within;
hell has no terrors, and death has no sting;
love is victorious when Jesus is King:

Kingdom of Christ, for your coming we pray;
hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day
when this new song your creation shall sing;
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King:

*Come let us sing: praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:
this is our song, who to Jesus belong:
glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

*Charles Silvester Horne (1865–1914)
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Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

(500)

We pray for those whose lives are filled with fear
and for those whose lives are damaged by neglect or abuse;
for those overwhelmed by their sense of inadequacy and insecurity,
and for those who have lost their purpose in life
and their reason for living;
for those facing times of temptation
and needing the strength of Christ.
May the grace of Christ be sufficient for all their needs.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those whose lives are filled with darkness and emptiness
and for those facing a time of great frustration
and unanswered questions;
for those overwhelmed by the pressures of living
and by the demands of home and work;
for those struggling to cope with the needs of their family
and those coming to terms with their singleness.
May the grace of Christ bring them his peace.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those in positions of great responsibility
and for those who are concerned for others;
for parents concerned for their children and their future
for leaders of nations and of governments;
for leaders in industry and unions;
for those who work in the media
and for those who affect the thoughts and actions of millions.
May the grace of Christ guide and bless us.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those whose lives have been ruined by addiction
and for those who have lost their homes and possessions
through their own foolishness
or through some natural disaster;
for those whose lives are in danger through overeating
and for those who are starving to death;
for those who are sad, lonely or alone,
for those facing rejection and disillusionment
and for those for whom the bottom has dropped out of their world.
May the grace of Christ continue to hold them.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital
whether with Covid or any other type of illness or disease;
for those who are dying
and for those who wait with them;
for those who are depressed, anxious or afraid
and for those with great problems
and no one with whom they can share them.
May the grace of Christ give them strength.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for ourselves and the pressures and trials we face
in our commitment to Christ.
We ask for courage in times when our integrity is challenged
and our faithfulness is put to the test;
in times when we are called to compromise
and to deny what we believe,
and when we feel we are standing alone.
May the grace of Christ help us to stand.

The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray these things in the name of Christ our King. **Amen.**

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 327

Jesus is King and I will extol him,
give him the glory, and honour his name;
he reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens —
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;
we have a priest who is there interceding,
pouring his grace on our lives day by day.

We come to him, our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in his glory and bearing his name,
laying our lives with gladness before him —
filled with his Spirit we worship the King:

'O Holy One, our hearts do adore you;
thrilled with your goodness
we give you our praise!'
Angels in light with worship surround him,
Jesus, our Saviour, for ever the same.

Wendy Churchill

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Closing Prayer & Blessing

Jesus, we go, knowing you are our true king,
our Lord and Saviour.
May we carry this knowledge with us,
equipped by your Spirit
to live lives full of praise and service to you.
Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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