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Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

10:30am: Morning Worship led by the Rev Chris Morley

You can join our Service today online or by telephone – details in the Service header

Prayers

Please pray for Chris preaching here today, for our Stewards, for others within the Church and beyond who continue to work for the benefit of all, and for the continued health of the National Health Service staff and all our other key workers. And especially for Emma as she moves into the final month of her sabbatical. 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.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3:

Pastoral

Hilda is now home again – for the latest news please contact through Jeananne.

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

Our weekly News/Service sheet is delivered to every member, and also a YouTube or Zoom Sunday Service is available to those able to receive it, including by telephone. A video DVD or audio CD copy is also available – contact Jeananne.

The Ruxley/Stoneleigh Thursday Morning prayer (10:00am) by Zoom is open to all. It is 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.

Zoom/YouTube details for on-line meetings – Zoom telephone number 020 3481 5240

Group/Event	Day/Time	Meeting ID	Password	One Click
Prayer Group	Monday 8:00pm	882 9496 8024		
Fellowship	Tuesday 3:00pm	880 8308 5350		
Sunday Service (YouTube)	Sunday 10:30am			
Sunday Service (Zoom)	Sunday 10:30am	874 6773 6490		

Around the Trolley

Peter Morris - A home grown Health Hero.

Many of you will remember Peter, youngest son of Lynne and Adrian Morris, who grew up at SMC. I was delighted to receive news of Peter's success and hear how much difference he and his team are making to the lives of the patients and staff at St Raphael's. Lynne and Adrian are justly proud of Peter and asked me to share the good news with everyone. Lesley

Peter Morris, a gardener at St Raphael's Hospice in Sutton, has been named Independent Health and Social Care Worker of the Year, at the fifth Our Health Heroes Awards, for vastly improving patient's health and wellbeing throughout COVID-19, with a colourful transformation of the hospice grounds.

Healthcare professionals submitted more than 600 nominations across nine award categories, including the closely contested public vote for the Health and Social Care Worker of the Year title, a new addition to the Awards this year.

Through his work at St Raphael's Hospice, Peter has transformed the gardens and grounds from a basic corporate landscape to a green, bright, and welcoming vista, bringing such joy to their patients, at such a critical time. When people are at the most vulnerable part of their life, to see a lovely garden, to hear birdsong, and see local wildlife from bed, can be a joy that is immeasurable.

Peter said: "The holistic approach to care is vital, and I am privileged to be a small part of that care by looking after the gardens, which help to bring the patients closer to nature."

Nick and Gail, joint CEOs, St Raphael's Hospice said: "We are absolutely delighted that Pete has won this Our Health Heroes Award. Pete joined the Hospice at the start of 2019, and since he took over the maintenance of our gardens, he has managed to create areas of order and beauty, which can be enjoyed by our patients, their families, and our staff. Pete's contribution to the wellbeing and the quality of life of our patients is invaluable, and this is why it is so important his efforts are recognised and acknowledged."

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Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday 4 April, 10:30am

Led by Rev Chris Morley

Watch live on YouTube: youtu.be/VwsuyscggQ4 or join on Zoom: bit.ly/2J5jvY8

To join the Morning Service through Zoom go to bit.ly/2J5jvY8
and if prompted, use Meeting ID: **874 6773 6490**, and Passcode **702336**.

On your home phone, dial **020 3481 5240**, listen to the announcement
and enter the meeting ID **874 6773 6490** followed by # (hash) when prompted;
just # on its own when asked for your Participant ID; and when prompted,
the passcode **702336** followed by #.

And that's it: you should be connected and are able to listen into the service.
Simply hang up when the service finishes, or whenever you want to leave.

To unmute yourself during the post-service chat time, press ***6**

Call to Worship

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid;
the Jesus you seek who was crucified,
He is not here; for he has been raised'

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness,
life is stronger than death;

Victory is ours,
Victory is ours through God who loves us.

Alleluia!

Hymn: Singing the Faith 298

Christ the Lord is risen today; *Alleluia!*
Sons of men, and angels say: *Alleluia!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high! *Alleluia!*
Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply: *Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done; *Alleluia!*
Fought the fight, the battle won; *Alleluia!*
Death in vain forbids him rise; *Alleluia!*
Christ has opened paradise; *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*
Where, o death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once he died our souls to save; *Alleluia!*
Where's thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven; *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be given; *Alleluia!*
King of Glory! Soul of bliss! *Alleluia!*
Everlasting life is this! *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led; *Alleluia!*
Following our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*
Made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to recognise you in the world around us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we hold back from embracing the new life you offer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, in the warmth of your hands washing human feet,
we are forgiven.

In your willingness to drink the cup of suffering for us,
we are forgiven.

In the wide embrace of your arms upon the cross,
we are forgiven.

Risen Lord, in your emerging from the tomb,
death is defeated.

We are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

Collect for Easter Sunday

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy
and lead others to discover the good news through us.

Amen.

Readings

1 Corinthians 15: 3-8: Some words of St Paul:

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman,

why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Prayers

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let's raise our hearts and lives to God,

We lift them to the Lord!

Let's offer our thanks and praise.

Loving God, maker of all,

You designed and crafted us;

You hold us in your arms.

We thank you and praise you.

We celebrate your victory!

Holy Spirit, God with us,

You called and inspired us;

You bring us together this day.

Uniting us in our different locations.

We thank you and praise you.

We celebrate your victory!

Jesus Christ, brother and Lord,

You loved and saved us;

You claim us as your people.

We thank you and praise you.

We celebrate your victory!

Holy, holy, holy God,

All-good, all-powerful, all-loving,

The Universe is full of your glory.

From start to finish, you are God.

We thank you and praise you.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now, in us. And today we celebrate, with all God's people:

Death is dead;

Love has won;

Christ has conquered.

*Those in church come forward and return to their seats
with their portions of bread and wine.*

Everybody holds in their hands their portions of bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

**I take and eat this, a token of Christ's body,
broken on the cross,
and on the third day raised to life.**

Bread is eaten.

Everybody holds their cup in their hands.

Jesus says, I am the true vine,
and you are the branches

**Lord, our hearts are thirsty for you;
unite us with you in love.**

**I take and drink this,
a reminder of Christ's shed blood.
I greet with joy the new life Christ offers me**

All drink

**God of our salvation,
we thank you for our communion with the risen Christ,
and with all who love him in earth and heaven.
We pray that, strengthened by his grace,
we may serve you faithfully all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

Hymn: Singing the Faith 313

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death has won:
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death has won!*

Edmond Budry (1854-1932)
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now lives,
and death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
lead us in thy triumph
to thy home above.

Blessing

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life;
and may almighty God bless us,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia!

Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

