



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday, 13th June 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 this morning and for Emma at Ruxley, 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. 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.

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

Notices

MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged). Today is MHA Sunday and there are envelopes in the pews should you wish to donate to this Charity. Direct donations may be made to the MHA at [their website](#). Many will remember that David was a strong supporter of this charity, its key message being ‘live later life well’. *Robin*

Prayer Course part 2. The Monday group were so inspired by the Prayer Course last year, that we are going to look at part 2.

For the next five weeks, we are going to be following the Prayer Course - part 2, on unanswered prayer. Pete Greig started the 24 hours of prayer movement, and he is a lovely sympathetic, wise speaker, who has been through much pain in his own life. He says, "Wrestling with unanswered prayer is not a sign of unbelief, but of a maturing faith". Don't we all know of people who have suffered a lot and now their faith is strong.

Look up the course on unanswered.prayercourse.org. Do join the Zoom group at 8:00pm Monday using the link in the Contact details (over). More details from Vivienne (vivienne@ridgworld.com).

Around the Trolley

Sitting in the Courtyard last week, enjoying the quiet and waiting patiently for a contractor to arrive, I was looking at the various stones marking those who had supported the creation of the hall in the 1930's, the original Church building. All the names were familiar to me with one exception, Cottenham Park Church. Now I know there is a Cottenham Methodist church in Cambridgeshire, but that seemed an unlikely connection. Cottenham Park Road, near Wimbledon, seemed more likely to be relevant, but there is no Cottenham Park Church – but was there? There is a lot of new building in Cottenham Park Road, so it may have now gone, but there is a building on the corner of Durham Road which has a ‘church look’ about it – could this be a clue? Is anyone able to shine any light on this perhaps. *Robin*

Cross Lighting The lighting behind the cross has now been brought into line with current (!) legislation. Do you like it – is it too bright/not bright enough – we do have limited options to change it at this stage. *Robin*

Foodbank – their current needs are:-

- Tea (bags)
- Pasta / Beans with meat – including spaghetti Bolognese
- Kids toothpaste
- Pulses
- Hot chocolate
- Squash
- Shampoo
- Household cleaning products (anti-bac spray and wipes, multi-surface cleaner, scouring pads and cloths etc)

Sunday 20th June 2021 - Annual Church Meeting. This will follow on directly after next week's morning Service– sadly, we cannot have a 'served' coffee interval between the Service and the meeting this year, but you are very welcome to bring your own drink or a small snack if you wish. Social distancing will still be in place in the Church, and those on Zoom will be able to take part in the meeting.

Sunday 4th July 2021 - Memorial Service. Combined with our monthly Communion Service (taking Communion is optional), this annual Service remembers those who have passed and whose names have been added to our Memorial Book by Church member or others. It may have been a recent passing, or perhaps a significant anniversary. More details are on our [website](#) and will be in the NewsSheet nearer the date. Meanwhile there is a sheet next to the Memorial Book in Church – **please ask a Steward should you wish a name added to this year's page.**

Contact Details

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

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
Monday Group	Monday 8:00pm	882 9496 8024		
Tuesday Fellowship	Tuesday 3:00pm	880 8308 5350		
Sunday Service (YouTube)	Sunday 10:30am			Click
Sunday Service (Zoom)	Sunday 10:30am	874 6773 6490		

Morning Worship - Sunday 13 June, 10:30am

led by the Rev Chris Morley

Watch live on YouTube: youtu.be/4NoudKZaN08 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**

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn: Singing the Faith 255

The kingdom of God
is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened
instead of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice,
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory
to God all in all!

Prayer

Poem: *God's Grandeur* by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

(NIV)

The parables of the growing seed and of the mustard seed

[Jesus] said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 104

God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

Come all you saints, fresh courage take,
the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

Sermon

Prayers

Hymn: Singing the Faith 306

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)
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Blessing

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