



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday, 20th June 2021, 10:30am

Morning Worship led by the Rev Emma Cusack to be followed by the Annual Church Meeting

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

Prayers

Please pray for Emma preaching here this morning and for Richard at Martin Way; 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.

*“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”
Galatians 5:14*

Notices

Annual Church Meeting. This will follow on directly after this week’s Service. Social distancing will still be in place in the Church, and those on Zoom will be able to take part in the meeting.

Pastoral News. I had my grandson Ryan with me last weekend and he came out on the NewsSheet delivery with me. He enjoys chatting to everyone and was pleased when Ruth invited him in to see the soldiers at The Trooping of the Colour on her television. We had chats about how the soldiers could see with the bearskins on their heads, and tried a bit of slow marching, which he decided he couldn’t do!

On down the road to see Hilda and give her some chocolate, and she was delighted to see us. She sends her best wishes to you all and would welcome visits.

It was really, really hot, so I took Ryan back home to Grandad, and went on to see Hazel who was looking so well.

She is going to stay at Ryelands, an MHA home in Wallington, for a while and Sheila (her daughter) told me that Hazel was the fourth member of their family to stay there. I have the address etc if anyone would like to write or send her a card once she has settled in. *Jeananne*



Kathryn’s Mercy Home & Joan’s Grace Home. You will have read the annual report from the homes in the current issue of the *Link* magazine – we have now received an update which we hope to print in full in next week’s NewsSheet. To further support their work our annual grant has been increased this year, and there will be a retiring collection for the homes after next week’s Service (27th June.) *Robin*

Around the Trolley

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.**

Tuesday Morning Fellowship in the Park.

Emma, Lesley, Jasmine and I were having a coffee and catchup in Auriol Park when we saw Denise with her friends, and then Joan and Ruth! We all had fun with Jasmine, and she was smiling and playing chasing games!

I thought what a lovely time we all have had, and what a difference having the cafe open once again, and wouldn't it be nice if we had 'church' in the pavilion! Dreams!

I had also spent time with Daphne in the park a few days before, and she too loved watching all the comings and goings! *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
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 20 June, 10:30am

led by the Rev Emma Cusack

Watch live on YouTube: youtu.be/Ug_Uq03XFMU 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 & Notices

Call to Worship

Jesus on the boat in the storm said: 'Peace! Be still!'

...and there was a great calm.

We come to God, just as we are.

Sometimes at ease.

Sometimes confused by life's storms.

Let us trust God with our big questions

and listen for God's still small word

to restore us to a sense of peace.

Gathering Prayer

Loving and sometimes silent God,
we come into your presence,
thankful to quieten our hearts and to wait for you to speak.
We bring our joys, our challenges, and our questions.
We open our hearts honestly to you,
and we wait in that space beyond questions
to feel you hold us in compassion. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Is it safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
for 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand?
Will the cables, passed from His heart to mine,
can defy that blast, through strength divine?
Will it firmly hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers have told that the reef is near?
While the tempest rave, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your barque o'erflow?

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil:

Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
We shall anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore.

Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-1907)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Eternal God,
we praise and adore you for all that you are:
for being bigger than even our biggest questions;
for caring more than we can fully comprehend.
We praise and adore you
for your strength and your silence;
for your power and your peace.
We praise and adore you
for being in control and yet not controlling;
for being in the storms and beyond them.
We praise and adore you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we praise you for ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus,
you do not let us sink when our faith is going under.
You do not let our boats overturn when the seas of our life get rough.
You do not let our questions swamp us or our failures destroy us.
Rather, you forgive us, you save us,
you encourage, challenge and calm us –
and for this we are thankful. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Job 38: 1-11
The LORD Speaks (NIV)

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Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

“Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone —
while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

“Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,
when I made the clouds its garment
and wrapped it in thick darkness,
when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in place,
when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;
here is where your proud waves halt?’”

Short Video

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Jesus Calms a Storm

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?"

But they were terribly afraid and said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The response after each bidding is:

*Lord, **hear our prayer.***

We open our hearts to the needs of the world
and cry with the tears of the sorrowful.

We mourn with the grieving souls of the world
and feel their loss and share their pain.

Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We share our love with the lonely and loveless
and feel the pulse of their life.

We offer our touch to the untouchable folk
who are shunned by a passing throng.

Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We catch the whisper of the unspoken truths
that burden the lives of so many.

We decipher the cries of a traumatised world
for whom peace is an impossible dream.

Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, Lord, and let us be the servants
you would have us be.

Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Amen.

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

O Saviour whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
*and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

William Whiting (1825-1878)

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Go in peace.

May the whisper of God's wisdom
go with you today
into all your relationships.

Amen.

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