



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

## Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 10:30am

### Morning Worship led by Richard Graham

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

## Prayers

Please pray for Richard preaching here this morning; for our Stewards, for others within the Church and beyond who continue to work for the benefit of all. 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 or visit from friends.

*Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals. Sir William Gladstone*

## AUGUST

Sunday 15	<b>Genesis 17</b>	(Abraham)
Monday 16	<b>Genesis 18:1-26, 32-33</b>	(entertaining angels)
Tuesday 17	<b>Genesis 19</b>	(Sodom and Gomorrah)
Wednesday 18	<b>Genesis 20, 21:22-34</b>	(Abimelech)
Thursday 19	<b>Genesis 21:1-21, 22:1-19</b>	(Ishmael and Isaac)
Friday 20	<b>Genesis 24</b>	(Isaac and Rebekah)
Saturday 21	<b>Genesis 25:5-11, 25:19 - 26:5</b>	(Jacob and Esau - 1)



## Notices

**HELEN** has now moved to Dorking Hospital.

**CHURCH CENTRE MAINTENANCE** – It's that time of the year again when we try to do all our major maintenance work without disturbing our users. This year we've also been asked to accommodate a number of groups who are trying to catch up with missed meetings too. If all goes well (with no surprise visits or cars left during the day) this should work – so thanks in advance for your cooperation. The Upper Norwood library hub Children's camp will be with us again all next week, and we have assured the organisers that no-one else is expected in any part of the Church Centre – do let us know without delay if this raises any problems for you.

This week the roof, gutters and downpipes have been cleared out, and the roof covering over the courtyard side aisle of the Hall has been replaced. We've had a look at the sealing of the box gutter above the back of the right-hand side of the stage which was leaking, and hope we've got that sorted too. The floor of Room 2 (the old Circuit Office) has been levelled and new carpet tiles laid to match those in Room 1. This room has now been designated as a multipurpose meeting room and has a small number of red chairs in it – these are shared between rooms 1 & 2. *Denise & Robin*

**FRIENDS OF HORTON CEMETERY.** You may remember that, sometime ago, I wrote telling you about the project I had become involved in, 'The Friends of Horton Cemetery' [hortoncemetery.org/](http://hortoncemetery.org/) which is trying to protect, and eventually restore the neglected burial ground of nearly 8,500 souls who died in the Epsom Cluster of Asylums. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council are currently considering adding the cemetery to their list of 'buildings, monuments and landscapes that have historical or architectural interest' and are asking people for their opinions on the matter.

If you would take the time to look at the website you can read the life stories of some of those buried there, more are being added all the time as the volunteers research these individuals and bring their stories back to life in an effort to alert people to the situation.

Please, if you feel that this hidden site is of importance and that the graves of those buried there should be protected, email a short message of support to Epsom Council Planning Department, [LPenman@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:LPenman@epsom-ewell.gov.uk), before August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Getting the cemetery formal heritage status would help 'The Friends of Horton Cemetery' in their efforts to preserve this site against future development. Many thanks, *Lesley*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** Dorothy, the current leader of the Ewell & Stoneleigh Branch of World Day of Prayer, is moving home imminently, and the committee are looking for a new Leader. If you would be interested in this, give Dorothy a ring on 020 8224 5035 for an informal chat.

**NEXT WEEK** (22<sup>nd</sup>) our Service will be led by Valerie Ashcroft.

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or join on Zoom: [bit.ly/2J5jvY8](https://bit.ly/2J5jvY8)

To join the service through Zoom on your landline phone, dial **020 3481 5240**,  
listen to the announcement and enter the meeting ID **874 6773 6490**  
followed by # 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 will be connected and able to listen into the service.  
Simply hang up when the service finishes, or whenever you want to leave.

## Welcome & Prayer for the Church Family

### Call to Worship: Psalm 111

(NirV)

Praise the LORD.

I will praise the LORD with all my heart.

I will praise him where honest people  
gather for worship.

The LORD has done great things.

All who take delight in those things  
think deeply about them.

What he does shows his glory  
and majesty.

He will always do what is right.

The LORD causes his wonders  
to be remembered.

He is kind and tender.

He provides food for those  
who have respect for him.

He remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people  
what his power can do.

He has given them the lands  
of other nations.

He is faithful and right  
in everything he does.

All his rules can be trusted.

They will stand firm for ever and ever.

They were given by the LORD.

He is faithful and honest.

He set his people free.

He made a covenant with them  
that will last forever.

His name is holy and wonderful.

If you really want to become wise,  
you must begin

by having respect for the LORD.

All those who follow his rules

have good understanding.

People should praise him forever.

Lord, we praise you that though you are always beyond us,  
you are never out of reach.

You are greater than anything we can imagine,  
but we can call you Father.

Your sovereign power and your eternal glory  
make us feel small and inadequate,  
but you have chosen to live  
in the hearts and lives of those who love you.

We praise you for the limitless love  
that you have towards all your creation.

It was out of love that you created.  
It was because you are love that we were made.  
You created us to live in a loving, caring relationship with yourself.

We praise you that even when we did not respond to your love  
but used our free will to live life our own way  
you did not reject us.

In Christ you reached down to lift us up  
and to restore us and our fellowship with you.

Through Christ you have provided  
an opportunity for us to begin again,  
to be filled with hope  
and to be at peace in our relationship with you.

We praise you for the new freedom he has brought to our lives  
and for the assurance that our past mistakes have been forgiven and forgotten;  
that today is your gift to us  
and the future is safe in your hands.

Lord, we praise you for opening your kingdom and allowing us to enter,  
and for promising that through your Holy Spirit  
you will enable us to live as free citizens now  
and that we shall share in the celebration  
in the heaven of your love for all eternity.

May your love go on transforming who and what we are,  
that we may live for your praise and glory.

In the name of Christ the King. **Amen.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Roots)

Hospitable God, you always open your loving arms and welcome us. You have gone ahead of us into our communities, and you are residing there, hoping that we might join you and invite others to join in too.

Thank you that we are always welcome to sit and eat with you, to spend time intimately with you, to hang out together. Thank you that nothing is too much for you. You are the ultimate sacrifice: you paid the price so that we might live.

We praise you, friend and Saviour.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 55

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
in light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might —  
thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest,  
the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish;  
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour  
of light hideth thee.

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
in light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
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## Prayer of Confession

(Roots)

Lord, when we are not as hospitable as you were,  
**forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

When we drain life out of people rather than be life giving,  
**forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

When we damage relationships rather than repair them,  
**forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

When we seek 'self' first and don't share who we are,  
**forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

Make us whole, Lord. Make us whole today.

**Amen.**

Lamb of God,  
you paid the ultimate price on the cross,  
your body was broken and your blood shed –  
and by your stripes we are healed and forgiven.  
**Amen.**

## Readings: Ephesians 5: 15-20

(NIRV)

So be very careful how you live. Do not live like people who aren't wise. Live like people who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity. The days are evil. So don't be foolish. Instead, understand what the Lord wants. Don't fill yourself up with wine. Getting drunk will lead to wild living. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything. Give thanks to him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## John 6: 51-59

(NIRV)

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Everyone who eats some of this bread will live forever. This bread is my body. I will give it for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves. They said, "How can this man give us his body to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You must eat the Son of Man's body and drink his blood. If you don't, you have no life in you. Anyone who eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life. I will raise them up on the last day. My body is real food. My blood is real drink. Anyone who eats my body and drinks my blood

remains in me. And I remain in them. The living Father sent me, and I live because of him. In the same way, those who feed on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Long ago your people ate manna and died. But whoever eats this bread will live forever.” He said this while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

### Hymn: Singing the Faith 437

When the music fades,  
all is stripped away  
and I simply come;  
longing just to bring  
something that’s of worth,  
that will bless your heart.

I’ll bring you more than a song,  
for a song in itself  
is not what you have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear,  
you’re looking into my heart.

*I’m coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it’s all about you,  
all about you, Jesus.  
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it,  
when it’s all about you,  
all about you, Jesus.*

King of endless worth,  
no-one could express  
how much you deserve.  
Though I’m weak and poor,  
all I have is yours,  
every single breath.

I’ll bring you more . . .

*I’m coming back . . .*

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### Message

*“What would happen if we just did nothing?”*

### Prayers of Intercession

(SU)

We pray that everyone in church today may follow the instructions they have heard to help them become loving, joyful followers of Christ.

Jesus, the living bread, **Bring us to eternal life.**

We pray that all Christians may grow in faith so they are ready to serve God whenever he asks them to do so.

Jesus, the living bread, **Bring us to eternal life.**

We pray for people, both in the local community and in the wider world, who do not yet know Jesus as their Saviour, that they may hear and respond to his good news.

Jesus, the living bread, **Bring us to eternal life.**

We pray for people who are sad, ill, lonely, hungry, or afraid; that they may be comforted.

Jesus, the living bread, **Bring us to eternal life.**

*We have a short time of silence for you to remember those situations that are on your own heart and mind at this time, and we bring those prayers to before God.*

Jesus, the living bread, **Bring us to eternal life.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your Name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,  
now and forever.

Amen.

### **Blessing for Offering**

#### **Hymn: Singing the Faith 545**

*(Alt.)*

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart,  
all else but naught to me,  
save that thou art;  
thou my best thought  
by day and the night,  
waking or sleeping  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word,  
I ever with thee,  
and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father,  
and I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield,  
sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity,  
thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter,  
and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward,  
O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise:  
thou mine inheritance  
now and always;  
thou and thou only  
the first in my heart:  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun;  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

8<sup>th</sup> Century Irish  
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## Blessing

(Roots)

God of all joy,  
we go out into your world with our hearts beating  
to the tune of your music.  
Help us to find new songs in all we do,  
and to share our joy in you with everyone around us.  
Praise be to you, most blessed Lord. **Amen.**

*We say together:*

(MWB)

**We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

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