



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday, 12th September 2021, 10:30am

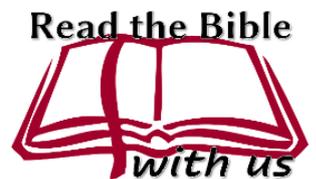
Morning Worship led by Richard Graham

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

Prayers

Please pray for Richard preaching here and Emma at Ruxley this morning; for our Stewards, for others within the Church and beyond who continue to work for the benefit of all in all weathers. 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.

This week, 'a few laws' have been included despite them not being 'stories'. This has been done this because most people don't read the laws, and sometimes this is a shame because they deal with all aspects of life.



SEPTEMBER

Sunday 12	Exodus 13:17 to 14:31	(the Red Sea)
Monday 13	Exodus 15:1 to 21	(praising God)
Tuesday 14	Exodus 15:22 to 17:7 & Joshua 5:10 to 12	(God provides)
Wednesday 15	Exodus 18	(Jethro's wisdom)
Thursday 16	Exodus 19:1 to 20:21	(Mount Sinai)
Friday 17	Exodus skim 21 to 23	(a few laws)
Saturday 18	Exodus 32:1 to 33:6	(the golden calf)

Notices

CHURCH COUNCIL Just a reminder that the next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday (tomorrow) 13th September 2021, 4:00pm in the Church. Please use the ramp entrance, and we would ask that you wear a mask until you are seated.

SONGS OF PRAISE. Our Service on 19th September will be a celebratory 'Songs of Praise' put together by the Leadership Team. If there's any hymn you would particularly like to sing, either a favourite, or one we haven't sung in a long time, please let Vivienne know. We hear it's also 'Back to Church Sunday', so encourage everyone to come. *Vivienne*

CHURCH CLEANING – thanks to our wonderful cleaning team who have made sure the Church Centre is clean and welcoming as people and groups continue to return to our premises.

NEXT WEEK (19th September) our Morning Worship will be our Leadership Team led 'Songs of Praise' Service.

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Sunday Service (YouTube)	Sunday 10:30am			Click
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Morning Worship, 12 September, 10:30am

led by Richard Graham.

Watch live or at a time convenient to you on YouTube: youtu.be/ESVha0ZC5Uo

or join on Zoom: bit.ly/2J5jvY8

To join the service through Zoom on your landline phone, dial **020 3481 5240**, listen to the announcement and when prompted, enter the meeting ID **874 6773 6490** followed by #; just # on its own when asked for your Participant ID; and when prompted, the passcode **702336** followed by #.

You will then be connected to the service – simply hang up at the end or whenever you wish to leave.

Welcome & Prayer for the Church Family

Call to Worship: Psalm 5: 1-3, 7-8, 11-12

(NIV)

Listen to my words, LORD,
consider my lament.

Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly.

By your great love,
I can come into your house;
in reverence I bow down
towards your holy temple.

Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies –
make your way straight before me.

Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favour as with a shield.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 11

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who were, and are, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Approach

(MWB)

Gracious God,
as we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
may the light of your presence
set our hearts on fire with love for you,
now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

(MWB)

Eternal God and Father,
you are the source of all life,
the fount of all wisdom,
the well-spring of all grace.
Your days are without end,
your loving mercies without number.
We depend on you:
and we remember your goodness to us
and to those who have gone before us.

We tell your story in every generation:
God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
God of a pilgrim people, your Church.

You are our God,
ahead of us, leading us,
guiding us and calling us;
you are the Lord God,
the all-wise, the all-compassionate.

**To you we lift up our hearts
and we worship you,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 6: 5-15

(NIV)

[Jesus said:] ‘When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘This, then, is how you should pray:

‘ “Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. ”

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Prayer of Confession

(MWB)

Let us call to mind our sinfulness.

Silence

Loving God, Father of all,
have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Lord of life,
have mercy on us.

Silence, after which we say together:

**We confess to God and to each other
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed;
may God have mercy on us.**

**May God grant us pardon,
forgiveness of all our sins,
time to amend our lives,
and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: Singing the Faith 529

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
uttered or unexpressed,
the motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
that infant lips can try;
prayer the sublimest strains that reach
the majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
the Christian's native air,
our watchword at the gates of death;
we enter heaven with prayer.

O thou by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer thyself have trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray!

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21

(NLT)

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Message

Prayer

Hymn: Singing the Faith 528

Pray, without ceasing, pray,
your captain gives the word;
his summons cheerfully obey,
and call upon the Lord:
to God your every want
in instant prayer display;
pray always; pray, and never faint;
pray, without ceasing, pray!

In fellowship, alone,
to God with faith draw near,
approach his courts, besiege his throne
with all the powers of prayer:
go to his temple, go,
nor from his altar move;
let every house his worship know,
and every heart his love.

Pour out your souls to God,
and bow them with your knees,
and spread your hearts and hands
abroad,
and pray for Zion's peace;
your guides and kindred bear
for ever on your mind;
extend the arms of mighty prayer,
and grasp all humankind.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Lord, you have made us and loved us.
You designed us to live in fellowship with you and with each other.
May your infinite gentleness fill us with an assurance
that you will hear us as we pray for your fallen, hurting world.

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

Lord, we pray for this world
in which so many people see you simply in terms of a remote power,
a punishing God,
someone to fear.

We pray for those who are angry,
who are filled with a desire for revenge;
for those whose bitterness has destroyed their lives.

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

We pray for families whose love is being destroyed by jealousy,
where people expect loving relationships simply to happen
without any effort or commitment on their part each day.
May the love of God renew their hope and their striving for peace.

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

We pray for children who suffer the consequences
of their parents' failure to love and to care;
for children whose lives are suffering the results
of physical, mental or sexual abuse.
May the caring, healing hand of Christ be upon them.

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

We pray for friends and neighbours;
for those we work with and for members of our own family
who are without joy, hope, peace
or any real sense of purpose and direction in their lives.
May they know the revitalising love of God.

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

We pray for nations whose people
are filled with hatred and aggression towards each other;
for communities split by distrust and injustice.
May the love of God bring a deeper desire for true reconciliation.
We think particularly of Afghanistan,
and the evolving situation in that country,
for those being cast aside
simply because they are not seen as right, worthwhile people.
The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for Christians who allow themselves
to be divided from each other
by church teaching or their own narrow ideas.
Lord, we pray, break down the barriers we build between us,
destroy the walls that keep us apart,
that our oneness in the body of Christ might bring glory to his name
and light to those in darkness.
The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for ourselves.
Lord, you know the things that make us stumble and fall,
our weakness,
our secret shame.
You know our words of faith and our feeble trust,
our good intentions
and our faltering steps.
Lord, deliver us from evil, just as you promised to do.
Grant us wisdom, courage, gentleness and mercy, faith and love.
The Lord hears our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord hears all our prayers in the name of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing for Offering

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
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 470

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Blessing

(MWB)

The Lord give strength to his people.

The Lord bless his people with peace. **Amen.**

**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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