



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

## Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 10:30am

### 'Songs of Praise'

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

## Prayers

Please pray for those leading today's Service here, and Emma at the Lantern, 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

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIVUK*

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 19	Exodus 34:27-35 & 40:34-38	(the Glory of God)
Monday 20	Leviticus 8:1-13 & 10:1-3, 8-11	(Levites)
Tuesday 21	Numbers 12	(Miriam and Aaron)
Wednesday 22	Numbers 13:1-2 & 13:7 to 14:45	(spying out the land)
Thursday 23	Numbers 16 & 17	(Korah, Dathan and Abiram)
Friday 24	Numbers 20	(Edom)
Saturday 25	Exodus 17:2-26 & Numbers 21	(battles)



## Notices

**NEXT WEEK** (26<sup>th</sup> September) our Morning Worship with Emma will include the Baptism of Jessica Joyce Lawrence, daughter of Paul & Stacy Lawrence and granddaughter of the late Geoff Lawrence. Guests are asked to wear masks in Church and to complete a Test & Trace form on entry. Refreshments will be served in the Link room afterwards.

**CIRCUIT SERVICE** at 3:00pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> September will be at Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester Park, and also available on their [Facebook page](#) simultaneously and afterwards. The Service will acknowledge Viv Newitt as a fully accredited Local Preacher. As many will know, Viv has been studying and training to become a Local Preacher for a number of years. Having successfully completed the Faith & Worship Course and with the Local Preachers' Meeting having been suitably convinced of her call to preach, Viv has been "fully accredited" for some time and has subsequently been patiently waiting throughout the pandemic for a service of recognition to mark this fact. Please join us for this very special service. *Paul*

**VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON** On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Amanda is taking part in this event; she has to walk 26 miles in 24 hours, not necessarily continuously.

She is hoping to raise money for WAGGS and Girlguiding Surrey East, also our local Foodbank. If you would like to contribute you can do so to me, and I'll pass it on, or you could donate direct to [virgmoneygiving](#) where it can be Gift Aided. Thank you – *Denise*

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Sunday Service (YouTube)	Sunday 10:30am			<a href="#">Click</a>
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**FOODBANK** Here's what we need this week. Thanks for all of your donations, big or small, we are really grateful. Every item you donate helps us to feed those in need.



**Urgent:**

- Long life sponge puddings
- UHT milk - full fat or semi skimmed
- Meat pies
- Sugar (500g bags)
- Rice
- Mayonnaise
- Rice pudding
- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder & pods (bio & non-bio)
- Bags for Life - we urgently need these

You might also like to have a look at their Harvest Appeal video [on Twitter.](#)

**Please**, no more donations of the following items at this time: pasta, baked beans, porridge, baby shampoo, tampons, sanitary towels, marmalade, cat/dog food, adult toothbrushes.

You can donate at the usual supermarket points or bring donations to our car park (please wear a mask); Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Generation Resource Centre, (Behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell, KT19 0JG.

Normal donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm. We are closed on Bank Holidays. Please make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol

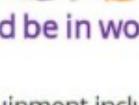


# Stoneleigh for Africa

## THE BIG DONATION



**DROP OFF: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 10am – 4pm**  
**St John's Parish Centre, Station Approach, Stoneleigh**

Sewing machines		Plumbers' tools
Electric power tools		Motor mechanics' tools (portable)
Electricians' tools		Knitting machines (wool + needles)
Gardening tools		Haberdashery items (any)
Carpenters' tools		Builders' tools

**Every item should be in working order – we can restore but not repair.**

**We cannot accept:**

- × IT or computer equipment including printers
- × ladders
- × lawnmowers
- × books
- × clothes or shoes
- × bikes
- × kitchen equipment or household appliances
- × musical instruments
- × disability aids including glasses

**ALL ACCEPTED DONATIONS WILL EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS THAT CREATE LIVELIHOODS AND TRANSFORM LIVES.**

Further information contact: [office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsstoneleigh.org.uk)

*OR, we can accept limited donations at SMC – contact Robin to arrange this - Thanks*

# Morning Worship, 19 September, 10:30am

*Songs of Praise service compiled by Vivienne Ridgway  
and led by members of the congregation*

Watch live or at a time convenient to you on YouTube: [youtu.be/HB1se50kvEU](https://youtu.be/HB1se50kvEU)  
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 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

### Hymn: Singing the Faith 20

Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found —  
we stand on holy ground.

Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight —  
our radiant King of light!

Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him —  
in faith receive from him.

Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

## Opening prayer

(MSB)

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *Let us confess our sins to the Lord, singing **Singing the Faith 419***

Almighty God, we come to make confession,  
for we have sinned in thought and word and deed.  
We now repent in honesty and sorrow;  
forgive us, Lord, and meet us in our need.

Forgiving God, I come to make confession  
for all the harm and hurt that I have done;  
for bitter words and many selfish actions,  
forgive me, Lord, and make me like your Son.

Forgiving God, I come to make confession  
for all that I have failed to do this day;  
for help withheld, concern and love restricted,  
forgive me, Lord, and lead me in your way.

Redeeming God, we come to seek forgiveness,  
for Jesus Christ has died to set us free.  
Forgive the past and fill us with your Spirit  
that we may live to serve you joyfully.

Christopher J. Ellis

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## Declaration of forgiveness

(MSB)

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Hear then the word of grace:  
Your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 338

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father . . .*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Jesus, my Redeemer.

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
in that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father . . .*

Melody Green (1946–) and Keith Green (1953–1982)

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*Let us worship God, and wonder in his mercy.*

## Reading: Isaiah 45: 18-25

(NIV)

For this is what the LORD says –  
he who created the heavens,  
he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth,  
he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty,  
but formed it to be inhabited –  
he says:

'I am the LORD,  
and there is no other.  
I have not spoken in secret,  
from somewhere in a land of darkness;  
I have not said to Jacob's descendants,  
"Seek me in vain."  
I, the LORD, speak the truth;  
I declare what is right.

'Gather together and come;  
assemble, you fugitives from the nations.

Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,  
who pray to gods that cannot save.

Declare what is to be, present it –  
let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago,  
who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no God apart from me,  
a righteous God and a Saviour;  
there is none but me.

‘Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,  
my mouth has uttered in all integrity  
a word that will not be revoked:  
before me every knee will bow;  
by me every tongue will swear.

They will say of me, “In the LORD alone  
are deliverance and strength.” ’

All who have raged against him  
will come to him and be put to shame.

But all the descendants of Israel  
will find deliverance in the LORD  
and will make their boast in him.

### **Hymn: Singing the Faith 67**

This, this is the God we adore,  
our faithful, unchangeable friend,  
whose love is as great as his power,  
and neither knows measure nor end:

’Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
we’ll praise him for all that is past,  
and trust him for all that’s to come.

## Poem

(StF 231)

The silent stars shine down on us  
with bright but sightless eye,  
unmindful of our little earth,  
of us who live and die.

Are we but grains of stranded sand  
beside a cosmic sea  
that lie unvalued and unseen  
in such immensity?

Creator of all stars, you came  
to grace our transient race.  
In Christ you spoke a Word that broke  
the silences of space.

Still through that Word you call our hearts  
to know that we are known,  
to trust we do not walk through time  
unvalued and alone.

We see the star the wise men saw  
and hope again is stirred.

We track the footprints left in time  
by your incarnate Word.

We see them climb a lonely hill  
where Love is left to die —  
the Love that formed the farthest star  
and hears the faintest cry.

O Christ, the bright and morning Star  
whose radiance does not fade,  
whose glory filled the universe  
before the planets played:  
come, heal our hearts of blinding doubt  
'til faith shall end in sight.  
Shine down upon our darkened earth  
and conquer sin's long night.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr (1923-2007)  
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## Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

(NIV)

### Imitating Christ's humility

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death –  
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 599

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of His word,  
what a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey!

*Trust and obey!  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise,  
not a cloud in the skies,  
but His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear,  
not a sigh nor a tear,  
can abide while we trust and obey!

John Henry Sammis (1846-1919)

Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil He doth richly repay:  
not a grief nor a loss,  
not a frown nor a cross,  
but is blessed if we trust and obey!

But we never can prove  
the delights of His love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favour He shows,  
and the joy He bestows,  
are for those who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at His feet,  
or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
what He says we will do,  
where He sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey!

### Reading: John 4: 27-29, 39-42

(NIV)

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no-one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?'

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 531

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge —  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819–1886)

## Reading: Luke 19: 1-10

(NIV)

### Zacchaeus the tax collector

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'

Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 416

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

## Prayers of Intercession

(MSB)

God, our Father, grant us the help of your Spirit  
in our prayers for the salvation of mankind.

We pray for the Church throughout the world,  
for this church and all its members,  
that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed  
by your Holy Spirit for mission and service.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peoples of the world and their leaders,  
that they may seek justice, freedom and peace for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own country  
and for all who have authority and influence  
that they may serve their fellows  
in wisdom, honesty and compassion

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those among whom we live and work,  
that we may rightly use your gifts  
to set people free from drudgery and want,  
and together find joy in your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in sorrow, need, anxiety and sickness,  
for the lonely and persecuted,  
and for all who suffer from cruelty, injustice and neglect,  
that in their weakness they may know your strength,  
and in despair find hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In you, Father, we are one family in earth and heaven.  
We remember with thanks those who have revealed to us your grace in Christ.  
Help us to follow the example of your saints in light  
and bring us with them into the fullness of your eternal joy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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.**

### Hymn: Singing the Faith 368

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
To God, the Word, on high  
the hosts of angels cry:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
their voice in hymns of praise:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Let air, and sea, and sky,  
from depth to height, reply:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Be this while life is mine  
my song of love divine:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Be this the eternal song,  
through all the ages long:  
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

## Possible hymn: Singing the Faith 477

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,  
teach me to walk in the light of your presence,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.  
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life,  
created heaven and earth;  
in you is joy without measure.  
So, like a child in your sight,  
I dance to see your delight,  
for I was made for your pleasure, pleasure.

*Teach me to dance . . .*

Let all my movements express  
a heart that loves to say 'yes,'  
a will that leaps to obey you.  
Let all my energy blaze  
to see the joy in your face,  
let my whole being praise you, praise you.

*Teach me to dance . . .*

Graham Kendrick, Steve Thompson  
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