



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

## Sunday, 3 October 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 leading our Service here today and Emma at Ruxley; for our Stewards, and 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*

## Notices

**CHURCH CLEANING** – thanks to all who came along to clean and tidy yesterday – a splendid effort.

**THE LINK MAGAZINE** is available on the pew in the vestibule for our neighbourhood deliverers – thanks.

**KEVIN CHESSUM** passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> September; our thoughts and prayers are with Jill and family at this time.

**Give to your food bank  
this Harvest**

**at our**

**Harvest Service**

**10th October 10:30am**

**tins/packet donations only please**

Monetary donations to 'Foodbank' can also be made at this Service, or direct to Foodbank – see their website at [epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/](http://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/)



**NEXT WEEK** (10<sup>th</sup> October) will be our Harvest Service led by the Rev Emma Cusack. Although this will **not** be a Parade Service, we understand there will be gifts from some of our Youth Groups, and donations of tinned or packeted goods will of course be welcome at the Service (and in the week before if you have access to the Church itself). These will be passed to FoodBank, together with any monetary donations (other than planned giving envelopes) received after the Service. *Robin*

**STONELEIGH METHODIST CHURCH** is praying for all residents of Newbury Gardens, Stoneleigh Crescent, Westways, The Byway, and Fir Tree Close throughout October and November. If you have any specific prayer request, write it, and drop it through the Church letterbox any day of the week. You are welcome to join us in worship any Sunday at Church or online if you would like. Harvest is 10<sup>th</sup> October, collecting for Foodbank, Remembrance Service on 14<sup>th</sup> November or check out on the church website for upcoming services on [www.stoneleighmethodist.church](http://www.stoneleighmethodist.church).

**SOUP WITH BREAD LUNCH WHILST HAVING AN OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR CHURCH, MINISTRY AND FUTURE.** This will happen on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October after a shorter service. If members/worshippers would want to meet with Emma prior to this meeting to share your thoughts with her then please make the arrangement with Emma.

**RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP:** there are a number of books on the pew in the vestibule which we are providing to you in order to encourage you and equip you in your journey with God. It is our hope that you will take them and read them, and also share them with your neighbours and friends. Please take as many as you like to share around – they are being given to you completely free! If there are any topics that you would like resources on, either for yourself or others, then please let me know and I'll see what I can find. *Richard*

**COVID LATEST** – Separation and Ventilation are still the current keywords from the Government. At our Church we ask you to sit a little apart from those who are not in your usual circle of family or friends, wearing a face covering for the time being if you can. And, for our part, we will encourage natural ventilation from the outside by opening windows and doors – the heating will automatically turn itself up to circulate the air as well. And don't forget to 'gel' as you arrive, please. Keep safe. *Robin*

**VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON** Today 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 WAGGGS 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 [virqnmoneygiving](http://virqnmoneygiving) where it can be Gift Aided. Thank you – *Denise*

**FOODBANK** Here's what Foodbank 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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female &amp; male deodorant</li> <li>• Powdered Milk</li> <li>• Shaving foam</li> <li>• Shower gel</li> <li>• Noodles (dried egg/rice noodle or straight to wok)</li> <li>• Squash</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tinned fruit</li> <li>• Coffee</li> <li>• Kids toothbrushes</li> <li>• Meat pies</li> <li>• Sugar (500g bags, ideally)</li> <li>• Bags for life</li> </ul> |
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You might also like to have a look at their Harvest Appeal video [on Twitter](#).

We also accept monetary donations to support our work – paying for things like storage equipment etc. Click [here](#) to make a regular or one-off donation, where you can gift aid your donation (if applicable). Or you can send a cheque, payable to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank and post it to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Generation Resource Centre, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. *Thanks*

**PS** – *there will be collections for Foodbank at our own Harvest Service, 10:30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October here at Stoneleigh Methodist Church – these will be for both tinned and packeted food, and monetary (cash or cheque).*

*A lot of Joshua deals with battles; this can be a bit depressing to read, but there are brighter stories. Such as the story of the Gibeonites' dealings with Joshua.*

**OCTOBER**

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>Joshua 1:1-9 &amp; ch 2 &amp; Matthew 1:5</b>	(Rahab)
<b>Monday 4</b>	<b>Joshua chs 3 &amp; 4</b>	(crossing the Jordan)
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	<b>Joshua 5:13 to 6:27</b>	(Jericho)
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	<b>Joshua ch 7</b>	(Achan)
<b>Thursday 7</b>	<b>Joshua ch 8</b>	(Ai and Bethel)
<b>Friday 8</b>	<b>Joshua ch 9</b>	(the Gibeonites)
<b>Saturday 9</b>	<b>Joshua 10:1-28</b>	(the sun stands still)



# Morning Worship, 3 October, 10:30am

*led by Rev Chris Morley*

Watch live or at a time convenient to you on YouTube: [youtu.be/\\_1ZtaI9KHig](https://youtu.be/_1ZtaI9KHig) 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

## Call to Worship

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 136

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for the springing fresh from the Word!  
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.  
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)  
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## Prayer

## Reading: Psalm 8

(NIV)

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honour.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:  
all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

(NIV)

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified:

‘What is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
a son of man that you care for him?  
You made them a little lower than the angels;  
you crowned them with glory and honour  
and put everything under their feet.’

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says,

‘I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the assembly I will sing your praises.’

### **Hymn: Singing the Faith 157**

God has spoken — by his prophets,  
spoken his unchanging word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
’Mid the world’s despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken — by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father’s glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, the God in human form.

God is speaking — by the Spirit,  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the age-long word expounding  
God’s own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is standing fast;  
God abides, the Word unchanging,  
God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959)  
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## Prayers

### Hymn: Singing the Faith 563

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me; the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, now draw nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
Lord, speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my master and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816–1874)

## Blessing

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