



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

## Sunday, 10 October 2021, 10:30am

### Harvest Service led by the Rev Emma Cusack

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

## Prayers

Please pray for Emma leading our Service here today; for our Stewards, and 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.

*When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 23:22*

## Notices

**HARVEST DONATIONS.** What a glorious display of donations from the Youth Organisations, Toddlers and others; with today not being a Parade Service we were not expecting the usual amount for Foodbank, but we didn't allow for the enthusiasm and determination of the young people and their Leaders. This will all be taken to Foodbank on Monday ready for distribution as needed – many thanks to all our donors.

Foodbank also accept monetary donations to support their 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 a retiring collection this week for Foodbank.*

**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. 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.

**EPSOM MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FESTIVAL** continues until next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, mainly at St Barnabus Church, Epsom, but also at Epsom Methodist and the Old Moat Garden Centre. Full details on their website at <http://www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk>, or give me a ring and I'll look it up for you. *Robin*

**NEXT WEEK** (17<sup>th</sup> October) our Service will be led by Valerie Ashcroft.

**QUIET, REFLECTIVE SERVICE** Next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the New Room. All welcome!

**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, or as directed by the leader. 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** Amanda managed to complete her virtual London Marathon (tracked by GPS around local roads in 7 hours 47 minutes – thanks who all who donated; she raised over £300 for WAGGS and Girlguiding Surrey East, also our local Foodbank – *Denise*

**ADMIN ASSISTANT wanted for Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.** This is a full-time job (up to 37 hours a week) based in Ewell. Application deadline is Friday 15 October 2021; full details at [epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/2021/09/30/we-are-hiring-an-admin-assistant/](https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/2021/09/30/we-are-hiring-an-admin-assistant/)

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*Have you come across the story of Ehud and Eglon before? It's perhaps another one of those 'I can't believe this is in the Bible!' stories . . .*

**OCTOBER**

<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>Joshua skim 10:29 to 12:24</b>	(battles)
<b>Monday 11</b>	<b>Joshua 22</b>	(eastern tribes go home)
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	<b>Judges 1:1 to 2:10</b>	(remaining Canaanites)
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	<b>Judges 2:10 - 3:11</b>	(after Joshua died)
<b>Thursday 14</b>	<b>Judges 3:12-31</b>	(Ehud)
<b>Friday 15</b>	<b>Judges 4 [&amp; skim ch 5]</b>	(Deborah)
<b>Saturday 16</b>	<b>Judges 6</b>	(Gideon - 1)



**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/](https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/)



# Harvest Service

## 10 October, 10:30am

*led by Rev Emma Cusack*

Watch live or at a time convenient to you on YouTube:  
[youtu.be/oo0YUN0XaAE](https://youtu.be/oo0YUN0XaAE) 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

(2 Cor: 9-14, NIV)

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

### Hymn: Singing the Faith 123

Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
Fruit and crops are gathered in  
safe before the storms begin:  
God our maker will provide  
for our needs to be supplied;  
come, with all his people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for his praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown  
here for joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear –  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall bring his harvest home;  
he himself on that great day,  
worthless things shall take away,  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his care for evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come —  
bring your final harvest home!  
Gather all your people in  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there together purified,  
ever thankful at your side —  
come, with all your angels, come,  
bring that glorious harvest home!

Henry Alford (1810–1871)

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## Prayers of Adoration

(Ps 67: 3-7, GNB)

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
because you judge the peoples with justice  
and guide every nation on earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

The land has produced its harvest;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

God has blessed us;  
may all people everywhere honour him.

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 124

For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**Hymn: Singing the Faith 125**

Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
you have made good;  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour  
we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with you;  
harvesting, milling,  
for daily bread.

Father, providing  
food for your children,  
your wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that, rejoicing,  
sister and brother  
may know your care.

Then will your blessing  
reach every people;  
each one confessing  
your gracious hand.  
When you are reigning  
no one will hunger:  
your love sustaining  
fruitful the land.

### Generosity encouraged

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever.’

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### Prayers of Confession

*The responses in the prayers are:*

Father, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

### The blessing of our Harvest items and our offering

### Reflection

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

*The responses in the prayers are:*

We thank you, God, **and praise your holy name.**

## Hymn: Singing the Faith 130

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts . . .*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good:  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
but that which thou desirest:  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts . . .*

Matthias Claudius (1740–1815)  
translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878)

## Blessing

For all that is good in our lives,  
for all that nourishes us,  
for all that we let go of,  
for all that is fun,  
for all that lightens our lives  
and all that protects us:  
thank you, God.

May the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be always with you, now and forever. Amen

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