



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Sunday, 21 November 2021, 10:30am

Morning Worship led by the Rev Paul Timmis

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

Prayers

Please pray for Paul leading our Service here today and for Emma at the Lantern Wimbledon this morning; for our Stewards, and for others within the Church and beyond who continue to work quietly 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 talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new” – Dalai Lama

Notices

THIS YEAR THE CHURCH IS INVITING SUGGESTIONS from members for Carols to be used in the Christmas Services – ones that you would like to sing, and we don't often use. We'll try to include as many as we can – send your suggestions to Vivienne or Richard or leave a note in the rack by Sunday 5th December. I look forward to making this your Christmas. *Emma*



ST ETHELBURGA-THE-VIRGIN WITHIN BISHOPSGATE is a Church of England church in the City of London, located on Bishopsgate near Liverpool Street station, first recorded in 1250. In 1993 an IRA bomb severely damaged the church and once the building was rebuilt and restored it re-opened as a Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. *Jo*

COVID UPDATE – having considered the use of the Church during the large attendances around last weekend (sleepover, Remembrance, and the Funeral on Monday with over 170 present, a couple of minor changes to our Covid Risk Assessment have been made. The red Singing the Faith books are now stored in the pew backs, but the Service will continue to be projected and some printed

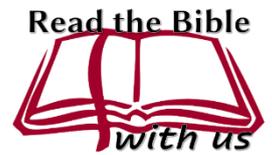
copies of the Service produced (for responses and those staying at home). We have also returned to pew collection of the offering. Windows are open and the heating is on, both to encourage fresh air circulation. The gel dispensers on entry are available for your use. As always wearing a mask or not is your choice, and additional requests may be made by the preacher or Stewards on the day.

NEXT WEEK (28th November) our Service will be Holy Communion led by Emma.

As we approach the end of the war between King Saul and David, within these readings is the strange tale of Saul visiting the witch of Endor...

NOVEMBER

Sunday 21	1 Samuel 25	(Abigail)
Monday 22	1 Samuel 26	(civil war - 4)
Tuesday 23	1 Samuel 27:1 to 28:2	(civil war - 5)
Wednesday 24	1 Samuel 28:3-25	(the witch of Endor)
Thursday 25	1 Samuel 29:1 to 30:10	(civil war - 6)
Friday 26	1 Samuel 30:11 to 31:13	(civil war - 7)
Saturday 27	2 Samuel 1	(Saul and Jonathan)



We are collecting donations from this list for our Christmas goodie bags

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| Christmas selection boxes | Christmas biscuits |
| Christmas napkins, tablecloths, tea towels | Festive chocolate, sweets and treats |
| Christmas puddings | Mince pies |
| Savoury snacks | Packet stuffing |
| Tinned ham | Packet trifle mix |

*Please make sure items do not contain alcohol as we are unable to give these out. Please donate by **Friday 3rd December** in time for us to pack the bags ready for our clients.*

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*

Donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm.

** Please make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol **

Morning Worship, 21 November, 10:30am

Sunday before Advent / Christ the King Sunday

led by Rev Paul Timmis

Watch live or at a time convenient to you on YouTube: youtu.be/49AoreqVHYI

or join on Zoom: bit.ly/2J5ivY8

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.

Steward's Welcome & Prayer for the Church Family

Call to Worship

Christ whose reign is born in suffering,
tested in travail
and speaking through the integrity of woundedness:

We come in awe and thanksgiving.

Jesus, Child of our humanity,
authentic whether in wilderness or weddings,
treading our earth in vulnerable truth:

We come in awe and thanksgiving.

God who reigns in gentleness,
Christ who never gives us up,
Jesus who embraces all who come in faith:

We come in awe and thanksgiving this day.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 113

O worship the King, all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Touch us in our fragile hope, Holy One.
Reach us in our hiddenness and guilt.
Seek us when we are afraid to be found.
Come, Jesus the Christ, come and give to us your life.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

ending...

We too leave you alone when we are afraid.

Forgive us, O God,

and restore us to your love.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

(NRSV)

Judgement before the Ancient One

As I watched,

thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,

and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Hymn: Singing the Faith 333

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flows from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus, who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

Jack Hayford

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Sermon

Hymn: Singing the Faith 254

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu-, alleluia!*

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from
the mouth of God;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door
shall be opened unto to you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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Prayers of Intercession

including...

Hear our prayers, O God.

Show us new ways of sharing in these struggles.

**Give to us ideas which make clearer our part
in changing the world around us.**

**Fill us with courage and faith as we try to stand with you
in every place and for all people.**

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 319

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,

Saviour, Master, King!

Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,

hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,

Son of Man on earth!

Power and majesty concealing

by your humble birth:

Yours the glory . . .

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!

Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory . . .

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!

Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory . . .

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,

ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory . . .

Commissioning

Benediction

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