



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Welcome to all, especially any visitors,
as we worship God together

Today's Service Sunday 24 July 2016

**10:30am: Morning Worship
led by Valerie Ashcroft**

We welcome and thank Valerie for being with us today.

Hymns: StF 34, 748, 159, 696, 81

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Catherine and Debbie

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda

Music - Hilda

Sound - Tom

We have an audio loop system, large print hymn books and bibles,
and a wheelchair - just ask the Welcome Team at the door for
anything you need.

Please join us after the service for light refreshments.

Prayers

Please pray for Valerie here with us this morning; also for Martine as she completes her move to Benfleet this weekend.

We ask for your blessing on those of our Church family in need of your help at this time, and for the continuing success of our local initiative 'Breathing Space'.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Margaret and the team as they travel to Uganda this weekend.

Notices

A Letter from our new Minister We have received a letter from our new Minister, Rev Emma Aikins, which is reproduced in full as a separate sheet. The very briefest of extracts:-
Just to share a little about myself; I was born in Accra; Ghana; I have an eight year old son - Jabez who likes to be called Nana; he is looking forward to joining a new school and year 4.



For me, after being separated since the beginning of 2009, my divorce finally came through in December 2014. I am pleased to introduce my new partner Bill whom you may get to know when we have social activities.

I have a deep passion for ministry - pastoral care, preaching; singing, learning etc. I love traditional hymns; however I enjoy a mixture of songs too. I have valued my formal education in achieving a diploma in contextual theology and a foundation degree in health care chaplaincy.

Outside of work, I enjoy going to the cinema, travelling, cooking; visiting friends and family.

Fellowship Strawberry Tea - the collection at Tuesday Fellowship this week will be for Barbara Airey's charity as in past years.

In case you missed it . . .

Missing Table Cloths. Would you please check your cupboards, to see whether any Church table cloths may have been washed and stored with your own linen (two or three have been missing for some time).

Books - Martine very kindly donated some impressive books recently, surplus to her needs. They are displayed on the pew in the vestibule and are free to anyone who wishes to 'inherit' them.

Holiday Maintenance Once again we seem to have built up a significant list of work to be done around the premises and, as usual, we will work around known activities and bookings as best we can during the summer holiday. To do this successfully please let me know if you need to use the building or the car park at any time, however short, so we can avoid any conflicts.

Robin is away the last week of July so there will be no work then, but there are several things planned for the first week of August when only Conquest Art will be possible. In the following weeks there will be times when the kitchen is inaccessible, and minor work will be done both inside and outside the building before 6:00pm weekdays. If you find a 'No Entry' sign on a door then please do not enter - the reason will not always be obvious! *Denise*

Next . . .

Church Cleaning - Saturday 6th August, 10:00am-noon - all welcome, bring your favourite duster etc, or use ours!

Conquest Art Annual Exhibition 16th-27th August at Bourne Hall.

Film Club - Wednesday 17th August, 7:15pm

Parade Service (Harvest) - Sunday 9th October, 10:30am

Quiet Reflective Service - Wednesday 31st August, 7:30pm

Thursday Prayer Group - 8th September, 9:30am

Thursday Group - 6th October, 2:30pm

Toddlers & Carers - 8th September, 10:00-11:30am

Welcome Service for Emma - Wednesday 7th September, 7:30pm

School Summer Holidays - 21st July - 2nd September

Maintenance Closure - 1st-28th August, Monday - Saturday, 6:00am-6:00pm

This Coming Week @ SMC

Monday 25th July

Conquest Art - 2:00-4:00pm in the Link Room

DIY Housegroup - 12:30pm at Joan Tolley's. Please bring a sandwich.

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 26th July

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30-4:00pm, Strawberry Tea at Church. Do
come along - you'll be very welcome.*

Breathing Space - 6:30-8:00pm in the Church

Wednesday 27th July

Knit & Natter - 10:00-noon (use main entrance today)

Quiet Reflective Service, 7:30pm in the New Room

Sunday 31st July

Morning Worship - 10:30am

Local Arrangement directed by Arthur Miller

Stewards - Marion & Arthur

Welcome team - Jeff & Doris

Music - Vivienne

Sound - Denise

Contact Details

Contact Stewards: Catherine Draper (020 8224 7966) and Denise Gould (020 8393 2155)

In any other instance contact any member of the Stewards' Team
Debbie Woolford, Val Farley, Marion & Ernie Baker

Minister: *minister@stoneleighmethodist.church*

News Sheet submissions: (news, meeting/duty changes etc)
should be sent to Ernie (*news@stoneleighmethodist.church*) as soon
as possible. Also any names (no details) for the prayers section.

Website: *stoneleighmethodist.church* - full details of all groups
and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

Circuit Office new email address - *wimbledoncircuit@gmail.com*