



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service **Sunday 29 January 2017** **10:30am: Morning Worship** **with Tony Loft**

We welcome and thank Tony for leading our service today.

Hymns: StF 55, 157, 672, 545

Readings: Matthew 5:1-12, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Marion & Ernie

Our Welcome team -

Music - Jean, Sound - Robin

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Vivienne

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

Our Collection today is for general Church purposes.

Please join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Prayers

Please pray for Tony leading our service this morning and for Emma at Ruxley this morning.

Please pray for those of the Church family who are unwell or finding their mobility limited, and consider also whether they might welcome a call or visit from friends.

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of our dear friend Dr Arthur Miller, who died peacefully at home on Friday 20th. We send our love and condolences to his family at this sad time.

The Committal Service for the family only will be on Monday 13th February 2017 at 10:15am, with a Service of Thanksgiving for all at our Church at 1:30pm, followed by refreshments in the Link Room.

Notices

Milk Bottle Tops collection. Dulcie wants to remind us all that the Portuguese charity she sends the milk bottle tops to for wheelchairs can only use the red, blue and green ones. Much as she loves sorting through all the donations, she would appreciate some pre-sorting by the donors, to whom she is really grateful.

Film Club - our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th February at 7:00 for 7:15pm, when we will be watching 'The Book Thief' - a story of a young girl who loves books, and shares them. Set in the second World War, we see the war through the eyes of this German girl. Do come, and feel free to bring anyone who is interested. *Vivienne*

The Link for February/March is expected next week.

Bible Study

I would very much like feedback from those who attended the Advent Bible Study please and some ideas on spiritual needs.

Do we want a Lent Bible Study series in 2017?

Do we want a more regular Bible Studies?

Rev Emma Aikins

Feedback direct to Emma please.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The WWDP service this year will be held at St Clement's Church, Kingston Road, Ewell on Friday 3rd March at 2:00pm. The service has been arranged by the women of the Philippines.

A fundraising Bring and Buy-coffee morning in aid of the charities that WWDP supports will be held on Wednesday 22nd February, 11:00am at St Clement's Church.

Exploring Anxiety and Depression at St Paul's, Howell Hill.

This is a self-help group which seeks to provide helpful perspectives in a friendly and supportive atmosphere, but does not provide counselling or therapy. Professional and experienced speakers will help us to look at the causes and consequences of anxiety and depression, and at various ways of combating these conditions. There is also ample time for discussion. The course starts on Wednesday, 22nd February at 7:45 pm and runs for 10 weeks. If you would like to come along, or wish to discuss whether it would be right for you, please contact Judith at exploringanxietydepression@gmail.com or by phone at 07906 224056. There is a poster on our main notice board.

Church Cleaning will happen on Saturday 11th February, 10:00 'til noon, or any time in between; if you only have a short time to spare, that will be fine. Coffee at 11:00am. *Catherine*

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

BRIEF CHURCH MEETING AFTER SERVICE

Dear Friends.

At the last Church Council on 10th October 2016, it came to the attention of the council members that Vodafone Telephone Company would like to install antennas on the roof of the building of the Church. The Council voted to consider the application and to bring it to the attention of the Circuit meeting; one person abstained.

For transparency, I have copied the email of the enquiry below for you to read and also part of the process is to find out that the general members are OK with it too. I would then have to begin to complete the online property consent for Circuit approval and then passed on to the property office. I am therefore asking that we meet for about 15 minutes after the service on the 5th to ensure that the information has reached everyone.

God bless

Revd. Emma Aikins

(Minister)

To: General Enquiries & Contact Steward

The subject of your enquiry: Telecommunications Installation

I write in reference to the possibility of siting a telecommunications base station at the Methodist Church. I can confirm that we act on behalf of Vodafone Limited in this matter.

We have been instructed by our clients to identify suitable locations for a mobile telecommunications installation around Stoneleigh to improve their coverage in the surrounding areas. Having carried out a detailed survey of the area we have identified the Church as being potentially suitable to locate our equipment. We would propose to install antennas on the roof of the building of pole mounted off the gable ends. Associated equipment cabinets will also be required which can be located either on the roof, internally or at ground level.

Vodafone would be looking to secure a lease for 25 years at £8000 pa.

This would be reviewed every 5 years in line with the open market.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if the Church would be willing or otherwise to accommodate an installation on the property.

Should we progress with installation I can confirm that Mono Consultants would be responsible for all necessary approvals relating to the proposal including obtaining planning permission.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or wish to discuss the matter in greater detail.

In case you missed it . . .

Congratulations to Norma and Kevin Ashworth on becoming grandparents again. Evelyn Anne Abbitt weighed in at 5lbs 15ozs, born to Sara and Sam on 7th January, sister to James..

Church Flowers. At the moment we have very few names on the flower rota, please put your name down if you would like to provide flowers for the church. You can buy and arrange the flowers yourself or give the money to me and I will do this for you. We do hold a flower fund and will always aim to provide flowers for the Church each Sunday, so don't worry about the gaps. *Lesley.*

Dell Joint Unit. Former Unit members are planning a reunion in March 2017 and are still keen to be in touch with other ex-members. Contact can be made via DJUexmembers@gmail.com or alternatively call Nigel on 07956 917635.

Lantern Church Quiz Night. On Saturday 11th February from 6:00pm at Raynes Park. Tickets are £10 with concessions £7 - this includes a Ploughman's Supper included and entry to Quiz, and there will be a Raffle during the evening. Please bring your own non-alcoholic soft drinks - coffee or tea will be provided.

For more information or to reserve tickets please contact naomi.lantern@gmail.com or telephone Rev Margaret Adams on 020 8946 3181. The deadline for tickets is Wednesday 8th February. There is also a poster on our main notice board.

Our next . . .

Church Cleaning - Saturday 11th February, 10:00-noon

Knit & Natter - Wednesday 8th February, 10:00-noon

Fellowship Committee - Monday 6th February, 2:00pm

Finance & Property Committee - Tuesday 21st February

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday, 3rd March 2:00pm at St Clements

School Half Term - 13th-17th February

Jumble Sale

Saturday 4th February, noon-2:00pm

Thanks to all who have already volunteered to help; we seem to have plenty of help for the sale now but if there is anyone who can come and lend a hand with the clearing from 1.45pm we would be happy to see you.

If you are coming up to the church during the week and want to bring your jumble up, No. 1 room is the place to put it. Otherwise we will be at the church from 6:30pm on Friday 3rd to receive and sort donations. Thanks *Lesley*.

The coming week at SMC

Monday 30th January

DIY & Auriol Housegroups - 12:30pm at Jim's, bring a sandwich

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

Monday Night Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 31st January

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room - 'All about Roses'
with Jackie Violet. Do come and join us.*

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

Thursday, 2nd February

Thursday Prayer Group - 9:30am in the New Room

Toddlers & Carers - 10:00-11:30am in the Link Room

Link Group - 12:30pm in the Link Room

Thursday Afternoon Group - 2:30pm in the New Room

Saturday, 4th February

Jumble Sale - noon-2:00pm in the Hall and Link Room

Sunday 5th February

*Holy Communion - 10:30am, with the Rev Emma Aikins
(there will be no Baptism during this Service)*

Stewards - Catherine and Denise (Communion - Debbie)

Welcome team -Ken & Brenda, Music -Hilda, Sound - Denise

Refreshments - Gloria

Contact Details

Contact Stewards: Catherine Draper (020 8224 7966) and Denise Gould (020 8393 2155) contact@stoneleighmethodist.church.

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

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.