



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service

Sunday 14 May 2017

10:30am: Morning Worship with the Rev Margaret Adams

We welcome and thank Margaret for leading our service today.

Hymns: StF 25, 248, 690, 531, 470

Readings: Acts 7:55-60, 1Peter 2:1-10, John 14:1-14

Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Catherine and Val

Our Welcome team - Christine and Ruth

Music - Jean, Sound - Ken

Refreshments - Gloria, Tulips - Debbie

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.

Refreshments will be served after the Service; please join us.

Prayers

Please pray for Margaret leading our Service this morning and 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.

Please pray for Vivienne's brother and other team members who are cycling from the North coast of Scotland to the South coast – Peacehaven from 17th May to 17th June to raise awareness of persecuted Christians. They will be at Cheam Baptist Church on 13th June (Tuesday). Please pray for all their arrangements, for strong legs and health and for reliable bicycles. Also that God will be in their meetings and for the work of Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

Notices

Christian Aid Week – (May 14th-20th). I am very short of collectors this year so, if you are willing to help and support this very important Charity, please contact me on 020 8393 5464 as a matter of urgency. Christian Aid envelopes will be available at SMC if you do not have one delivered. If the envelope is not collected please hand it to Jim, a Steward, or put it in the weekly collection. *Jim.*

Annual Church Meeting – many thanks to Vivienne for providing a lovely hot meal and to all who provided the desserts which appeared. Everything disappeared with relish. *Catherine*

Lesley was appointed as Steward and other appointments were then made at the Special Church Council; many thanks to all.

The next Link Group Lunch will be on Thursday 18th May at the Beefeater, Tattenham Corner. Please let Barbara Airey know if you will be going. Thank you.

Courtyard Planting. Many thanks to the Cubs for planting up the baskets (next Tuesday) and planters in the courtyard for this summer. If you notice the plants flagging do use the 'hot line' in the kitchen to report it.

Roof Repairs - many thanks to Steve of South Thames Roofing (020 8397 2900) who replaced a section of flashing which had slipped off the Hall roof. Prompt and great value for money

The Rev Paul Timmis and his family will be climbing Snowdon in June, raising funds for the Love Hope Strength Foundation. This will be the first mountain Amélie and Matilda will have climbed, and the first for Paul and Rebecca since their knees started creaking. Love Hope Strength is now firmly established as the world's leading rock and roll cancer foundation - registered as a charity in 2007, and co-founded by Mike Peters, two-times cancer survivor and internationally acclaimed singer of Welsh rock band *The Alarm*. If you feel able to support Paul and family in their efforts, please go to www.justgiving.com and put 'timmistribe' in the search. Many thanks!

General Election Hustings. Organised by Churches Together, a meeting on 24th May, 7:30pm at St Paul's Howell Hill with the Epsom and Ewell candidates for the forthcoming General Election (8th June).

Coffee and Tea at 7:30pm, with the meeting starting at 8:00pm.

and looking forward . . .

SMC 80th Anniversary Sunday is on 4th June, with the Rev Dr Stan Brown returning to us to lead the Communion Service. Our friends at Ruxley have also been invited.

For the interest and pleasure of those attending it is planned to include a display of sets of SMC related photographs. If you wish to contribute photographs you can either attach your set to one of the available large display cards available in the vestry, or have them mounted for you. Please speak with Val Farley or one of the other Stewards who will either give you a display card or accept the photographs from you.

In case you missed it . . .

All Age Worship Workshop at Ruxley on Saturday 20th May, 10:00-3:45pm, with Jane Hulme. See the poster on the main notice board.

The coming week at SMC

Monday 15th May

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 16th May

Tuesday Fellowship - NO MEETING AT SMC - we are invited to Ruxley for their Fellowship Anniversary starting at 2:00pm prompt.

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

Thursday 11th May

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

Sunday 21st May

Morning Worship - 10:30am, with the Rev Emma Aikins

Stewards - Marion & Ernie

Welcome team - Jeff & Doris

Music - Vivienne, Sound - Denise

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Geoff

Contact Details

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

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

News Sheet submissions: (news, meeting/duty changes etc) should be sent to news@stoneleighmethodist.church as early as possible - using this email address (rather than individuals' emails) will always get your news to the right person for the next issue.

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