



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

## **Today's Service** **Sunday 28 May 2017** **10:30am: Morning Worship** **with Viv Newitt**

We welcome Viv and thank her for leading our service today.

*Hymns: StF 568, 315, 489, 566, 399*

*Readings: Acts 1:1-14, John 17:1-11*

*Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Catherine and Debbie

Our Welcome team - Corrinne and Norma A

Music - Jean, Sound - Ken

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Brenda & Ken

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 Viv leading our Service this morning and David at Worcester Park this evening

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 17<sup>th</sup> May-17<sup>th</sup> June to raise awareness of persecuted Christians. They will be at Cheam Baptist Church on 13<sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday).

## Viv's thoughts

*When I got up on Tuesday morning, the first thing I heard was the news about the suicide attack at the Manchester Arena. My initial reaction was disbelief, swiftly followed by horror, anger, grief. . . . and I am sure that you will all have felt very much the same way. With this in mind, I invite you during this morning's service to write down your feelings, whatever they may be. The slips of card will be placed on the Lord's Table and remain there during the service. It doesn't matter if you feel that your thoughts are unworthy or even unchristian; our God is big enough to deal with whatever we throw at Him. Towards the end of the service, we will hold a minute's silence as we think about and pray for those who have died and for all whose lives have been changed for ever. The scars may remain but Manchester will heal.*

Viv Newitt

# Notices

**Christian Aid** The total raised for Christian Aid by SMC this year was £1,354.88, up from £1,213.43 in 2016. Had it not been for two sizeable individual donations the sum would have been considerably lower. My sincere thanks, once again, to my small band of collectors - I hope they did not get too wet. *Jim (SMC Collection Organiser)*.

**Circle the City Walk.** I would like to thank you all for your sponsorship, and will be in Church on Sunday with the sponsor form in case any of you missed it. The walk was great fun filled with much singing and laughing all the way along. The welcome from the various churches was amazing. I have a lovely booklet explaining about the churches which I am sure many of you would love to see.

Needless to say I was aching the next day as walking on hard pavements is not the best thing for 'older' legs, but it was well worth it and I will certainly do it again. Anyone want to join me?

**SMC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday** is on 4<sup>th</sup> June, with the Rev Dr Stan Brown returning to us to lead the Communion Service.

**Courtyard Flowers** The Cubs have now filled all of the hanging baskets in the Courtyard and, together with the planters, this area is already looking more welcoming and will become more so as the summer continues. Many thanks to the Cubs, Leaders and parents for this - it is much appreciated.

## In case you missed it . . .

**Churches Together in Prayer.** Between 25<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June, Ascension to Pentecost, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray for concerns and that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Here at SMC, you can Pray at home or at one of the designated quiet spaces; or you can share or join in with an organised prayer activity. Please speak to Norma Jun-Tai for details.

**Elsie Price's Garden Party** in aid of Princess Alice Hospice on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 3:00pm. Tickets are £4.00 before the day and £5.00 on the day. There will be delicious cream teas available and many plants for sale. Tickets from Elsie before the day by ringing 020 8393 4998 or just pop along on the day

# The coming week at SMC

School Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

*Tuesday Fellowship – NO MEETING due to public holiday  
Breathing Space – 6:30-8:00pm, in the Church*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

*Thursday Group – 2:30-4:30pm in the New Room*

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

*Church Cleaning – 10:00am- noon. Come along and join the team to prepare for our Anniversary this Sunday - all welcome.*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

***80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service - 10:30am, with Rev Dr Stan Brown***

*Stewards – Denise and Val, Jeananne (Communion)*

*Welcome team –David & Hazel*

*Music –Hilda, Sound – Robin*

*Refreshments – DIY / Auriol, Flowers – Val*

**Church Flowers** – if you like to have flowers for a special occasion displayed in Church, dates from June 11<sup>th</sup> onwards are available. The new list for the following six months will appear shortly.

## Contact Details

**Contact Stewards:** Catherine Draper (020 8224 7966) and Denise Gould (020 8393 2155) - [contact@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stoneleighmethodist.church) – full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.