



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service

Sunday 10 September 2017

10:30am: Morning Worship with David Eagle

We welcome David and thank him for
leading our Service this morning.

Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Lesley and Catherine
Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda,
Music - Hilda, Sound - Pat P,
Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Team

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

Our Pew Collection today is for general Church purposes, and there will also be a Retiring Collection to support the Sudbury School in Ghana; please see the insert.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Prayers

Please pray for David leading our Service this morning, and also Emma at Ruxley this morning, and Richard this evening.

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.

In our thoughts and prayers we include Martine's mother and brother in Houston, and all those suffering from the effects of the disastrous weather and around the Caribbean.

Notices

Church Cleaning - many thanks to those who came yesterday to clean and tidy our Church.

Open House Bring & Share at the Manse. Emma, Bill and Nana would like to invite the congregation to the Manse in Chestnut Avenue for a Bring and Share (nibbles, desserts - alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) on Saturday 23rd September, 1:00-5:00pm. Emma would also love to receive donations of any colour hydrangea or rose plants for the Manse garden.

The Link - contributions for the next issue (October/November 2017) are due by today please. Send to the team at link@stoneleighmethodist.church or hand to Vivienne or Helen.

Methodist Prayer Book - Jeananne has 15 copies of the latest handbook to sell at £3.50 each on a first come basis. She should be in Church today.

Exploring Anxiety and Depression 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, 20th September at 7:45 pm at St Paul's, Howell Hill, and if you would like to come along, or wish to discuss whether it would be right for you, please call Judith on 07906 224056.

'**The Case for Christ**' opens at Kingston Odeon this Friday 15th September, one of only five Odeons around the UK where it is being trialled. The film tells of Lee Strobel's time as an investigative journalist in Chicago. An avowed atheist, he sets out to debunk Christianity after his wife accepts Jesus but the findings of his research surprise him.

Mike Vogel has been cast as Lee Strobel (*The Help*), while Erika Christensen (*Parenthood*) played his wife, Leslie Strobel.

Christian Resources Exhibition - is on Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th October at Sandown Park (Esher). This is a very interesting exhibition and well worth going to.

Tickets can be booked by going to the website www.creonline.co.uk where they are 50% cheaper in advance, rather than on the door. Groups of 3+ can buy for £3 each.

A special draw this time is that Terry Waite is giving a talk and signing his book - his last visit to CRE was in 1995 - www.creonline.co.uk/terrys-return-will-worth-wait/ for details.

In case you missed it . . .

Jean Hensman (Ewell United Reformed Church), who is known to many, has undergone surgery for a broken hip. At present that is all we know but we felt that her friends should have the news. *Lesley*

Summer Maintenance - has finished as intended.

My thanks go to my team of young helpers - Kate, Noah & Jacob. I also have to acknowledge our Decorators, David & Peter, our Carpet Cleaner Chris, our Courtyard Cleaner Alex, and our Fire Extinguisher service by Lloyd who was able to step in at the last minute (at half the price) when the national firm we had engaged decided they didn't want to come after all!

The next Finance & Property Committee will be considering a number of items which were suggested a little too late to include in the summer programme - do let Denise (as F&P Secretary) know as soon as possible of anything you think needs attention. *Robin*

The coming week at SMC

Monday 11th September

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 12th September

Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room with Tom Turner and pictures from Martine - all are welcome

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

Wednesday 13th September

Knit & Natter - 10:00am-noon in the Link Room

Stewards'/Leadership Team meeting - 1:00pm in the New Room

Film Club - 7:00 for 7:10pm in the Link Room. 'Hidden Figures' - the story of three brilliant Afro-American women behind the NASA space programme

Thursday 14th September

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

Sunday 17th September

Morning Worship & Baptism of Aubrey Olive Hill (Shanice Farley's daughter) - 10:30am, led by the Rev Emma Aikins

Stewards - Marion & Ernie

Welcome team - Norma A and Jeananne, Music - Vivienne

Sound and Projection - Robin, 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 other member of the Stewards' Team - Debbie Woolford, Val Farley, Marion & Ernie Baker.

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

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