



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Welcome to all, especially any here for the first time, as we worship God together

## Today's Service Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

### 10:30am: Morning Worship with Valerie Ashcroft

We welcome Valerie and thank her for  
leading our Service this morning.

*Hymns: StF 169, 242, 457, 172, 525, 177*

*Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Val and Sally

Our Welcome team - Jeff & Doris

Music - Hilda, Sound - Norma J

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Joan P

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 the work of the Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

# Prayers

Please pray for Valerie leading our Service this morning, and for Emma at Ruxley this morning and this evening.

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

# Notices

**Church Cleaning** - Many thanks to all who came along yesterday to tidy and clean the Church Centre ready for our many visitors over the Christmas period.

**Link Group** will meet on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in Room 1 for their Christmas Evening of music and readings. Please bring a favourite CD or any other seasonal material you would like to share. Everyone is welcome. *Ken*

**Whitechapel Gift/Parade Service - next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.** This year we have been asked by Whitechapel to concentrate our gift giving in the area of men's and ladies toiletries so that they can put together 'hygiene packs' suggestions include, shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors, toothbrushes (not paste), face/hand cream. As the cold weather arrives, they are also anxious to receive hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, jumpers, T shirts and padded shirts. They desperately need jeans/trousers sizes 28-36, blankets and sleeping bags, men's trainers/shoes and rucksacks.

Urgent food needs are biscuits, beans, plum tomatoes (not chopped) sugar, honey, coffee and instant chocolate, pot noodles, brown sauce, tea, squash, pepper, Nutella and breakfast cereals. Thank you for your generosity. *Steve*.

**Flower Rota** The new rota for the first half of 2019 is up on the Church Notice board (behind the current one) if anyone would like to put their name on the list. Thanks. *Lesley*

**Together at Christmas** are looking for drivers to transport guests and helpers; to either act as table hosts, or to assist with setting up, serving and/or clearing up. Please contact the organisers via email at [christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com).

**Winter Wellness Event** - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 1:00-3:00pm at the Rainbow Centre in East Street. A 'drop in' event by Epsom Council to explain the various services (not just Council run) available to help you stay safe and well this winter. You might be surprised what is available; practical help, information and support to help you stay independent and healthy.

Buses 406, 293 and E16 stop outside the Rainbow, or if you park in Hook Road multi-storey you can pay just £1.00 for 3 hours. More information on the main notice board. *CTE*

**Mince Pies** - as usual at this time of year we'd be grateful for any donations of mince pies (bought or home-made) for the Parade, Carols or Crib Services. Just leave them on the side in the kitchen in time for the services if you please - thanks in advance - *Denise*

**Christmas Leaflets** - there are a few of this year's leaflets in the holder to the left of the main notice board if you have friends and neighbours you'd like to pass a copy on to. Stoneleigh Crescent and Westways have received theirs already. *Robin*

**Poppy Appeal** - this year our collection totalled £106.25. *Robin*

## **In case you missed it . . .**

**Together at Christmas.** Are you alone at Christmas this year? Come and join us for a traditional festive dinner. Organised by Churches Together in Ewell, this offer is open to all Ewell/Stoneleigh residents at no charge - transport can be arranged. Email [Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com) or call 020 8397 7307 / 020 8393 3011.

**Cuddington Community School** are holding a Christmas Choir Concert for Senior Citizens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm; it will last about 45 minutes followed by light refreshments. If you would like to go please let me know ahead of time, as they need the numbers for catering. Thank you. *Catherine*

**Looking for volunteers!** The winter night shelter at Wimbledon Methodist Church begins for seven weeks from the beginning of January to the end of February on Mondays. If you can volunteer to help please contact Deacon Dawn on 020 8947 7395 or 07793 095834.

# The coming week at SMC

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

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

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*Tuesday Fellowship - 12:30pm in the Link Room - our annual Christmas lunch - please wear something Christmassy*

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

*Link Group - 7:30pm in Room 1*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

*Gift & Parade Service- 10:30am with John Logan and  
the Rev Emma Aikins*

*Stewards - Lesley and Debbie*

*Welcome - Ken & Brenda*

*Music - Vivienne, Sound - Tom*

*Refreshments - Scouts, Flowers - Church*

## Contact Details

**Contact:** Jeananne (07729 028850) -[contact@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:contact@stoneleighmethodist.church).

**Website:** [stoneleighmethodist.church](http://stoneleighmethodist.church) - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

**All items for future NewsSheets** should be emailed to [news@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:news@stoneleighmethodist.church) from where they will be redirected automatically to those compiling the next edition - please do not send directly to individuals (in case they're not about).

Alternatively pass to Denise or Robin, or drop into the Church letter box under the arches by room 1. We'll make every effort to get late entries published or read from the lectern if too late for the printed sheet.