Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Loving, serving and praying in the Stoneleigh Community

Sunday 13 September 2026 - 10:30am

Morning Worship with Richard Graham

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Welcome

A warm welcome to all worshipping with us here today - our Offertory this Sunday will be for the Methodist Church.

We can also accept **direct donations** to our General Church funds through our bank account 400206 20021725 using the description 'GASDS' – many thanks in anticipation.

Prayers

Please pray for **Richard** leading our Service here today and for **Emma** at Ruxley; also, for our **Stewards** and others within the Church and beyond who work quietly and often unseen for the benefit of all. We remember in our prayers those of our members not on top form just now for various reasons. Please pray also for those in **Debbie's** pastoral care group.

Notices

COFFEE MORNING – we'll be holding this Church fundraiser on Saturday 19th September (next Saturday) from 1000-1300 and **everyone** is welcome. Donations of cakes, biscuits and scones will be very much appreciated from the Church Family nearer the time – there is a list on the Communion rail for you to let us know what you can offer. Please let all your friends and neighbours know they are invited, and encourage them to drop in. *Robin*

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER – there will be a lunch in the Link Room after the Service on the 20th. Please sign the sheet on the Communion rail this week, so I know how many to cater for. Thank you, *Denise*

JOINT PRAYER GROUP. Can I remind you of the next opportunity to pray together at Worcester Park Baptist Church this **MONDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30-8.30pm**. *Paula*

MUSIC SEASON AT ST JOHN'S. For those of you who have been to events pre-Christmas at St John's before, I've put up their poster on our main Notice board at the Link room entrance. By all accounts very well produced (the events as well as the poster!) I gather tickets are going very well. *Robin*

FOODBANK – this week the **Urgent** needs are:-
Please leave in the box at the bottom of the stairs to the Church Gallery, or in the porch at 198 Stoneleigh Park Road – *thanks, Robin*

Instant Mash
Pasta / Cooking Sauce
Sweetcorn
Tinned Meat
Milk UHT (Semi Skimmed/Full Fat)
Dried Pasta in Sauce
Tinned Vegetables
Beans
Tinned Fish
Pulses
Packet Soup

Tinned Fruit
Sponge Pudding
Squash
Sugar
Biscuits
Custard

Shampoo
Hair Conditioner
Male / Female Deodorant
Washing Up Liquid
Adult Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Nappies 4, 4+, 5, 5+, 6, 6+



Epsom & Ewell Foodbank
Together with Trussell

BABY & PRE-SCHOOL BALLET
Termtime Tuesdays, we welcome this new group to SMC – leaflets by the Link room entrance - if you know any young family who might be interested. Robin

Bookings

Sunday	*private party*	*1400- 1700 in Hall*	
Monday	**Zumba Gold**	**0930- 1030 in Hall**	**contact Denise ([redacted])**
	private meeting	*1030- 1200 in room 1*	
	Ladies Badminton	**1130- 1300 in the Hall**	**contact Tina ([redacted])**
	Conquest Art	**1400- 1600 in Link room**	**contact Lesley ([redacted])**
	private meeting	*1900- 2200 in Link room*	
Tuesday	*Private dance*	*0930- 1030 in Hall*	*see leaflets for Ascenda Dance*
	Tuesday Fellowship	**1430- in Link room**	**with Deacon Dawn Canham**
Wednesday	*private meeting*	*1000- 1200 in room 1*	
	Badminton	1330- 1500 in the Hall	
	Badminton	**1945- 2115 in the Hall**	
Thursday	**Carers & Toddlers**	**0900- 1200, Link room & Hall**	
	private activity	*1830- 2030 in Link room*	
Friday	**Hartbeeps**	**08:30- 1330 in Link room**	**see posters on Notice boards**
	Table Tennis	**1400- 1600 in the Hall**	**pop in Friday pm to enquire**
Saturday	**SMC Coffee morning**	**1000- 1300 in the Link room**	
Sunday	**Holy Communion**	**1030– in Church**	**with the Rev Emma Cusack**
	Lunch	*1200- 1400 in the Link room (have you put your name down?)*	

Thursday Zoom Prayer Group

Thursday	**Morning Prayer**	**0915- 1000**	**Click here or** *Meeting ID: 825 5146 8861 Passcode: 496144*

MILK BOTTLE TOPS. Thanks to all those who have kindly collected and donated the screw tops from plastic milk bottles. Our regular recipient for these has ceased collecting, and I have been unable to find a suitable alternative who is interested in the quantities we could supply. *Robin*

Sunday Worship, 13 September, 10:30am

Led by Richard Graham

Watch live or at any time convenient to you on YouTube: youtu.be/D4j775zhVJ4

Welcome, Notices, and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 103, from Singing the Faith 823 AC

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and all that is within me
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with faithful love
and compassion;

Who satisfies you with good things
so that your youth is renewed
like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us
according to our sins,
nor rewarded us
according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those
who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those
who fear him.

For he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord
is from of old and endures for ever
on those who fear him, and his
righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments
to do them.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and listen to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hymn: Mission Praise 488

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your Church with life and power;
O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come, bend us, break us,
'til humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore; for this we plead.

O breath of love, come, breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your Church in every part.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting –
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Head (Bessie Porter Head) (1850-1936)

Prayer of Adoration Roots

Eternal God,
through you all things are possible:
seas become dry land; darkness is lit up;
oppressors are overcome; the oppressed are saved;
fear becomes fortitude; death becomes life;
slaves are freed; despair blossoms into hope.
We praise you, God, our creator,
Jesus, our saviour and Holy Spirit, our comforter.
We praise you. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession Roots

Loving God, forgive us, we pray,
when we go against your wishes,
when we ignore your presence with us,
when we lead others into wrong ways,
when we pursue that which is reckless and bad for us.

Forgive us, and help us to trust
that your light is stronger than our darkness,
your creativity stronger than our destructiveness,
and your faithfulness stronger than our doubt.

A moment of silence.

God of power and presence,
your grace goes ahead of us,
drawing us away from the sins that drag us down.
Your forgiveness heals us from all that has drawn us away from you and others.
Your love is in our midst, giving us courage, leading us on
and guiding us to your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 2231

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord . . .

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord. . .
Bless the Lord . . .

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing your praise unending:
ten thousand years and then for ever more!
Bless the Lord . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.
I'll worship your holy name;
yes, I'll worship your holy name.

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman
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Readings: Exodus 14: 19-31 NIV

19-20 The angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long.

21-22 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

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[29] But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. [30] That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. [31] And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Psalm 114 NIV

1 When Israel came out of Egypt,
    Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
2 Judah became God's sanctuary,
    Israel his dominion.

3 The sea looked and fled,
    the Jordan turned back;
4 the mountains leaped like rams,
    the hills like lambs.

5 Why was it, sea, that you fled?
    Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
6 Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
    you hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
    at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 who turned the rock into a pool,
    the hard rock into springs of water.

Prayer of Praise 500

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we, like the psalmist of old, tremble in your presence.
We too come ready for your refreshing Spirit
to wash over us and cleanse us completely.

Lord, too often we live out our days
in the lukewarm waters of the past
when all the time you are offering us the chance to begin again.
When the past haunts us and the future frightens us
we need to remember that today is all we have
and it is your special gift to us – empowering us for your glory.

When, like the people of God in the wilderness,
we are hungry and thirsty and we know we have lost our way

you reach out in love and draw us to yourself.
By grave you feed us on the Word of God
and by the Holy Spirit we are never thirsty again.

Lord, so great, so understanding.
Lord, our sovereign and Saviour.
Lord, you deal with our hunger for life.
Lord, you quench our thirst for life eternal.
You are like a spring of cool water
that refreshes us heart and soul.
You are like manna in the wilderness;
we feed deeply on the God made flesh.
You remind us to return again and again to the place of refreshment
and you call us home to drink deeply
at the wells of salvation, renewal, and hope.

Lord, we praise you that by your grace we can be filled
and through your Holy Spirit we can be restored.
Wonderful, wonderful God,
we praise you for offering to deal with the struggles of our hearts and minds.
You are the endless source of supply of all that matters
as we give thanks to the Lord of all glory. **Amen.**

Hymn: Singing the Faith 107

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn mine eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

God's hand is my perpetual guard,
he guides me with his eye;
why should I then forget the Lord,
whose love is ever nigh?

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Reflection

Offertory Hymn: Singing the Faith 113

O worship the King, all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
your ransomed creation, though feeble our praise,
in true adoration our voices we raise.

Robert Grant (1779–1838)

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of Intercession Roots

Almighty and all-knowing God, your world and all its people are in your hands. You alone see the big picture. You alone know your plans, plans to prosper and not to harm us. And yet it is hard not to feel anxious and uncertain when we look around us and see so much need for prayer.

Yours is a path of generosity, grace and peace, but your children are led astray with greed, intolerance and violence. We ask your blessing on the peace-makers - those seeking to mediate between warring nations and factions and individuals. Encourage and strengthen them, giving them the right words to say. May your Holy Spirit infuse the hearts of those who wield power and influence, that they may prioritise justice, safety and wellbeing for all.

Lord of all mercy and guidance,
help us trust your love and your leading, as we journey on together.

God, who led your people to safety in treacherous times, we pray for those who are in danger at this time; those who make the news such as the victims of the floods in Nepal and China, the volcano in Indonesia or the collapsed building in Delhi, and those whose situation goes unnoticed by others. We pray for those who put their lives at risk to seek sanctuary in another country due to danger at home, not knowing what kind of welcome they will receive. Bless all who work to support those in danger and in need, and may our hearts be filled with compassion and understanding.

Lord of all mercy and guidance,
help us trust your love and your leading, as we journey on together.

Creator and carer of all, you see the needs of each individual and long to lead them from all that holds them back from living life in all its fullness. We pray for those whose mental health is affected by their situation, those who are limited by anxiety or lack of understanding of how to navigate the circumstances they find themselves in. We bring before you all whose quality of life is marred by poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and lack of opportunity.

We pray for those who are sick or who feel held back by weakness or impairment, and for those who mourn. May your love and comfort envelop them, your strength infuse them, and your Spirit encourage them. Strengthen and equip those who work amongst them and move us with compassion to help where we can, whether it be practically, emotionally or financially.
Lord of all mercy and guidance,
help us trust your love and your leading, as we journey on together.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Singing the Faith 465

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillars
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717–1791)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–1796)

Blessing

Help us, God,
to go with you, knowing you're leading us:
out of bad choices and into good choices,
out of fighting and into peace,
out of hate and into love.
Help us to know you with us,
walking alongside us in all of life.

Roots

And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life
remain with us now and for ever. **Amen.**

Trad

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen

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