Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Loving, serving and praying in the Stoneleigh Community

Sunday 4 October 2026 - 10:30am

Favourite Hymns and Songs

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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.

Prayers

Please pray for those taking our Service this morning, 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 **Denise's** pastoral care group.

Notices

CHURCH CLEANING Many thanks to the Cleaning Team for their efforts yesterday. The next planned Cleaning Day will be on 24 October to accommodate other events, and then 5 December.

HARVEST DONATIONS – As we approach our Harvest Parade Service on the 11th October, we will be repeating the donation requests we made last year - ie tinned and dried food, as our usual weekly request **PLUS Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**.

Fruit and vegetables should be brought to the Service on the 11th (other foodstuffs etc can be placed in the Church during the preceding week.)



All donations will be distributed either by Foodbank, or indirectly by the Church to those in need via local Pantries and Churches in the Methodist Circuit.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Bookings

Entries in **bold** are open to the public, in *italic either strictly private, or* you need to book in advance -(if no contact is given then phone us on 020 8393 2155 for details.)

Monday	**Zumba Gold**	**0930- 1030 in Hall**	**contact Denise**
	Ladies Badminton	**1130- 1300 in Hall**	**contact Tina**
	Conquest Art	**1400- 1600 in Link room**	**contact Lesley**
	private activity	*1830- 1930 in Hall*	
	private meeting	*1900- 2200 in Link room*	
Tuesday	*private dance*	*0930- 1030 in Hall*	*see leaflets for Ascenda Dance*
	private meeting	*1000- 1200 in room 1*	
	Fellowship Film	**1400- 1630 in Link room**	**Paddington 3**
Wednesday	*private meeting*	*1300- 1630 in Link room*	
	Badminton	1330- 1500 in Hall	
	Badminton	**1945- 2115 in Hall**	
Thursday	**Carers & Toddlers**	**0900- 1200, Link room & Hall**	
	private activity	*1830- 2030 in Link room*	
Friday	**Hartbeeps**	**0830- 1330 in Link room**	**see posters on Notice boards**
	Table Tennis	**1400- 1600 in Hall**	**pop in Friday pm to enquire**
	private activity	*1800-1030 (Sat), Hall & Link room*	
Saturday	*private party*	*1330- 1630 in Hall*	
Sunday	**Harvest- Parade**	**1030- in Church**	**with the Rev Emma Cusack**

Thursday Zoom Prayer Group

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

INTER CHURCH PRAYER The next meeting will be on Monday 12th October, 1930-- 2030 at Worcester Park Baptist Church. All are most welcome. Both in quietness and in led prayer, we come together to listen to and converse with God.

Thank you, and God bless you

Paula

Favourite Hymns & Songs
Sunday 4 October, 10:30am

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

Welcome, Notices, and Prayer for the Church Family

Call to Worship: Verses from Psalm 19 NCV

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the skies announce what his hands have made.
2 Day after day they tell the story;
night after night they tell it again.
3 They have no speech or words;
they have no voice to be heard.
4 But their message goes out through all the world;
their words go everywhere on earth.

7 The teachings of the LORD are perfect;
they give new strength.
The rules of the LORD can be trusted;
they make plain people wise.
8 The orders of the LORD are right;
they make people happy.
The commands of the LORD are pure;
they light up the way.
9 Respect for the LORD is good;
it will last forever.
The judgments of the Lord are true;
they are completely right.

14 I hope my words and thoughts please you.
LORD, you are my Rock, the one who saves me.

Prayer of Approach Roots

Awesome God,
we join our voices with the choir of creation:
as the sun rises at dawn, so does our love for you;
as the moon illuminates the night sky,
so our love shines brightly for you;

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as the words of Scripture are opened to us,
so our lives are opened to you,
trusting that the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts will honour you,
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.
Amen.

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 28

Chosen by Pat

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

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Prayer of Praise

Roots

We praise you, Holy God, for the gift of your law,
which guides us into a right relationship with you,
with those around us and with all creation.

For your grace, **we praise you.**
For your love, **we cherish you.**
For your holiness, **we honour you.**
And for the gift of eternal life through your Son, Jesus, **we worship you.**
Amen.

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 953

Chosen by Richard

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore You,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise!

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Reading: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-10a, 12-20 NCV

[1] Then God spoke all these words:

[2] "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt where you were slaves.

[3] "You must not have any other gods except me.

[4] "You must not make for yourselves an idol that looks like anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the water below the land.

[7] "You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly; the Lord will punish anyone who misuses his name.

[8] "Remember to keep the Sabbath holy. [9-10] Work and get everything done during six days each week, but the seventh day is a day of rest to honour the Lord your God.

[12] "Honour your father and your mother so that you will live a long time in the land that the Lord your God is going to give you.

[13] "You must not murder anyone.

[14] "You must not be guilty of adultery.

[15] "You must not steal.

[16] "You must not tell lies about your neighbour.

[17] "You must not want to take your neighbour's house. You must not want his wife or his male or female slaves, or his ox or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

[18] When the people heard the thunder and the trumpet, and when they saw the lightning and the smoke rising from the mountain, they shook with fear and stood far away from the mountain. [19] Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself, and we will listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we will die."

[20] Then Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come to test you. He wants you to respect him so you will not sin."

A Thought Roots

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 646 Chosen by Vivienne

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.

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Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,
and to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die.

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Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46 NCV

33 "Listen to this story: There was a man who owned a vineyard. He put a wall around it
and dug a hole for a winepress and built a tower. Then he leased the land to some
farmers and left for a trip. 34 When it was time for the grapes to be picked, he sent his
servants to the farmers to get his share of the grapes. 35 But the farmers grabbed the
servants, beat one, killed another, and then killed a third servant with stones. 36 So the
man sent some other servants to the farmers, even more than he sent the first time. But
the farmers did the same thing to the servants that they had done before. 37 So the man
decided to send his son to the farmers. He said, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when
the farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This son will inherit the vineyard. If we
kill him, it will be ours!' 39 Then the farmers grabbed the son, threw him out of the vineyard,
and killed him. 40 So what will the owner of the vineyard do to these farmers when he
comes?"

41 The priests and leaders said, "He will surely kill those evil men. Then he will lease the
vineyard to some other farmers who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Surely you have read this in the Scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone.
The Lord did this,
and it is wonderful to us.' [Ps 118: 22-23]

43 "So I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people
who do the things God wants in his kingdom. 44 The person who falls on this stone will be
broken, and on whomever that stone falls, that person will be crushed."
45 When the leading priests and the Pharisees heard these stories, they knew Jesus was
talking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the people,
because the people believed that Jesus was a prophet.

A Thought

Roots

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 870

Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names,
the highest heaven and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.

We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.

Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last shall see
that Jesus is our God.

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Prayer of Confession

Roots

God of truth,
it is hard to admit that we have failed to honour you,
but we bring our confession and our sorrow to you now.
It is hard to admit that we have disrespected you,
but we bring our confession and our sorrow to you now.
It is hard to admit that we have tried to tame you
and make you in our own image,
but we bring our confession and our sorrow to you now.
It is hard to admit that our standards have fallen below yours,
but we bring our confession and our sorrow to you now.
We ask for your forgiveness in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Generous God,
as Moses reassured the Israelites,
so we thank you that his words echo through the ages;
equipping us to trust that we need not be afraid of our past;
giving us confidence in your healing and restoring grace;
enabling us to take the next step, to overcome our mistakes,
being guided by your law to live lives worthy of you,
reflecting your love and honouring your holiness.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 2 Chosen by Jo

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Reveal thyself before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of Intercession Roots

God of truth and justice, we pray for all those living in war zones around the world, in places of extreme violence and fear. We remember especially the people of Gaza, of Yemen, of Sudan, of Ukraine and pray for all who are killed and maimed by those who have made a god of power.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for our world leaders that they would honour all that is good, right and just and be given humility, wisdom and integrity in their dealings with one another and in the decisions which impact the lives of so many.

We pray for more positive relationships between nations of different faiths and different cultures and for all who stand up for peace and freedom in nations where both these things are stifled.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for everyone who has been exploited by those who have made a god of money and material possessions. We pray especially for the victims of scams and theft, for those who have given their money away in moments of vulnerability, and for all who are struggling with debt.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for all those who have been dishonoured by others, publicly in the media, or privately; in their relationships, at work, or school or college. We pray for those who are abused or discriminated against because of their faith, appearance, or sexuality.

We pray for our church community and those who guide and lead us. We pray for those we know who are struggling today and those who are struggling behind closed doors, for those who are ill or isolated or who feel lost. We pray for one another, for grace that we would not dishonour you by our life choices or by disrespecting those around us.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We ask these things in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Songs of Fellowship 2231

Chosen by Pat

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.

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Blessing

Lord, Jesus, we have honoured you here and now in our worship.
Help us to honour you in our lives as we love and serve you.
Help us to honour you in our dealings with everyone we meet.
Amen.

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.

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