

Letter from Gt Bromley Church to the descendants of Simon and Gregory Stone

May 2020

Dear Susanne and friends across the pond

I thought I would take time to write to you all. In these most difficult and unusual times I was tidying my filing system and I came across your lovely photos and relived every one of your visits to St George's, the lovely lunches, cups of tea, coffee and cakes.

It has given me such pleasure over the years to meet you all; without exception you are wonderful people, wonderful friends. I have found a few of your email addresses and I hope you will pass on my best wishes and thanks to those I have missed.

I have to thank Susanne and Ben for sending our Parochial Church Council such a wonderful cheque towards the upkeep of our lovely church. Your support is so appreciated and encouraging.

We have several projects on the go at the moment:

- ☆ Refurbishing the North Aisle (The Stone Aisle)
- ☆ Repairing the steps in the tower
- ☆ Improving the ringing chamber for the bellringers
- ☆ Restoring the windows in the ringing chamber



Here is a photograph of ongoing work in the Stone Aisle to repair and relay the floor and reorder the seating to allow for a social space.

Works are always ongoing on our Grade I listed building, so your gift is so very much appreciated. The church is water-tight and decorated and the windows repaired, so a big 'thank you' to you all for helping with these restoration projects.

St George's is currently closed and we don't expect to reopen until July, so no services, weddings or baptisms. It feels very odd not even

being able to let anyone in to the church.

We are also losing our vicar imminently, so once more we will be in an interregnum. We cannot begin the process of seeking a new incumbent until services are resumed and meetings can be held again.

So many lovely things were planned for this year especially around VE day earlier this month but all had to be cancelled. My husband is Chairman of the Parish Council so we did stand at the war memorial for the silence at 11am on VE day.

So St George's remains locked and silent but I go in once a week to make sure all is safe and secure.

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and perhaps when this terrible virus is overcome you will venture over to see us again. It would be so lovely to see you here.



These lovely ladies were the last to visit in March 2019 but I can't find any contact details for them - can you help?

So, cheers from St G's and we hope to see you again soon.

Much love to you all

Jenny x