



Dear Supporters of St. George's in Great Bromley;

This has been a challenging and dynamic year for everyone, including St George's and the residents of Great Bromley.

Visits from Stone descendants were of course way down, but with the vaccine there's real hope that we can travel again starting this fall. St. George's will be pleased to receive you and show you around, so that you can have an interesting and enjoyable time there.

If you or members of your family are planning a trip for later this year or next, just contact Jenny Nicholls in Great Bromley and she'll do her best to help you with your planning. Jenny and others have developed a new, colorful church newsletter, which you can receive by contacting her at jennicholls66@gmail.com.

The lockdown has inspired real innovation at St George's! They have developed a new YouTube site for the church where one can see parts of services, etc. They also made a video of the bells of St George's, quite melodious and well done! You can see the videos by going to YouTube and typing in St. George's Church, Great Bromley.

Just as background, Susanne Page had the vision and energy to organize the first Stone Family Descendants' Reunion at St George's in 2002. She worked closely with the late Jean Harding to plan a memorable event that brought 55 Stone descendants from all over the U.S. to Great Bromley, and included gala dinners, wonderful tours to various sites, a Sunday service, and much more. Susanne did all this work this entirely as a volunteer and before the internet had become as simple and easy to use as it is now.

Susanne subsequently arranged two Stone reunions in America, one in Boston and the other on Cape Cod. Both events were very well organized, and had a strong turnout. The Cape Cod event was held at The Lighthouse which unbeknownst to Susanne at the time, is owned by a Stone descendant, Gregory Stone!

Susanne has now moved to Virginia, and I had a very nice visit with her there earlier this year. Should you wish to contact her, she's at susannecalistapage@mac.com.

Because we've worked together for so long, Susanne has asked me to succeed her as the President of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Churches, the American non-profit formed to handle U.S. donations to St George's.

While this has been a challenging year, better times are coming as the vaccine takes hold and life resumes its normal pace. I look forward to staying in touch; you can reach me at beox@sonic.net.

With all best wishes for the New Year,

Ben Stone