

# Stanton House



Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

We once again apologise for the lack of communication over this last year. We have seen a few changes this year with John and Ruth leaving, Jonathan and Alison joining in January and Mike and Liz coming on board in August. We have also had a changeover of volunteers!



The changeover of volunteers was staggered this year with Fanni being the last volunteer to leave of the annual volunteers. Meredith, from the US, was with us for a month, Hanna, from Germany for 2 weeks and Bekki, also from Germany, joined us for 6 weeks. Kyle, Mike and Liz's son, as well as Amy, Jonathan and Alison's daughter, also helped out when we were short staffed over the end of summer period.



Our new longer term volunteers have arrive. Reka joined us from Hungary with Abel, a fellow Hungarian, and Marianne, from Germany, coming in a couple of weeks later. We are privileged to have them with us and we certainly appreciate all their help.



We are thrilled to have Mike and Liz Schippers join our team. We are now a full complement. Mike and Liz have moved from Quiet Waters Christian Retreat House in Bungay, Suffolk where they worked for the last three years. They are originally from Zimbabwe but have been in the UK since 2005 doing various jobs. They have four children and eight grandchildren. We pray that they will settle in quickly!

Alison and Jonathan have now been at Stanton House for eight months. It has been a real challenge with Alison feeling totally out of her comfort zone, needing to cook and do online food shopping – something she has never done before. Jonathan, likewise, had to take on the dual responsibilities of bookings and finances. For both it was a matter of sink or swim! However, both have grown through the experience and are still smiling. They do have a rather pressing commitment later this year – a return to South Africa in December for their youngest daughter, Lucy's wedding!





Please pray for:

- the team that they will gel and have a light yoke.
- the trustees that they will serve with wisdom and understanding.
- the volunteers that they will settle down and feel at home here and that they will understand the culture and the language!
- the guests that they meet with God, have a relaxing stay and encounter Holy Spirit.
- Provision for all the necessary maintenance and upkeep of the House.



Talking of money raising, we have a new project just for 2018. This year is the House's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Since the House is quite old there are always projects we would like to tackle but have to prioritize due to financial constraints so we would thought it would be good to initiate a fund accepting gifts of £40 for our 40<sup>th</sup>! So, if any of you would like to celebrate with us in this way please send an anniversary donation of £40, or multiples of £40 (!) (gift aided if you can!!) to us to add to our anniversary appeal to bolster our funds. At the moment we are not earmarking it for a specific project – that will depend on how much we raise and what is most pressing when the time comes. We will be very grateful for anything you send. You can donate by sending a cheque payable to Stanton House Trust, or making a bank transfer. The details to do this are available from the office.

We look forward to our annual carol service to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> December after which the House closes, re-opening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019!!

Please let us know if you no longer wish to receive our prayer and newsletter so that we can remove you from our mailing list.

Thank you so much to all of you for your love, support and prayers. May the Lord bless you richly through the coming year.

*Adrian and Alison*

*Mike and Liz*

*Jonathan and Alison*

