

Stanton House

**I saw a throne in Heaven and Someone sitting on it.
The One sitting on the throne
was as brilliant as gemstones
—like jasper and carnelian.
And the glow of an emerald
circled His throne like a rainbow ...
From the throne came flashes of lightning
and the rumble of thunder.**

Revelation 4 vs 2-5



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Dear Friends

This is perhaps an unusual verse with which to start an Easter Prayer Letter. In John's account of his vision of Heaven we see the Eternal God enthroned in Glory, worshipped by thousands upon thousands, millions upon millions of angels. And yet this Eternal, Creator God gave up His life to be crucified on a cross for those He had created, to rescue us from eternal death. The true magnitude of this is simply too much for our human minds to properly comprehend. How can we His children not respond this Easter with the words "Father, You gave Your all for me. I, therefore, gladly give You my all"?

Stanton House cannot thrive as a place without prayer, both yours and ours; which is why we value the fact that we have Trustees and friends who're standing with us in prayer. We believe that God is blessing the ministry of this place because of the prayers that are being uttered. A constant flow of bookings is keeping the Office busy and the Kitchen humming, with an increasing number of day groups and individuals who are wanting to make space in their busy lives to spend time with God. We'd really appreciate your prayers that He will continue to bring in the guests and also for the physical and emotional strength for us as a Team to do the task well.

As a Community here at Stanton House each working day starts in simple worship and reading around the kitchen table; after our Tuesday lunch we celebrate the breaking of bread (the kitchen table has become the hub for us as the Stanton House family). Hungarian, Italian, German, English, Zimbabwean and South African ... a wonderfully rich kaleidoscope of culture and nationality with our intent and purpose being to serve God in this place. We'd so appreciate your prayers for us as a Team: for unity of heart and mind.



We believe our role as a Team is to provide warm and welcoming hospitality to our guests so that God can touch their lives. "Warm and welcoming hospitality" would be impossible without the help of our four delightful volunteers: Àbel, Marianne, Réka and Serena (our new, sparkling Italian). What a God-send they are and without them Stanton House's



Our mother and daughter Garden Team

ministry would be seriously curtailed. Please pray with us that while they're here they'll grow in their love for Jesus. Pray too for physical strength for the demands that are made on them ... and for lots of fun and laughter too.

Forward planning is crucial for a place like Stanton House and we are already in the throes of arranging for young volunteers to help out over the summer and also

from September until July 2020. We'd be grateful if you'd pray with us that God will bring the right young folk to help in the House: that it will be a growing time for them and a blessing to our ministry in this place.

Protection here at Stanton House, both spiritual and physical, is a factor for which we're so thankful to God. His protection has been so evident up 'til now and we trust Him for His further protection against all major mishaps. Likewise, in our relationships with our neighbours: please pray for God's continued blessing as we build up contact with those living around us, for good neighbourliness and harmony.

In closing, there's a beautiful worship song that well describes what we as a Team long to see here as we serve God in the House: "Holy Spirit, You are welcome here, Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere ..." More than anything else, we ask Him to flood, fill and "overcome" us - and all who come through our doors - with His presence. We know Him to be a most loving, merciful and gracious God Who longs for Stanton House to be a place of healing and restoration, and also a light shining in the community. So, if you don't pray for anything else for this place, please pray for this ... for God's glory to flood this place.

May God bless you very specially this Easter.

Adrian and Alison, Mike and Liz,

Jonathan and Alison

¹ Bryan and Katie Torwalt, Bethel Music



A quiet spot in the Kitchen Garden