

Great Bromley Letter to America, December 2017



Dear Susanne and all our friends in America and beyond,

Another year has absolutely flown by! St George's has seen many visitors from America, some visiting for the second or third time. It gives me such great pleasure to meet such lovely people who make time in their busy holiday schedules to visit Great Bromley in the depths of Essex.

At least seven Stone family visitors from all over America visited in 2017. (According to the Visitors' Book there have been even more.) I have met them at Colchester or Manningtree Railway Stations or some even hired a car and drove themselves to Great Bromley. Here are the visitors I met this year:

May	David and Lisa Revell Stone	Oregon
	David Cutting and his sister	Oregon
June	Jane Stone Curtis Cheryl Stone Pervier	Watertown
July	Kurt and Rosemary Johnson	Oregon
	Brian de Rosier <i>(Brian's second visit to St George's!)</i>	Connecticut
September	Gail and Louis Pucci	

All our visitors seem in awe of our beautiful church; they love the Stone window, as we do, as well as the double hammerbeam roof, and are always keen to make donations towards the upkeep of our church so that future generations can enjoy the building. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Churches Inc was formed for this purpose by Ben Stone and it has promised support in the coming year. We are in turn awe-struck by such generosity and are extremely grateful for your kindness and support.



The good news at the end of 2017 is that all the legal documents and licensing are complete for the new local parishes' structure. The Bromleys now have a vicar (no longer a rector), the Revd Canon Simon Heron, who has been inducted, is very interested in your story and is looking forward to meeting some of you in the future.

The Vicar is pictured with the Revd Sally Morris (on the left) who regularly leads worship at St George's and also the Revd Gill Moore, with the Venerable Annette Cooper, the Archdeacon of Colchester, who stands behind in the vestry.

Here are a couple of photographs taken throughout the year to give you a little glimpse of life here in Great Bromley.

'Rainbows' was the title of our very successful flower festival this year. A fantastic effort by the school, village hall, cricket club, Women's Institute, Cheshire Home, with all the organisations in the village working together raising nearly £3000 for church funds. You'll see by the photographs how beautiful the church looked.



The Rt Revd Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester, with Little Dragons Pre-school at St George's, Great Bromley.

Best wishes to you all for a happy 2018!

Jenny