



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

15th October 2017 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Helen Bell

Organist: Sheila Giles

Welcome followed by introduction and call to worship

Hymn: STF 673 “Will you come and follow me”

Prayers of adoration and confession

Reading: Mark 1, vv 16-20 reader David Dumper

Children’s time: “Fishing for people!!”

Hymn: STF 397 “The spirit lives to set us free,”

Readings: Mark 8, vv 34-35 reader Maureen Beckett
Acts 2, vv 42-47

Sermon: “Following Jesus will be an awfully big adventure”

Hymn: STF 661 “Give me the faith which can remove”

Offering

Prayers of intercession led by Fred Bell

Hymn: STF 581 “Come, my table is a meeting place,”

Holy Communion (MWB page 215)

Hymn: STF 465 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,”

Blessing

STRATFORD METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

“Our vision is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us and to provide a place of witness for all people.”

WELCOME TO ALL



Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Dates for this week.

Today Christmas Cards for sale after the service – in aid of Action for Children.

Today Friendship Lunch for those who have pre-booked.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

Monday 2.30pm Bible study in the lounge.

Tuesday 10am Prayer group.

Tuesday 10am - 12 noon Knit, Stitch and Natter.

Tuesday 12.30pm Would anyone like to join me for Meet and Eat at our Henley Church? There is an excellent chippy next door or take along a packed lunch. I travel on the X20 leaving Stratford at 11.50am, or you could travel the short distance by car. Kath

Tuesday 7.30pm Church Council.

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

Monday October 23rd Beetle Drive from 4pm. Tickets, available from Shirley Dumper, are £5 and £2.50 for children, and include drinks and hot dogs.

Saturday November 4th 3pm Skittles with light refreshments. This is the last money raiser for Restore - .£5, and half price for school children. It is great fun for all ages and perfectly possible to bowl from a sitting position as well as standing. We aim to score a thousand skittles in as short a time as possible

Sunday November 5th Ivy Calvert wishes to invite members of the church family and friends to an afternoon gathering with entertainment --
“WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS” from 3.30pm to 5.00pm in The New Room. If you would like to attend you are asked to contact Ivy on 01789 267396 by October 23rd to reserve a space and for catering numbers.
Donations in aid of ACTION FOR CHILDREN.

Lilian Fitton has two preaching appointments for which she needs transport - 22nd October to Mickleton and 19th November to Willersey. If you are able to help Lilian please speak to her or telephone on 01789 294085.

Our collection of second hand books is getting rather depleted, and as we are having a book stall at the bazaar will you start bringing in books please.
We also need 200 prizes for the tombola stall.
Soup will be served for lunch, and can be brought in any time and stored in the freezer.

A circuit prayer from Welford

We pray that as our little church considers its priorities for the next year, our plans to care for others will enable us to live out our commitment to love our neighbours

as ourselves. Holy Spirit, guide us in caring for physical issues: as in help for the Birmingham City Mission, and with a collection of tools, wheelchairs, sewing machines ... to be recycled and shipped to Africa; with faith-deepening and fellowship in our post-Christmas carol service and our Welford lectures as well as our regular worship. May we be true to our calling to follow the life and example of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sunday 22nd October 10.30am Worship led by Revd. Ian Mead

NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES: to Gillian Bowers
email:-gillianbathome@hotmail.com by WEDNESDAY please.

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