



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

17th September 2017 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Rosemary Fletcher
Richardson

Organist: Philip

Welcome to worship

Scripture sentences: verses from Psalm 103 v 1-4

Hymn: STF 499 “Great God, your love has called us here”

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession (Hymn STF 419 – sung seated)

Declaration of forgiveness

Collect for today (MWB page 554)

Readings: Daniel 9, vv 7-10 reader Graham Hollowell
Matthew 18, vv 21-35 reader Evelyn Ho

Hymn: STF 423 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

Sermon

Meditation and silence

Hymn: STF 504 “May the mind of Christ my Saviour,”

Prayers of intercession (response is - Help us to give our lives to you)

The Lord’s prayer (Hymn STF 762 – sung seated)

Offering and prayer of dedication (MWB page 191 - said together)

The Peace (MWB page 189)

Hymn: STF 575 “Before I take the body of my Lord,”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (MWB pages 191 -196)

Prayer (MWB page 197 para 30 - said together)

Hymn: STF 620 “Thou God of truth and love,”

Blessing (MWB page 197)

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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 the coming week.

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 Henley Meet and Eat, I will be travelling on the 11.50am, X20 bus. If anyone is free to join me bring your lunch or have hot food from "the chippie" next door to the church. It would be great for Stratford to support Henley. _

Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Wednesday 8pm A meeting to arrange the next Own Arrangement. We hope the men will take part in this, so come along if you are willing to participate.

Friday 9.30am – 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm – 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

Sunday 24th September There will be a short meeting after the service for anyone willing to help man the foyer on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday on a rota system.

Thursday 28th September 12 noon The funeral service in the church for Marilyn Miatt. If you intend attending the funeral and wish to stay for a light lunch please sign the list in the Wesley Hall.

Sunday 1st October is our Harvest Festival. Please bring any flowers, tins or produce for decorating the church on the Saturday morning, or tins or produce to the Sunday service. We will auction the produce after the service and proceeds will go to 'All We Can'.

Saturday 7th October 7.30pm Ballard Singers concert in aid of Action for Children. Tickets are now available at £10 from Kath Marriott, Evelyn Ho or Gillian Bowers.

Sunday 15th October the service will be taken by Revd. Helen Bell and we will hold a Friendship Lunch so she can meet with us informally. If you wish to attend please sign the form in the Wesley Hall so we know how many to cater for.

With apologies for the delay, Sheila Brown would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all who marked her retirement with so many gifts and warm wishes. The beautiful gift and very generous cheque from the circuit was really appreciated (as was the giant courgette) and the Retirement Service was truly special. Thanks to all who made it so and I look forward to catching up with you all after my op. Every blessing, Sheila

The new Prayer Handbooks are now available from Kath Fraser at £3.50 each. Really good value. A great aid praying for the church locally and worldwide.

It is the time of year for the annual review of CHURCH KEY HOLDERS. Over the next few weeks I shall be checking the list of key holders.

If, due to changing rolls, you no longer need church keys, feel you need access to a key, or are not sure if you are on the key holder list, could you please let me know. Many thanks, Shirley Dumper 01789 550193

Circuit prayer from Stratford

Loving Father, We thank you for placing us in community so that we can live, love and worship together. So many times we are aware of your surrounding and steadfast love through the loving support and encouragement of those around us. Help us always to be sensitive to the needs of others so we may grieve with those who mourn and rejoice with those who are celebrating. From the Gospels we see how Jesus did exactly that. We remember at this time those who are suffering because of natural disasters and pray for those who are trying to help them. You hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 24th September 10.30am Worship led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

Barnaby Felix Rose will be baptised during the service.

Sunday 24th September at 6.30pm there will be a service led by the Rev'ds Israel Selvanayagam and Eric Lott to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Church of South India (CSI). The Rev'd J.S.M.Hooper, a founding father of CSI, attended our church when he retired to Hampton Lucy.

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

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