



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

All Age Worship for Harvest

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 @ 10.30am

**Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson  
Giles**

**Organist: Sheila**

**Choir introit** “Joyful, joyful”

**Call to worship** Psalm 104, vv 24-28, 31

**Prayer of praise**

**Hymn: STF 121** “Autumn days when the grass is jewelled,”

**Introduction to theme with JAM**

**JAM leave**

**Prayers of confession and thanksgiving**

**Hymn: STF 123** “Come, you thankful people, come,”

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26, vv 1-15 reader Michael Ledgard  
Matthew 25, vv 14-30 reader Graham Collins

**Hymn: STF 82** “O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder”

**Sermon and film**

**Prayers of intercession**

**Hymn: STF 130** “We plough the fields, and scatter”

**Introduction to Schnase - Intentional Faith development**

**JAM return**

## Offering

Wesley's Grace (see back page)

## Blessing

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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 this week.

Today The Traidcraft stall will be open for business after the service and the Autumn/Christmas catalogue is available.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

Monday 2.30pm Bible study in the lounge.

Tuesday 10am Holy Communion in church.

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

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

**Saturday** 7.30pm Ballard Singers concert in aid of Action for Children.  
Tickets on sale in the welcome area after the service.

## **Further Notices**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Youphonix. Mark Boulton, from Mickleton Methodist church, is coming to give a slideshow and talk to the young people about his work with the Elsa Trust, lions and wildlife conservation in Kenya. If any church members would like to join us, we meet at 3pm.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** 2.00pm The Pastoral Committee will meet in the lounge.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** 7.00pm at THE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HALL, SALFORD ROAD, BIDFORD the film "FATIMA: THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY". Tickets £2.  
For further information telephone 01789 778653 or 07718 628925

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** 9.30am – 11.30am. Working party. In particular I'd like to get the paved area between New Room and Side rooms tidied up. I'll be at church 1<sup>st</sup> October so let me know then, or by e-mail ([mesf@sky.com](mailto:mesf@sky.com)) if you are able to join me. Thank you. Steve Farmery

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** this morning service will be taken by Revd. Helen Bell and will be followed by 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 numbers for catering.

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

**A circuit prayer from Mickleton**

God of wisdom and compassion, we pray for guidance through the power of the Holy Spirit as we reflect on possibilities for the future of our circuit and our churches.

Help us to remember that we are about your business of building your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, that the decisions we make will enable people to be inspired by you, commit their lives to you and be transformed by you, so what they do and say reflects the essence of your being.

We pray in the name of Jesus who lived out that way from which we can learn.  
Amen.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am      Service is an own arrangement

**NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES:** to Gillian Bowers  
email:-[gillianbathome@hotmail.com](mailto:gillianbathome@hotmail.com) by WEDNESDAY please.

**Stratford Methodist Church website :**[www.stratforduponavonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.stratforduponavonmethodist.org.uk)

**Stratford & Evesham Circuit website:** [www.stratfordandeveshamcircuit.org.uk](http://www.stratfordandeveshamcircuit.org.uk)

**Birmingham District website:** [www.birminghammethodist.org.uk](http://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk)

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## **Wesley's Grace**

God gives good gifts,  
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for us all, for us all,  
food to make us healthy,  
food to make us healthy,  
share it round, share it round.