



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship – Prison Sunday

8th October 2017 @ 10.30am

Organist: Anna Cooley

Welcome

Hymn: STF 255 “The kingdom of God is justice and joy,”

Prayer of adoration

Reading: Ephesians 2, vv 1-10

Hymn: STF 416 “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Reading: Luke 7, vv 36-50

Hymn: STF 440 “Amazing grace – how sweet the sound--”

Address

Meditation to “There but for fortune”

Hymn: STF 611 “Brother, sister, let me serve you,”

Offering

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: STF 693 “Beauty for brokenness,”

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 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 from 3pm - 5pm.

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.

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Wednesday 2.00pm The Pastoral Committee will meet in the lounge.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Friday 7.00pm at THE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HALL, SALFORD ROAD, BIDFORD the film “FATIMA: THE 13th DAY”. Tickets £2.

For further information telephone 01789 778653 or 07718 628925

Saturday 9.30am – 11.30am. Working party. In particular I'd like to get the paved area between New Room and Side rooms tidied up. Let me know if you are able to join me. Thank you. Steve Farmery (mesf@sky.com)

Sunday 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.

Further Notices

Flower Rota 2018

Please check the church notice board for a provisional date for next year and speak to Penelope Hand if it does not suit you. There are some vacant weeks. If new contributors would like to fill them, kindly offer before November. Thank you.

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.

A circuit prayer from Bidford

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this Prisons' Week help us to focus our thoughts and prayers on prisoners and their families; victims of offenders; prison staff, and the Chaplaincy teams who administer pastoral care.

Give to all those serving sentences in our prisons the strength to come to know God. We can't imagine the desperate paths that have led up to this period of their lives - those who have never known life to be good, who struggle to make sense of their situation and respond in the only way they know how. We pray that they will allow God to work in their lives to accomplish His purpose for them, and provide a sense of hope in the midst of despair, of forgiveness in the place of punishment, and the restoration of life in all its abundance.
For this we thank you, dearest Lord. Amen

Sunday 15th October 10.30am

Worship led by Revd. Helen Bell

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

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