



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Service

26th November 2017 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. E B Mason

Organist: Sheila Giles

Welcome and call to worship and prayer

Hymn: STF 340 “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,”

Prayers of adoration, confession and collect for the day

Hymn: STF 365 “Jesu, the joy of loving hearts,”

Readings: Ezekiel 34, vv 11-16, 20-24 reader Barbara Haggett

Ephesians 1, vv 15-23 reader Steve Farmery

Hymn: STF 164 “Your words to me are life and health,”

Reading: Matthew 25, vv 31-46

Sermon

Hymn: STF 318 “Christ, our King before creation,”

Prayers of intercession and the Lord’s prayer

Offertory

Hymn: STF 319 “Christ triumphant, ever reigning,”

Responsive dismissal prayer

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 provide a place of witness for all people.’

WELCOME TO ALL



Please join us for refreshments after the service

Dates for the coming week.

Today 3pm – 5pm Youphonix music group meets this afternoon.

Today and 3rd and 10th December at 5 pm ‘Advent Reflections’. In the midst of the rush up to Christmas spend some time out reflecting on the themes of Christmas. We will focus on a painting from the Methodist Modern Art Collection - the Dalit Madonna by Jyoti Sahi.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

Monday 2.00pm Bible study - the film ‘**Babette’s Feast**’.

Monday 2.30pm Meeting Point for Men - ‘Home Delivery’.

Tuesday 10am Prayer group.

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

Tuesday 7.30pm Everywomans Revd. Audrey Simpson
- ‘Crown Derby’.

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm ‘**Welcome to Christmas**’

Come along to see our nativity sets, children’s art exhibition, family craft activities and Christmas grotto.

Community carol singing at 3.00pm. Festive refreshments throughout the day.

Further Notices

Angel Tree Project –Long Lartin **Christmas gifts for prisoners' children**

At the end of this month I will be sending off donations for this project. If you still wish to make a contribution please contact Margaret Kenny over the next few days. Tel. 01789 292711

December 5th, 13th and 20th ‘Your Kingdom Come’ an Advent course following the film ‘**Babette’s Feast**’ The course sessions will be at 7.30pm and led by Revd. Ian Mead.

Saturday 9th December 2.30pm-4.30pm Nearly New Clothes Sale in the Wesley Hall in aid of Cedar Lawn.

FREE SPACE FOR CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AT THE MARKET

Stratford Town Trust will be hosting a stall each week at the Rother Street Market, and local community groups and organisations are invited to use the space. If your community group or charity is interested in using this space then please email engagement@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk and we will pass on your details to the organisers.

Stratford Churches Together 2018 Lent Course

‘Apocalypse Now?’ An Exploration of the Book of Revelation with the Revd. Canon Andrew Dow. Wednesdays 21, 28 February; 7, 14, 21 March at St Andrew’s Shottery, 7.30pm. Why not put the dates in your 2018 diaries now!

A circuit prayer from Henley

O Lord, as the days grow shorter and darker, the news more gloomy, so we look forward to the time of preparation through Advent. St John's gospel tells us ‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.’ We follow Jesus, your son, our Saviour, and so we pray that you will mould our lives, as the potter moulds the clay, and

form us into lamps lit with the power of the Holy Spirit, which can illuminate every dark corner of life through love. Amen.

Sunday 3rd Dec 10.30am Worship led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

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

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