



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship 2nd Sunday in Advent

10th December 2017 @ 10.30am

Organist: Sheila Giles

Welcome and STF 165 reading verses 2 & 3

People from the North

Lighting Advent candle Evelyn and Lim Ho

Hymn: STF 172 'Hills of the north, rejoice,'

Thunder in the desert Ray Childerhouse

He is coming Bill Giles/ Margaret Farmery

Prayer and the Lord's prayer Sharon Stroud

Hymn: STF 182 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'

Reading: Mark 1, vv 1-8 reader Mary Taylor

Two very different men Shirley Frederiksen

Hymn: STF 189 'Wild and lone the prophet's voice'

John's challenge

Prophetic words

Hymn: see enclosed sheet

Offertory

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: STF 183 'Praise to the God who clears the way'

Blessing

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 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 Card Craft.

Monday 2.30pm Bible study

Tuesday 10am Prayer Group.

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

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 7.30pm A meeting at Evesham Methodist Church to explain more and assess the level of interest in the South India Study Tour planned for January 2019. It is a two week study trip covering most important centres and led by Revd. Israel and Leela. The focus will be on the life and witness of a minority church in a multi-religious context, with sightseeing inbuilt. The estimated cost is £1200 and is open to all members across the circuit.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Friday 6.30pm We will be singing carols on Waterside ably led by Sheila Giles. Please do come and join us – it's only for three quarters of an hour and there will be hot drinks and mince pies to follow at church. In aid of **Action for Children**.

Further Notices

Lilian Fitton has a preaching appointment for which she needs transport - next Sunday, 17th December to Henley. If you are able to help, please speak to her or telephone on 01789 294085.

Friday 29th December 12 noon at Welford. This is a Christmas Celebration in carols and readings followed by a lunch of bread, cheese and conversation. It is useful to have some idea of how many people are likely to come. Booking is not essential but if you are bringing more than 30 people will you please let me know.

Alan Cumming email: alananjan50@gmail.com

A circuit prayer from Bidford

Heavenly Father, as we are now in the season of Advent and we prepare for Christmas, help us, in all the busyness of these days, to find time to

think of what Christmas really means; of your love for the world, of the coming of the promised Redeemer, of the wonder of the Word made flesh. May we, like Mary, treasure these things and ponder them in our hearts; so that on Christmas Day we may be ready to join in the joyful worship of the Church, and give glory to your name, Amen

Sunday 17th Dec 10.30am Worship led by Revd. Ian Mead
5pm Carol Service led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

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

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