



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship 3rd Sunday in Advent

17th December 2017 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Ian Mead

Organist: Sheila Giles

Welcome

Advent candles and Liturgy Lim and Evelyn Ho

Hymn: STF 51 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,'

Opening prayers (with STF 783)

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5, vv 16-24 reader Shirley Frederiksen
John 1, vv 6-8, 19-28 reader Graham Hollowell

Sermon

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

Offering

Prayers of intercession (MWB page 121)

Hymn: STF 594 'Lord Jesus Christ,'

Holy Communion (MWB page 124)

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

Blessing (MWB page 128)

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 Carol Service led by Revd. Audrey Simpson.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Meeting Point for Men - Christmas Coffee Morning at the home of David and Gillian Loader.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

Monday 2.30pm Bible study

Tuesday 10am Prayer Group.

Wednesday ‘Your Kingdom Come’ an Advent course following the film ‘Babette’s Feast’ This last session will be at 7.30pm and led by Revd. Ian Mead.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

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.

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A circuit prayer from Welford

We hold in our prayers the smaller congregations in our circuit as they face a challenging future. The new pattern of pastoral care and the likelihood of a new structure will need an exercise in confidence building. There is still so much to be done to bring in the Kingdom of God. We continue to be the (wandering, travelling) people of God wherever we are and however we meet. Thanks be to God.

Sunday 24th Dec 10.30am Worship led by Revd. E B Mason
4pm Christingle Service led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES: to Liz Walker
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