



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

All Age Worship

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson  
Sheila Giles**

**Organist:**

**Call to worship** - Choir

**Hymn: STF 152** 'This is the day,'

**Prayer**

**JAM leave**

**Shining Stars**

**Hymn: STF 540** 'The day the universe was started,'

**Readings:** Genesis 1, vv1-5, reader *Robert Pethard*  
Mark 1, vv 4-11 reader *Ariana Pethard*

**Talk 1:** The readings

**Hymn: STF 233** 'When Jesus came to Jordan'

**Talk 2:** Infant baptism

**Hymn: STF 535** 'God, when I came into this life'

**Talk 3:** Preparing for the annual Covenant Service

**Prayers**

**JAM return**

**Offering**

**Hymn: STF 536** 'He's got the whole world in his hand.'

**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.**

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**Today** The Traidcraft stall will be open for business after the service.

**Monday** 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

**Monday** 10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

**Monday** 2.30pm Bible study.

**Monday** 7.30pm Church quiz in the side room. Just bring yourself and a pen. Teams sorted out when you arrive. Free, and refreshments provided during the interval.

**Tuesday** 10am Prayer Group.

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

**Tuesday** 3.30pm The funeral of Miss Marjorie Styler will take place in church.

**Wednesday** 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

**Friday** 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

**Friday** 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

**Saturday** 10am – 12 noon The first **Brunch** of the year. Come and enjoy a really good breakfast amongst friends.

**Brunch Bunch** meet in the welcome area and children can dip in and out as they wait for their **Brunch** to be served, and after they have eaten. The fun crafts and activities are based on bible stories, the Christian calendar or organisations as a church we currently support.

**Saturday** 3pm in the new room - a talk on Stratford's Almshouses. Free entry, refreshments provided.

## **Further Notices**

Lilian Fitton has a preaching appointment for which she needs transport - **next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January** to Broadway. If you are able to help Lilian please speak to her or telephone on 01789 294085.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** 7pm This year's ecumenical supper in the Wesley Hall. The URC are responsible for cooking the meal and have invited Revd. Nick Stanyon to speak about 'Church where the people are'. Tickets are £5 available from Sheila Brown and Evelyn Ho.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** Our annual Soup-a-lunch. Further details later, but don't forget to save all your unneeded Christmas presents for us to sell.

### **Action For Children**

Will all Home Collection Box holders kindly bring them to church or, if you need me to collect it, give me a ring on 205519. Jane Rowley

Do you have any used Christmas cards with a Nativity theme? If so would you please pass them on to Shirley Dumper or Penny Brain to be used for future Christmas craft activities

**A thought from "Lucas on Life" a CWR daily prayer book - sent from Willersey**

Perhaps you know the feeling; life presents you with challenges, and you feel inadequate. The questions circle your mind endlessly, like a pesky mosquito buzzing in your ear. 'Am I going to make it? Can I cope?' As you begin this new year and you look out at what's ahead of you perhaps you're wondering if you can do what needs to be done, or be the person that you need to be. YES, YOU CAAAN!! (as in the advert for changing your suppliers!)

With God's help!

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am

Service is an own arrangement

**NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES:** to Gillian Bowers

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