



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Covenant Service and Joint Worship with Holy Trinity

21st January 2018 @ 10.30am

Led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Sheila Giles

Call to worship

Welcome

Hymn: STF 14 'Sing to him in whom creation'

Prayers (MWB pages 282 - 283)

Readings: Exodus 24, vv 3-11 reader Evelyn Ho
Romans 12, vv 1-2 reader Sheila Brown
Mark 14, vv 22-25

Sermon by the Revd. Steve Jarvis

Hymn: STF 549 'Come, let us use the grace divine,'

Prayers (MWB pages 285 - 286)

Covenant (MWB pages 289B - 291)

Hymn: STF 673 'Will you come and follow me'

The Peace (MWB page 291)

Offering

Holy Communion (MWB pages 292 - 296)

Hymn: STF 564 'O thou who camest from above'

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.

18th-25th January The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will again be celebrated in the Guild Chapel every day except Sunday from 12.30-1pm. The theme this year is 'That they all may be free.' The churches of Stratford will share the leading of these services. All are welcome.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft

Monday 2.30pm Bible study.

Tuesday 10am Prayer Group.

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

Tuesday 7pm for 7.30pm The next SAIF meeting is at the Friends' Meeting House. James Pavitt will speak on Quaker practice in daily life. All are welcome.

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group.

Wednesday 2.00pm A meeting to plan the next 'Own Arrangement' service. If you would like to take part in the planning please join us.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley Toddler Group

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

Saturday 3rd February 11am – 2pm Soup-a-lunch. Please bring your unwanted or unneeded gifts for us to sell. There will also be a craft stall, cards, books, and of course drinks, biscuits and soup for lunch. Things brought for sale may be left in the foyer.

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.

Notice Board Coordinator

We are looking for someone to take responsibility for the notice board outside the church and several boards inside the building. The role would involve deciding what should be displayed on the outside notice board and keeping all notice boards up to date and tidy. Please contact Audrey if you are interested in this role.

Saturday 24th March 10am Annual Church Meeting, please make a note in your diaries.

A circuit prayer from Stratford

Loving God, we thank you that today we share our Covenant Service with our friends from Holy Trinity. May we always look to celebrate your love and grace with all believers. We pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith wherever they may be. We give thanks that we travel through the year secure in your love for us and for all those we hold dear, and for all those whose need is great.

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus whose compassion surrounds all, Amen.

A prayer for Christian Unity

Barrier-breaking God, you embrace all cultures and lands, but keep a special place in your heart for the stranger, the widow and the orphan. Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may become as You are, welcoming all as brothers and sisters, your cherished children, citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and peace. Amen

Sunday 28th January at 10.30am

Worship led by Revd. Ian Mead

NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES: to Gillian Bowers

email:- gillianbathome@hotmail.com by WEDNESDAY please.

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