

Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

All Age Worship

4th February 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Sheila Giles

Choir introit

Welcome

Hymn: STF 403 ‘God is love: his the care,’

Prayers

Baptism of Harry James Cooley

Hymn: STF 540 ‘The day the universe was started,’

Readings: 1 Corinthians 9, vv 16-23 reader Carolyn Evans
Mark 1, vv 29-39 reader Graham Collins

Hymn: STF 408 ‘How small a spark has lit a living fire!’

Greetings from Revd. Russ Pierce

Hymn: STF 655 ‘We cannot measure how you heal’

Sermon

Prayers

Offering

Hymn: STF 76 ‘Give me joy in my heart,’

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 Welcome to Nicholas and Anna Cooley as they bring Harry James for baptism.

Today We welcome Revd. Russ Pierce who currently serves the United Methodist Church in USA as Senior Director of Funds Development with Church World Service (CWS).

Today Will Mulryne, is making a photographic record of life in Stratford - see <https://www.williammulryne.co.uk/stratford-upon-avon-documentary/> He may take photographs during worship. **Anyone who would prefer not to be in these photographs please let Audrey know before worship.**

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 QBD led by Revd. Ros Murphy. Meet in the New Room. All are welcome.

Tuesday 10am Holy Communion.

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

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 Brunch and Brunch Bunch children's group. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

Saturday 3.00pm there will be a talk by Maureen on Stratford's Talking Newspaper for the Blind, which has operated from our premises since 2010. Free entry and refreshments, everyone welcome.

Further Notices

Support for Homeless people in Stratford.

Churches Together have decided to provide food at the weekends for homeless people (thought to be about 10 in number) along the lines of what used to happen at the Salvation Army. The United Reformed Church has offered its premises for this purpose from mid-day to 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We are looking to set up eight teams of 4-5 people to prepare the food, serve it and clear up after. Each team would serve on one day per month. We are approaching various supermarkets to see if they will support this project by donating food. If you would like to offer to be part of a team of 4-5 people willing to help with this work please let me know a.s.a.p.. If you would like to support this venture financially let me know - the money will be ring fenced in the Churches Together account. Audrey.

If you have any unwanted picture postcards, pictures/photos of landscapes, buildings, gardens, animals, birds, could you please let the Monday morning Card Craft Group have them.

11th February If you would like to go out for Sunday lunch with a small group please sign up on the sheet in the Wesley Hall.

Discussion will take place at the Circuit Meeting on the proposed change to Circuit boundaries. Audrey has produced a document explaining this and if you would like a copy please ask Margaret Smith for one.

A circuit prayer from Mickleton

Jesus, light of the world, at this time of the church's year, we remember when you were taken to the temple as a tiny baby, only to be recognised as the one to come, by the Quiet Ones, Simeon and Anna.

We treasure Simeon's prophetic words that you would become a light to the Gentiles and bring glory to Israel.

We trust that you will welcome us as we not only draw near to your light, but share it in our dark world by our words and actions.

Please pray for discernment for the future of the circuit as the superintendents and circuit stewards from our neighbouring circuits meet with Revd. Ian Howarth, Revd. Audrey Simpson and Kath Fraser on 5th February.

Sunday 11th February at 10.30am

Worship will be an own arrangement

NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES: to Liz Walker

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