



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

18th February 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Sheila Giles

Lenten Cross Shirley Frederiksen

Call to worship

Hymn: STF 317 'At the name of Jesus'

Prayers (MWB pages 148-149)

Hymn: STF 20 'Be still,'

Readings: Genesis 9, vv 8-17 reader Margaret Kenny
Mark 1, vv 9-15 reader Graham Hollowell

Hymn: STF 236 'Forty days and forty nights'

Sermon

Prayers (MWB pages 152-153)

Hymn: STF 586 'Here is bread, here is wine,'

Offering

Holy Communion (MWB pages 153-159)

Hymn: STF 610 'Best of all is God is with us,'

Dismissal and Blessing (MWB page 159)

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.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Card Craft

Monday 2.30pm Bible study.

Monday 4.00pm Beetle Drive. £5 adults and £2.50 children to include hot dogs, drinks and biscuits. Tickets available now from Maureen Beckett.

Monday 7.30pm QBD led by Revd. Ros Murphy meets in the lounge when we will discuss 'Gender Issues'. All are welcome.

Tuesday 10am Prayer Group

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

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

The service of thanksgiving for the life among us of the Revd. Graham Clay will take place on Tuesday 27th February at 2.30 pm at Stratford Baptist Church. Family flowers only please, with any donations to Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Friday 2nd March 2pm WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. The service this year has been written by the women of Suriname in South America and is being held at The United Reformed Church, Rother Street.

Friday 2nd March 2.30 pm The funeral of Mrs Hilary Attwood will take place in church.

Saturday 3rd March 2.00pm Daffodil Day Service arranged by MWiB for the Birmingham District.

Sunday 4th March JMA Light Lunch. If you want to know more about JMA please come. There is a list to sign in Wesley Hall.

Sunday 4th March is the annual Mayor's 'At Home' between 3.00pm and 5.00pm, when she invites residents of the town to afternoon tea in the Town Hall. It is free of charge, and I can take as many guests as I like. If anyone would like to come let me know by 18th February.
Maureen Beckett

Sunday 18th March Friendship Bring and Share lunch when we will be remembering the long service of local preaching by Paddy Beardsall, John Parkes and David Loader.

Homeless Lunches

If you are intending to help with the Homeless Lunches project please meet with Audrey ten minutes after worship in the church.

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 Welford

Gracious God, at the start of Lent we come to worship in a spirit of thoughtfulness and penitence. We tune our minds to the poverty of Jesus' journey into the desert and the riches of his emerging ministry. Help us we pray, to put aside the values of the world around us so that we can embrace the eternal truth evident in the teaching of Jesus. Give us strength to be the people of God we pray.

May we use this time of Lent to reassess our place in the church, our place in the world and our place within your kingdom.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Sunday 25th February at 10.30am

Worship will be led by Mrs Sheila Brown

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

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