



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

## Morning Worship

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher: Mrs Sheila Brown**

**Organist: Kath Marriott**

Lenten Cross *David Dumper*

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn: STF 250 'Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult'

Prayers of praise, adoration and confession

Hymn: STF 426 'Hark, my soul! It is the Lord;'

Reading: Romans 4, vv 13-25 *reader Betty Walker*

Meditation

Hymn: STF 498 'God of all power, and truth, and grace,'

Reading: Mark 8, vv 31-38 *reader Ken Walker*

Sermon

Hymn: 'How deep the Father's love for us'

Offering

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: STF 359 'Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice,'

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**      Youphonix group meets from 3.00-5.00pm.

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

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

**Monday**    2.30pm    Bible study.

**Monday**    2.30pm Meeting Point for Men “Blood Bikes”.

**Tuesday**    10am    Prayer Group.

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

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

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

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

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

**Friday**      2pm    WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is being held at The United Reformed Church, Rother Street.

**Friday** 2.30 pm The funeral of Mrs Hilary Attwood will take place in church.

**Saturday** 2pm Daffodil Day Service arranged by MWiB for the Birmingham District. The preacher is The Welsh Synod Secretary.

**Saturday** 2.30pm Dr Geoffrey Lees extends a welcome to us to attend the Memorial Service for his wife Mrs Doreen Lees to be held at Holy Trinity.

## **Further Notices**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** 2.30pm Hilda Higginson's funeral will be held in church.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please note JMA Light Lunch has been postponed to a later date.**

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.

### **INRI**

Audrey was asked last Sunday the meaning of these initials often seen on crosses. INRI are the initial letters of the Latin phrase 'Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum' meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews' - the words Pilate attached to Jesus' cross.

## **A circuit prayer from Evesham**

Loving God, we give thanks today for the Women's World Day of Prayer next Friday, which reminds us of our dependence on your love as the giver of life to benefit others. Above all, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus to show us how to use the gift of life to benefit others. Help us to follow his example, that we may hand over a better world to those who come after us. This we ask in his name, our loving Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Please remember Revd. Ros Murphy and her family in your prayers.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am

Worship will be led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

**NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES:** to Gillian Bowers. email:-  
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