



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd July 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. E B Mason

Organist: Sheila Giles

Responsive call to worship

Welcome

Hymn: STF 499 'Great God, your love has called us here'

Prayers of adoration, confession and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: STF 425 'God of forgiveness, your people you freed,'

Readings: Jeremiah 23, vv 1-6 *reader Sheila Giles*
Ephesians 2, vv 11-22 *reader Graham Collins*

Hymn: STF 666 'Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,'

Reading: Mark 6, vv 30-34 and 53-56

Sermon

Hymn: STF 511 'Speak in the stillness, God we pray,'

Prayers of intercession

Offering

Hymn: STF 620 'Thou God of truth and love,'

Blessing

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 will meet from 3-5pm. No meeting in August, we'll be back on the 9th September.

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 7.30pm Our joint study group with the Quakers is at the Friends' Meeting House. We will continue with discussing Richard Rohr's material 'The path of transformation in the Sermon on the Mount'. All are welcome and please bring your Bibles.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Saturday 5pm a service to say farewell to Revd. Ros Murphy. If anyone would like to contribute to a present for her please give your donation to a steward. Tea will be served after the service.

Further Notices

Sunday 5th August My grandson Luke will be selling cakes following the morning service, to raise money for his Finland trip (2019). He has already raised half the amount required by various events and efforts. If you would like to place a special order Auntie Gwen will help him deliver any requests (within reason!!) from the 6th to the 9th August. Thank you in anticipation of a good response? Kath Fraser.

The list for Friendship Lunch on the **5th August** is now on the notice board. There will be a cold buffet with new potatoes + pudding. Please sign and indicate any dietary requirements.

Soup kitchen for the homeless

Please sign up on the sheet on the church notice board in the Wesley Hall if you would like to help in August or September.

Cluster Service 29th July

The theme of this service is 'Our enthusiasms'. Do you belong to a club, have a favoured charity, work alongside others, serve as a volunteer **outside church life**, have a hobby which you pursue with a group of people? If so please bring a symbol of an involvement you have to the Cluster service e.g. if you belong to a gardening club you could bring a spade; a choir bring a piece of sheet music; the Rotary or WI bring a pendant or badge. If you support a charity bring their magazine or their logo; volunteer in the community bring your badge of office, identity lanyard or something that indicates what you do. Perhaps you work alongside others in a setting where people know you to be a Christian, if so bring something which indicates the company for which you work. Every Sunday we are sent out from church to love and serve the Lord. Bring something to church on 29th July that represents your involvements in society.

Circuit prayer from Kath Fraser – Circuit Steward

We pray for leaders in the church, to all entrusted with positions of oversight, and called to teach the faith through word and deed. Grant them vision and discernment, a living knowledge of your presence and a daily sense of your guidance. We thank you for those willing to take on the often heavy burden of responsibility, the onerous privilege of leadership in all the churches throughout our circuit, especially during the many changes facing us this coming year. In the name of Christ, Amen.

We also pray for the situation in Gaza and elsewhere in the Middle East, that people of peace will arise and conflict will end. We ask God's blessing on our new president, Revd. Michaela Youngson and Vice-president Mr Bala Gnanapragasam as they start their year in office.

*Sunday 29th July at 10.30am Cluster Service will be led by
Revd. Audrey Simpson*

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