



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship – Cluster Service

Sunday 29th July 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Sheila Giles

Choir

Hymn: STF 103 ‘God is Love: let heaven adore him;’

Prayer

Readings: Ephesians 3, vv 14-21 *reader Michael Ledgard*
John 6, vv 1-21 *reader Shirley Frederiksen*

Hymn: STF 503 ‘Love divine, all loves excelling,’

Our enthusiasms

Hymn: STF 547 ‘Beyond these walls of worship’

Sermon

Hymn: STF 404 ‘God’s spirit is in my heart;’

Visitor from China

Prayers

Offering

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

Blessing

Choir

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 3pm in the Methodist Church Centre Lounge - latest news of the church in China from
MS WANG NANJING UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
All are welcome.

Monday 12 noon Our last summer concert ‘**Sing A New Song**’ followed by a Ploughman’s Lunch. Tickets £5.00 from Sheila Giles are available after this morning’s service, or at the door.

No Bible study this week, but on Monday 6th August the Bible Study group will meet at Mickleton 3B’s garden at 2.30 pm for afternoon tea. If you need transport please let Audrey know.

No Monday Makers or Card Craft this week.

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

Tuesday 10am Prayer group.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Further Notices

Action for Children

£129.35 was raised from refreshments after the service on AFC Sunday to go towards the John Waterhouse project in Kenilworth. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Saturday 4th August 10.30 am Emilia Bond will be baptised. If you are able to join Ian, Janka and their families and friends for this service you will be most welcome.

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 Aunty 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 note that the August Soup Kitchens have been cancelled due to renovations at the United Reformed Church.

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Circuit prayer from Stratford

Loving, generous God, thank you for your unending gifts. Your hands are always open towards us, may we in turn respond to the needs of others.

We give thanks for the ministry of our Readers; for the hospitality and support offered in so many ways to those who come to this centre; for the sharing of fellowship in our Cluster services and for all those moments of quiet, often unobserved pastoral care that mean so much in times of need. We pray for all who week by week serve our Church family, may we never take their gifts for granted.

Help us to continue to serve even when anxieties come at this time of transition and uncertainty. May we continue to look towards you and perceive the providential plan, so that we may be "by your unerring Spirit led". We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

We remember those who are working in the fields and looking after livestock and pray for rain to replenish reservoirs and watercourses. We think of those who are on holiday and pray for a time of refreshment for them and welcome visitors to our congregations. We give thanks for Revd. Ros Murphy's service in the circuit and wish God's blessing on her.

Sunday 5th August at 10.30am Worship will be led by

Mr S Barritt

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