



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

## Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher:** Revd. Audrey Simpson

**Organist:** Anna Cooley

Call to worship

Welcome

Hymn: STF 39 'Angel voices ever singing'

Prayers (*MWB 185-186*)

Welcome new members

Hymn: STF 78 'Give thanks with a grateful heart,'

Readings: 1 Kings 2, vv 10-12 and 3, vv 3-14 *reader Maureen Beckett*  
John 6, vv 51-58 *reader Susan Nagaitis*

Hymn: STF 504 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour'

Sermon

Prayers (*MWB 188-189*)

Offering

Hymn: STF 576 'Bread is blessed and broken,'

Holy Communion (*MWB 191-197*)

Hymn: STF 526 'Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,'

Blessing (*MWB page 197*)

# 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.

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

Tuesday 10am Prayer group.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

## **Further Notices**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

There's still plenty of time to book for our Treasure Hunt. I also have spare seats in cars if you want to come but don't want to drive.

The Treasure Hunt itself starts at the Halford Bridge Hotel, (but people can be picked up in the Church car park), and proceeds to Shipston. Afternoon tea will be served in Newbold Village Hall. There will be a small cost to cover expenses. The start time will be about 2.30ish depending how many cars book to come. Drivers will be given instructions how to get to the Halford Bridge Hotel if needed.

I will not be in Church next Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>, but Keith will be at home during the following week if anyone wants further details.

Looking forward to a fun afternoon.

Maureen.

The next quarters plan is available but it is now a one page version in keeping with GDPR requirements.

The Prayer Handbook for the coming year is now available from Kath Fraser – price £3.50.

I would like to thank you for your cards, prayers and good wishes. The operation was successful and it is now down to recovery.

Malcolm Smith

## **Circuit prayer from Bidford**

Dear Lord,

As we approach the end of the Methodist year, we at Bidford bring our thanks and praise for the blessings of this year. You have been our guide and strength in a year that has brought some difficulties and many joys. We give you thanks for those of our number who have died or moved away this year, for those who continue to work tirelessly in your service, and for the gift of closer ties with other people and churches. We recognise the blessings of having buildings which are user friendly and convenient for circuit and community use. So, we pray that as you lead us into a new Connexional year we may be given the wisdom and inspiration to meet changes and new challenges in the light of your love, will and purpose. Amen.

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am  
Worship will be led by Mr James Steele*

**NEXT WEEK'S NOTICES:** to Gillian Bowers. email:-  
[gillianbathome@hotmail.com](mailto:gillianbathome@hotmail.com) no later than WEDNESDAY please

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