



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church Anniversary

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher: Revd. Brenda Morton**

**Organist: Sheila Giles**

Call to worship

Hymn: STF 677 'Christ is made the sure foundation,'

Prayer

Reading: Colossians 3, vv 8-15 *reader Graham Collins*

Hymn: STF 686 'Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,'

Reading: Deuteronomy, 24, vv 14-15, 17-19 *reader David Dumper*

Hymn: STF 681 'Community of Christ,'

Prayers of intercession – lay stones as symbols of prayers

Sermon

Reading: Matthew 22, vv 1-10 *reader Betty Walker*

Hymn: STF 595 'Lord, we have come at your own invitation,'

The Peace

Holy Communion (*MWB page 215*)

Hymn: STF 409 'Let us build a house where love can dwell'

Closing prayer and 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** Friendship lunch for those who have pre-booked.

3pm. There is a concert today at the URC Rother St. Organ recital by Oliver Edwards and Wind Quartet including Carolyn Evans. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

6pm. Evening service - Open to God, the monthly ecumenical evening service will be held here at the Methodist church led by Katherine and Sarah Peacop.

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

10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

2.30pm Bible study.

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

10am Prayer group.

**Wednesday** 9.30am - 11.30am Wesley's Baby and Toddler Group.

**Friday**      9.30am -11.30am      Wesley's Baby and Toddler Group.  
2pm - 4pm      Cake and Company.

**Saturday** "Bingo and Buns" is the Action for Children fun bingo afternoon from 3pm until 4.30pm. Tickets are £6 for adults and £1 for children - available from Kath Marriott, Evelyn Ho and Lynne Dunningham, or at the door. This will include tea/coffee and cakes.

## **Further Notices**

Lilian would like to thank all those friends who have been praying for her, and for all the kind enquiries regarding her recent operation. It was a success and she hopes to be back in church before too long.

### **New evening Bible study group**

Our new evening Bible study group meets for the first time on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm in side room 1. We will be talking about 'making good sense of The Bible' and discussing what topics to cover in following meetings. We plan to meet fortnightly. All are welcome to join us.

### **Circuit prayer from Willersey**

Dear God, At this time of new beginnings in the Church, let us not forget those young people who are starting new schools, new terms or off to university - away from home for the first time! We ask your blessing on them all. Some children will be leaving school for a new situation in work. We especially ask your blessing on those whose responsibility is the care of these children and young adults; give them patience and guidance to help where needed. Amen

We pray for people around the world who have been affected by natural disasters: floods, hurricanes, mudslides and earthquakes. As September 21<sup>st</sup> is The International Day of Peace, we pray for a peaceful end to the conflicts in Syria and Yemen and that humanitarian aid will get through to those in dire need.

*Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am*  
*Worship will be led by Mrs Sheila Brown*

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

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