



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

## Morning Worship

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher:** Mrs Sheila Brown

**Organist:** Kath Marriott

Welcome and call to worship

Lighting of Soroptimist Peace Candle

Hymn: STF 28 'Jesus calls us here to meet him' (*verses 1-3*)

Prayers of praise and adoration

Prayer of confession

Hymn: STF 416 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

Reading: James Ch 3, vv 13-Ch 4, vv 3, 7-8a *reader Alan Cumming*

Meditation

Hymn: STF 652 'Lord, we come to ask your healing,'

Reading: Mark 9, vv 30-37 *reader Jan Gardner*

Sermon

Hymn: STF 712 'Put peace into each other's hands'

Offering

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: STF 706 'Longing for light, we wait in darkness,'

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.

**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.

## **Further Notices**

### **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.

**FIRE POLICY** Now that the updated version has been circulated to all "Responsible Persons" it seems appropriate to have further workshops. Advance Notice for these – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 4pm. and 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 2pm. S. Farmery

My grandson, Luke, will be with me during half term making Christmas cakes from a family recipe. He is planning to make 9", 6", and 3" cakes. If you would like to order one please let me know within the next week or two. Any profit will go towards his school trip to Norway next summer holiday. Kath Fraser 07716941746.

If you have any spare faux fur fabric, old unwanted (not valuable) faux fur coats/scarves, would you please donate to Narnia which will be on display from the Christmas Bazaar onwards. Also, any unwanted Narnia items suitable for display. Also needed are artificial Christmas trees. Penny Brain

### **Circuit prayer from Revd. Dr Israel Selvanayagam**

God of loving touch, we remember with gratitude that your holy son Jesus touched the untouchable and transformed their lives. Touch our lips that we may be able to smile at and welcome strangers spontaneously. Touch the pulses of our nation that there will be a new impulse in those who are in decision making positions to be straightforward and transparent. Touch the leaders of the world that they will seek the way of peace, reduce weapons and grow in civilised life. Touch those who conspire in the darkness that crime and overcrowding of prisons may be reduced. Touch the hearts of all Christians in our area and further afield with the flame of revival. Touch our weak frames and minds that we will be effective witnesses of your loving touch. All glory, honour and power be to you for ever and ever, Amen.

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am*  
*Cluster service will be led by Revd. Audrey Simpson*

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

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