



# Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

## Morning Worship

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 10.30am

**Preacher:** Revd. Audrey Simpson

**Organist:** Sheila Giles

Call to worship

Hymn: STF 39 'Angel voices ever singing'

Welcome

Prayers

Hymn: STF 475 'O God of Bethel, by whose hand'

Esther - the story

Reading: Esther 7, vv 1-6, 9-10: 9, vv 20-22, *reader Carolyn Evans*

Hymn: 'Hoist by his own petard'

Esther - the rest of the story

Sermon

Hymn: 'Perhaps you have been chosen for such a time as this!'

Prayers

Offering

Hymn: STF 673 'Will you come and follow me'

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.

7.30pm New Evening Bible study group in the lounge. 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.

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

10am Holy Communion.

**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**

### **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival**

Please would you bring your fruit, vegetables or flowers on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, before midday, so that the church can be decorated. An auction will take place in the Wesley Hall following the morning service.

**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

### **Flower Rota 2019**

Please check the church notice board for a provisional date for next year and speak to Penelope Hand if it does not suit you. There are some vacant weeks, so if any new contributors would like to fill them kindly offer before November. Penelope will be happy to provide and arrange flowers with your donation.

### **Circuit prayer from Stratford**

So often God our lives are patterned by beginnings and endings, and these often fill us with anxiety. It is our nature to cling to the familiar and to be reluctant to embrace the new.

We are so thankful therefore that your love for us, revealed in Jesus, is constant; that the Holy Spirit encourages and enables us to go forward, trusting that this love and compassion is with us and all who are in need,

for ever, Amen.

We give thanks for the fellowships we share in our local churches and the circuit. We ask God to bless our ministers and preachers as they lead our worship and we who hear the word through them. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are unable to share worship with us, through ill health or other circumstances. We also pray for our political leaders at this time of change, that they will make the best decisions for the country.

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am Harvest 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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