



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship the 4th Sunday in Advent

23rd December 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Mr. James Steele

Organist: Rebecca Ledgard

Advent Liturgy - Candle of joy (*Philip and Annabel Ledgard*)

Hymn: STF 172 'Hills of the north, rejoice,' (*verse 4 sung seated*)

Hymn: STF 317 'At the name of Jesus'

Prayers of adoration, confession and the Lord's prayer

Reading: Luke 1, v 39-45

STF 793 The Magnificat (*read responsively*)

Hymn: STF 205 'It came upon the midnight clear,'

Readings: Micah 5, v 2-5a *reader Sheila Giles*

Hebrews 10, v 5-10 *reader Betty Walker*

Hymn: H&P 414 'What does the Lord require'

Sermon

Hymn: STF 202 'Hark! The herald-angels sing'

Offertory

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Hymn: STF 593 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,'

Blessing

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 5pm Tea / mince pies followed by Carol Service at 6pm.

Friday 2pm - 4pm Cake and Company.

Monday makers is going into hibernation until the spring.

Knit, Stitch and Natter will next meet on the 15th January.

FURTHER NOTICES

We would like to thank all our church friends who have prayerfully supported us over the death of our dear daughter Myra on 7th November and for the many cards of sympathy. Lim & Evelyn

Action for Children

At our carol singing on Friday 14th outside the RST we raised £150 for AFC. Thanks to Sheila Giles and all the other hardy souls who turned out and sang to raise money for this charity, and spread the Christmas message.

Details of the January Friendship Lunch are on the notice board in the Wesley Hall, please sign up if you would like to join us on the 6th.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998: This act requires us to inform you that the membership (Community Roll) is stored in a computer. The information consists of name, address, telephone number (if known) and whether or not the person concerned is a member of the Methodist Church. Information stored in this way helps to keep the list up to date and will be used for general contact and visiting purposes.

Circuit prayer from Bidford

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Thank you for coming to be with us;
For reconciling us to God
And showing us how to live
So everyone can flourish.
Lord Jesus, be with us still now;
Keep us all praying and acting for peace.
Strengthen all Embrace's partners
As they come alongside refugee families
Longing for safety now, and peace back home. Amen.

We ask for your prayers for the superintendent ministers Rev Helen Caine, South West Worcester Circuit, Rev Peter Powers, Mid Warwickshire Circuit and Rev Audrey Simpson Stratford and Evesham Circuit as they get together for numerous meetings concerning the forming of the two new circuits, South Worcester and South Warwickshire on September 1st 2019.

Monday 24th Christingle Service at 4pm
Tuesday Christmas Day Service at 11am.
Sunday 30th December at 10.30am Cluster Service will be led
by Revd. Audrey Simpson

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