



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

All Age Worship 1st Sunday in Advent
2nd December 2018 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Anna Cooley

The Candle of Hope - Pethard family

Hymn: STF 172 'Hills of the north, rejoice,' (*verse 1 sung seated*)

Hymn: STF 167 'Colours of day dawn into the mind,'

Prayers

JAM group leave

Hymn: STF 176 'Like a candle flame,'

Readings: Jeremiah 33, vv 14-16 *reader David Dumper*
Luke 21, vv 25-36 *reader Maureen Beckett*

Background to the readings

Hymn: 'And I will wait now' (*tune Buinessan*)

Sermon

Hymn: 'We wait in hope for hope to come' (*tune Deep Harmony*)

Prayers and the Lord's prayer

JAM group return

Offering

Advent song: 'Advent is the time to wait'

Blessing

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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.

Monday 10am - 12 noon Monday Makers.

10am - 12 noon Card Craft.

2.30pm Bible study.

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

Action for Children

Sheila Giles has very kindly agreed to lead us in singing carols outside the RST on **Friday 14th December** to raise money for this charity which as a church we support. We start at 6.30pm and sing for three quarters of an hour and then return to the church for hot drinks and mince pies.

Please come and join us to make as big an impact as possible.

If you or your friends would like to come to a traditional **Christmas Dinner on Dec 25th** please sign the list in the Wesley Hall. (Please indicate any dietary requirements) - the meal will be served after the church service at approximately 12.30pm.

Circuit prayer from Stratford

"Come, thou long expected Jesus..."

Dear God, we feel lost at times in a world of injustice, violence and suffering. We are surrounded by uncertainties and confusion. But what heartfelt thanks we give that you are with us, you have come to us. We light that candle that celebrates love stronger than death.

May we spread that comfort and love with those around us. We make these prayers in the name of our Saviour, our Emmanuel, Amen.

We remember at this time those who are persecuted for their faith.

Sunday 9th December at 10.30am

Service will be an own arrangement

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