



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

United Worship and Holy Communion

Sunday 20th January 2019 @ 10.30am

Led by Revd. Audrey Simpson

Organist: Sheila Giles

Call to worship

Welcome

Hymn: STF 34 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,'

Prayers (*MWB pages 282-283*)

Readings: Jeremiah 31, v 31-34
Romans 12, v 1-2
John 15, v 1-10

Sermon (*Revd. Patrick Taylor*)

The Covenant (*MWB pages 285-286*)

Hymn: STF 549 'Come, let us use the grace divine,'

The Covenant contd. (*MWB pages 289-291*)

Hymn: STF 707 'Make me a channel of your peace.'

Holy Communion (*MWB pages 291-296*)

Hymn: STF 564 'O thou who camest from above'

Blessing (*MWB page 296*)

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 Card Craft.
 2.30pm Bible study.
 7.30pm 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

Action for Children

Would all home collection box holders please pass them to me before the end of January. Many thanks. Gillian Bowers

Cake and Company

This social gathering meets every Friday from 2pm until 4pm and attracts people, in the main, who do not attend our church.

We are in need of volunteers whose task it is to make our visitors feel welcome and to serve the light refreshments. Volunteers operate on a rota basis so are not 'on duty' every week. If you feel you would be able to help us with this outreach please speak to myself or Kath Fraser.

Respective Tel nos. 295560 and 269798.

Many thanks Gillian Bowers.

On Saturday 2nd February we are holding a 'Book Fayre' in the Wesley Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. We need hundreds of paper backs to make it a success. If you can give us any **books** and any **unwanted gifts** please leave items in the box in the Welcome Foyer. We will be serving teas, coffees and toasted teacakes throughout the morning. All Proceeds for Church funds.

If you would like to help on the morning please let me know.

Everyone else just come and enjoy a chat over a drink and snack.

Maureen

Friendship Lunch February 3rd

The notice is on the board in the Wesley Hall. If you would like to join us for a meal please sign up giving any dietary requirements. All are welcome.

Total Evacuation

Following the false fire alarm earlier this year the floor plans have been revised and signage updated. The plans have been posted in the main foyer together with an updated health and safety document. You may find it interesting to view these taking a special note of clauses 2.7 and 2.8 in the H&S document. This is of particular interest to those members included on Liz Walker's email dated 13/08/2018.

Prayer for the New South Warwickshire Circuit.

We ask for your prayers for the Ministerial team the **Mid Warwickshire Circuit.**

Rev Peter Powers Superintendent,

Rev Barbara Greenwood, Rev Jeongsook Kim, Rev Sam McBratney and Rev Jemima Strain.

The Mid Warwickshire Circuit are hoping to put on a production of “Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat” sometime this summer and have invited those of us joining the new Circuit to take part. If anyone is willing to be part of this venture you are asked to let your Circuit administrator know.

A poster has been put up in the Wesley Hall with details.

Thanks

Paddy would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and encouragement to get better after breaking her hip.

Circuit prayer from Willersey - ‘Come to the firelight of God’

In the darkness and the cold, people are drawn to the light and the warmth of a fire, welcoming, cheering and strengthening. Just so, am I drawn to the presence of God, content just to be there. Not wanting, not pestering, silent as I recognise the inadequacy of words, savouring the divine presence which enables me to live out my faith in an often cheerless world. Amen

Sunday 27th January at 10.30am

Service will be led by Mr. Steve Barritt

NEXT WEEK’S NOTICES: to Gillian Bowers. email:- gillianbathome@hotmail.com no later than WEDNESDAY please

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