



Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

Morning Worship - Epiphany

Sunday 6th January 2019 @ 10.30am

Preacher: Revd. Brenda Morton

Organist: Anna Cooley

Call to Worship – Isaiah 60, v 1 + 3

Hymn – ‘We three Kings’

Prayer

JAM Children leave

Introduction – Epiphany = unveiling. Gospel for the whole world.

Reading: Psalm 72, v 1-14 *reader Carolyn Evans*

Hymn: STF 228 ‘Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,’

Reflection – “Stars, by a Wise man”

Reading: Matthew 2, v 1-12 *reader Graham Miatt*

Reflection – “Don’t call me wise”

Hymn: STF 227 ‘Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,’

Slides

Reflection – “Epiphany” (‘He just lay there needing to be loved’)

Reading: Matthew 2, v 13-18 *reader Margaret Kenny*

Reflection – “Questions” (‘Your child’s coming.....’)

Hymn: STF 218 'Unto us a boy is born!'

Reflection on refugees - slides

Prayers of intercession

A note of good news to end with

Offering and prayer

Hymn: STF 224 'As with gladness men of old'

JAM children return

Chorus 'Jesus loves me'

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.

Monday makers will recommence in the spring.

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

Monday 1.30pm Bible study starts again with a bring and share buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us.

7.30pm Evening Bible study. (*see later notice*)

Tuesday 10am Prayer group will be celebrating communion. All are welcome.

7.30pm Our annual quiz is at 7.30pm in the New Room. You don't have to come as a team, just turn up. It's a fun evening.

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.

Saturday 10am to 12 noon. Brunch and Brunch Bunch. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

FURTHER NOTICES

REPORTING

If you have anything you want to put in **Reporting**, please can you let Sheila Giles have it by email before tomorrow evening. Thank you.

The offertory at the Christingle of £253.89 in aid of **Action for Children**, together with the £150 raised at the carol singing on Waterside, has been sent to the John Waterhouse project in Kenilworth which provides residential short breaks for children aged 5-18 with severe learning or multiple disabilities.

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

Evening Bible Study Group

We will be following *tensquared*, a programme all study groups in the forthcoming new circuit are being asked to complete. The name comes from the purpose of the mission of Jesus as summed up in John 10:10 - life in all is fullness. Sessions encourage reflection on how we discern

the work of the Spirit in our own lives and in the Church and community. We meet at 7.30pm on alternate Mondays and new members are very welcome. For more information email Janet Mee, janetraggedraven@aol.com

Prayer for the new South Warwickshire Circuit.

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

Rev Peter Powers Superintendent,

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

Circuit prayer from Evesham

Loving God we bring to you our prayers for others this New Year. We pray for your Church. We especially remember those persecuted for their faith worldwide and those just beginning the journey of faith. In all our differences help us to respect one another in love. We pray for the world you have lent us as our home. Help us to see it as you would have us see it – a world where all share your gifts with one another, a world cared for and protected for the benefit of future generations. Amen.

Sunday 13th January at 10.30am

Service will be an own arrangement

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

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