

Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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Sunday 2nd December

First Sunday in Advent

Service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

with Rev. Dr. Martine Stemerick

Please pray

For Martine here with us this morning and David at Martin Way

Also for others of our congregation, engaged in God's work,
who are not with us today.

Welcome to you all as we worship God together

An audio loop system operates

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

and HYMN BOOKS are AVAILABLE.

Please ask

Thanks this morning to: **Our Stewards** – Geoff and Gloria
Communion Steward - Denise

Our Welcome team Doris and Jeff

Music played for us by Vivienne ~ **Sound:** Tom

Church family Please continue to keep Pat and Colin, Joy and Arthur and Pearl in your thoughts and prayers this coming week and ask god to bless them each at their point of need.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Colin and I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who prayed, emailed, sent cards and communicated in any way over the past two months following his cardiac arrests in New York. The love, prayers and support gave me the strength from day to day to cope with all that was happening and to lessen the feeling of being so totally isolated away from everyone here. There is no doubt in our minds that God put him in the right place at the right time to survive and has been with us every step of the way on this long journey. We cannot begin to tell you just how much the love and prayers have kept us both going and we feel humbled and overwhelmed by all the messages we have received. Colin is getting stronger daily, but still needs to be quiet and rest for much of the time, and we hope that this period of recuperation will ensure complete recovery from his ordeal. Our everlasting love and thanks, to Geoff and Julie, who immediately flew from the UK and also to Colin's sister, Fran, who flew out to New York from New Zealand - their love, help, guidance and support was just incredible. Pat & Colin

Thank you

Our thanks to everyone who came to clean our church yesterday, your help is very much appreciated.



Operation Christmas ChildMany thanks to all who have donated boxes, gifts, money, or beautifully knitted hats & scarves. I have sent off 100 boxes this year.

Copies of the **Link Magazine** are now available in the Vestibule

World Aids Red ribbons supporting World Aids are still available and will be in the Vestibule today.



Christmas Coffee Morning ***Saturday 8th December 10 – 12 noon***

Donations are required for the Christmas, **Toy & Gift** stalls and the raffle. Please leave in the box in the vestibule or give to Val or Denise. **Cakes** etc would be welcome on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Help setting up would be appreciated from 7:00pm Friday evening. Denise

Can you help selling on the stalls on the Saturday morning? Please let Val or Denise know.


Thank you.

Advent sessions 'Read the News' led by Martine, will be continuing for the next three Mondays at 12 Noon. Please feel free to join and take a booklet (50p) from the Rail after Communion. Light refreshments will be served but bring any additional snack as you wish.

Tony Miller MBE will be coming to take our **Toy & Gift Parade Service on 9th Debember**, so please bring your donations for the Mission, warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, and toiletries. We would like to send him back with another trailer fulll of goods.

Riding Lights Theatre Company present 'Give it Back Mak'

With puppetry, hilarity and extraordinary storytelling, we are delighted to welcome back Riding Lights Theatre Company, this time with their Christmas show *Give it back, Mak!* It promises to be a not to be missed magical Christmas experience. Suitable for anyone aged 5+ this is a one-hour family show. Att Christchurch with St.Philip, Worcester Park on Friday 7th December at 7 pm. Tickets £3 from Paul Timmis 020 8337 2348

Flower Rota Next year's flower rota is up in the vestibule, please add your name to the list. 

MISSING! The hand-held remote control for the Link Room screen has strayed from its home in the New Room cupboard. Please return it or advise Denise if you have knowledge or information on its whereabouts.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd December Advent Session at 12 noon. See notice inside.

Monday 3rd December 2–4.00 pm Conquest Art in the Link Room.

Monday 3rd December Bible Study & Discussion 8 pm in the New Room. Everyone is welcome. See Helen Quaife for details.

Tuesday 4th December 2.30 pm Tuesday Fellowship in the Link Room with Helen Bissett – all welcome.

*Donations of mince pies will be gratefully received for the following Services : **Toy Service-9th December.***





Carols by Candlelight-16th Dec. and the Crib Service on 24th Dec.

Sunday 9th December
Second Sunday in Advent
Tony Miller MBE
Parade & Toy Service.

News Sheet arrangements:

Items should be sent to Geoff Lawrence preferably by e-mail gdlawrence@me.com by the 9pm deadline on Wednesday.

In any other instance contact any member of the Steward Team

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