

# Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Minister – Rev Dr Martine Stemerick

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## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10:30am** **Morning Worship** **led by** **Valerie Ashcroft**

StF 55, 91, 177, 319, 312

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Please pray for Valerie with us here this morning, and for Martine at Ruxley this morning and also this evening.

Pray also for all those in Paris mourning the loss of loved ones and those caring for the many injured.

Pray too for all Religious and Political Leaders that they will work together to find resolutions to the difficulties which our world is facing.

*Please join together for refreshments after the Service as we say farewell to Marian before she leaves us for Guyana on Tuesday, with our love and prayers for a safe journey and a happy time away.*

Thanks this morning to: Our Stewards - Geoff/Denise

Our welcome team – Corrinne and Miriam

Music by Hymnal

Sound – Tom

## **Welcome to you all as we worship God together**

An audio loop system operates

As many people will be aware, Rev Martine Stemerick is due to retire in the summer of 2016. Over the last few months the Circuit Stewards have been working with the Leadership Teams of Stoneleigh and Ruxley churches to find a new minister to fill the vacancy that will be created by her departure.

This process has now been successfully completed, and we are happy to report that (subject to approval by the Methodist Conference next June) the Revd Emma Aikins is appointed to serve in the Wimbledon Circuit from September 2016, with pastoral charge of Ruxley and Stoneleigh Churches. Emma is currently serving in the Richmond and Hounslow Circuit, with pastoral charge of 3 churches.

We look forward to her joining our Circuit next year.

*Angela Linton-Smith - for the Circuit Stewards*

### **Pastoral**

Please pray for Jean Porter recovering in Hospital from her recent fall and surgery. She may be going away to convalescence. Latest news will be announced.

### **Phil the Bag**

The Church has received a further sum of £106.40 from donated fabrics. Thanks to all concerned and please continue to leave unwanted material in the labelled plastic sacks beyond the vestibule door.

**Poppy Collection** The total collected this year at SMC was £92.03.

### **Methodist Homes**

I have once again obtained some Christmas cards from MHA for people to sign. Please sign and return to the envelope that I will leave on the table by the door to the corridor. I have to return them by 7th December for passing onto people who may not get any cards. Thank you *Denise*

**Churches Together** invite all Ewell and Stoneleigh residents who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day to enjoy Christmas Dinner and festive activities at Ruxley Church from 12:30 to 4:15pm. Transport can be arranged. If you would like to enjoy the event, or know someone who would like an invite, please phone 020 8397 7307 (daytime) or 020 8393 3011 (evenings). No charge, donations welcome.

## **Quiet Reflective Service**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the New Room.

## **Knit and Natter**

Final two sessions this year are Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10:00am to noon in the Link Room.



**Link Group Outing** to the Odeon Cinema Epsom to see 'The Lady in the Van' on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. All SMC friends are invited to join them for the matinee performance. Please meet in the foyer at 3:00pm to purchase your own ticket.

## **Advent Course**

Martine will lead an Advent Course of four Monday lunchtime sessions starting on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Each session will begin at noon in the Link Room with soup and crusty bread, followed by informal study and discussion based on a handbook 'Exploring Advent with Luke'. If you plan to attend and would like a copy (suggested donation £8 to Geoff) please sign the list at Church TODAY.

**DIY House Group** will meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12:30pm at Jim's. Please bring a sandwich.

## **Thursday Group**

Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30pm in the New Room.

## **John Bell at Ruxley and SMC**

A Special Music Celebration Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February 2016. See posters and details for booking the Course and Lunch at Ruxley on the Saturday.

Sunday Morning there is a Joint Communion Service, 10:00am at Ruxley,

Sunday afternoon a 'Big Sing' at Stoneleigh at 2:00pm.

NB: If you have decided to attend on the Saturday at Ruxley and have not yet booked a place, please contact Mark Hodge in the Office at Ruxley (Tuesday – Friday am) on 020 8394 1081 ASAP.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 2:00 – 4:00pm** Conquest Art in the Link Room

**8:00pm** Monday Group – Bible Study & Fellowship at Helen's

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2:30pm** Tuesday Fellowship in the  
Link Room with Rev. Dr. Martine Stemerick

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to noon** Knit and Natter - in the Link  
Room

**7:30pm** Quiet Reflective in the New Room

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** Link Group outing Odeon Cinema 3:00pm

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November First Sunday in Advent 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Dr. Martine Stemerick**

### **Future Dates**

**30<sup>th</sup> November - noon** – Advent Course starts in the Link Room

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2.30pm** Thursday Group meet in the New Room

**9<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 - noon** Knit and Natter in the Link Room

**13<sup>th</sup> December 10.30** Toy/Gift Parade and Bring and Buy for  
Whitechapel

**20<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm** Carols by Candlelight

**24<sup>th</sup> December 4:00pm** Crib Service

**10<sup>th</sup> January 10:30** Covenant Service

### **News Sheet arrangements**

Please send items to Geoff Lawrence by 9:00pm on Wednesday.

Contact Stewards:

Catherine Draper and Denise Gould 020 8393 2155

In any other instance, contact any member of the Stewards' Team

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