

Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Minister – Rev Dr Martine Stemerick

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Sunday 29th November First Sunday in Advent 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Dr. Martine Stemerick



Please pray for Martine with us here this morning and at Ruxley this evening, and also for David at Martin Way this morning and for others known to us engaged in God's work who are not with us today

Please continue to pray for those we know in special need of care and concern,

Pastoral

Please pray for Jean Porter now home from Hospital who is still in need of our prayers and support.

LINK Magazine

The December/January Link is now available

Thanks this morning to: Our Stewards - Catherine / Debbie
Our welcome team – Ken & Brenda
Music by Hilda
Sound / Projection – Tom

Welcome to you all as we worship God together

An audio loop system operates

Whitechapel Mission

After the Toy and Gift Parade there will be a Bring and Buy stall for Whitechapel in the Link Room during refreshment time. If you would like to bring anything ahead of time, there are boxes in the vestibule.

On the day we will also welcome cakes, buns etc. *Thank you*



Church Cleaning next Saturday

5th December 10:00am to noon.

All help welcome for that extra Advent and Christmas Festive glow.

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*

Thursday Group

Next meeting 3rd December at 2:30pm in the New Room.

Pillowcase Dresses

We will continue making pillowcase dresses next Wednesday December 2nd, 10:00 till noon. We have lots of material so if you want to join us and see what happens please join us in the Link Room. Any queries contact Gloria or Catherine.

Donations of mince pies will be welcomed for:-

13th December am - Parade Service;

20th December pm – Carols by Candlelight

and Christmas Eve Crib Service. *Thank you.*



DIY House Group Change of venue, tomorrow 30th November.

Now meeting at Hilda's at 12:30pm Please bring a sandwich.

SMC Film Club invite you to see 'A Little Chaos' this Wednesday 2nd December - 7.15 for 7.30pm start in the Link Room. A fictional tale starring Kate Winslet, set in 17th Century France amongst the landscape architects working on the new Palace of Versailles.



Refreshments available. All are welcome.

Advent Course sessions start tomorrow 30th November. Martine is leading an Advent Course of four Monday lunchtime sessions. 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.



Knit and Natter

Final session this year is on Wednesday 9th December
– 10:00am to noon in the Link Room.

Circuit Statement

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

John Bell at Ruxley and SMC

A Special Music Celebration Weekend 13th -14th 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 on 8394 1081 ASAP. or see Denise ASAP. The cost including lunch is £15. After this week Saturday places cannot be guaranteed unless already booked.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th November - 12:30 DIY Group meet at Hilda's
2:00 – 4:00pm Conquest Art in the Link Room **8.00pm**

Monday Group – Bible Study & Fellowship at Helen's

Tuesday 1st Dec 2:30pm Tuesday Fellowship Devotional with Rev
Christine White (St Mary's Cuddington) Plus Bring & Buy stall
for World Missions.

Wednesday 2nd Dec 7:15 for 7:30pm Film Show in the Link Room

Thursday 3rd Dec 2.30 Thursday Group meet in the New Room



Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday in Advent
10:30am Morning Worship
with Holy Communion led
by Rev. Dr. Martine Stemerick
Communion Steward - Jeananne



Future Dates

9th Dec 10:00 –noon Knit and Natter in the Link Room

13th Dec 10:30 Toy/Gift Parade and Bring and Buy for Whitechapel

20th Dec 6:30 Carols by Candlelight

24th Dec 4:00 Crib Service

Christmas Day 10:30 Family Service

3rd Jan 10:30 Morning Worship for the New Year

10th Jan 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

Geoff Lawrence, Debbie Woolford,
Val Farley, Marion & Ernie Baker