



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Welcome to all, especially any here for the first time as we worship God together

## Today's Service Sunday 3 December 2017 *(it's a Supermoon tonight)*

### 10:30am: Holy Communion with the Rev Chris Morley

We welcome Chris and thank him for leading our Service this morning.

*Hymns: StF 180, 741, see sheet, 652, 706*

*Readings: Mark 13:24-37*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Lesley and Jeananne, Denise (Communion)

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda

Music - Hilda, Sound - Norma J

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Pat S

We have an audio loop system, large print hymn books and bibles, and a wheelchair - also our current Church magazine and our information leaflet about activities at the Church Centre - just ask the Welcome Team at the door for anything you need.

Our Pew Collection today is for the work of our Church and Circuit.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

# Prayers

Please pray for Chris leading our Service this morning, and for Emma at Ruxley this morning and this evening.

Pray also for those of the Church family who are unwell or finding their mobility limited, and also consider whether they might welcome a call or visit from friends.

## Advent Liturgy - First Sunday in Advent Hope - Advent is a time of waiting

Leader:

Advent is a time of waiting.

**All: God's hope comes to those who wait in longing anticipation.**

Leader:

We wait for you, O God, who is our hope. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down so that the mountains would quake at your presence, as when you did awesome deeds that we did not expect. (Isaiah 64:1, 3)

*The candle of **hope** is lit.*



Leader:

As we light the candle of hope, let us remember that God is the God of Hope. Let us remember God's awesome deeds that brought light out of darkness, life from death, a Messiah from among us. Let us anticipate God's awesome future when all will be one and all will be well. Let us open ourselves to God's awesome presence with us here, even now. **Amen**

# Notices

**Mince Pie donations** would be welcome for the Toy & Gift Service next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) Church Parade, on the day please.

**Christmas** - thanks to Val, her family and friends, for decorating the Christmas tree and the Church - splendid job! And for the cleaning crew yesterday for 'sprucing' the place up.

**Recent Work** - forgot to mention last week the maintenance work carried out in the last two weeks that, hopefully, hasn't caused any problems. Specifically 1) replacement of the front two blinds in the Church to make these more effective, 2) repainting of the ceiling of the front alcove to remove the 'rust' stains, 3) repair and repainting of several areas of paintwork outside, 4) replacement of the drain covers in the vestry and corridor to eliminate smells, and 5) unblocking the kitchen drain. Work is in progress to reinstate the vestry and corridor carpet. Thanks to our contractors for working alongside us.

**Carol Singing on the Broadway.** Join with St John's and Stoneleigh Baptist singing during the 'Lights on the Broadway' event this coming Friday (8<sup>th</sup>), **now confirmed as between 4:15 and 4:45pm**; music and words provided.



## In case you missed it . . .

The **Link Group** will meet for their Christmas Evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Link Room. Please come, and bring a CD to share your favourite Christmas music or bring a favourite reading, or both. Everyone is welcome. *Ken*

**Whitechapel and Foodbank Collections** can be placed, as signed, in the Church stairwell - please note the revised locations for donations which will, as always, be gratefully received, especially at this time of year.

Our **Crib Service** will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December this year, starting at 4:00pm. Please feel free to come dressed in costume; there is a role for everyone wanting to take part.

# The coming week at SMC

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

*Conquest Art - 2:00-4:00pm in the Link Room*

*Monday Group - 8:00pm, meet at Helen's*

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*Tuesday Fellowship - 1:00pm in the Link Room - Christmas Lunch with Tom Hancock, magician*

*Breathing Space - 6:30-8:00pm in the Church*

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*Toddlers & Carers - 10:00-11:30am, in the Link Room*

*Local Preachers - 7:45pm in the New Room*

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

*Lights on the Broadway - Carol Singing at 4:15-4:45pm with other local Churches*

*Link Group - 7:30pm, Christmas Evening in the Link Room*

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

*Toy & Gift Parade - 10:30am, led by the Rev Emma Aikins*

*Stewards - Marion & Ernie, Welcome team - Pat S and Peter,*

*Music - Hilda, Sound & Projection - Robin*

*Refreshments - Scouts, Flowers - Church funds*

## Contact Details

**Contact Stewards:** Marion Baker (020 8393 4473) and Debbie Woolford (020 8715 8529) - [contact@stoneleighmethodist.church](mailto:contact@stoneleighmethodist.church).

**Website:** [stoneleighmethodist.church](http://stoneleighmethodist.church) - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

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