



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

## **Sunday 24 December 2017** **10:30am: Christmas Eve Morning Service** **with Valerie Ashcroft**

We welcome Valerie and thank her for leading our Service this morning.

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Lesley and Pat P

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda, Music - Jean

Sound - Pat P, Refreshments - Gloria

Our Pew Collection this morning is for Church and Circuit purposes.

## **4:00pm: Crib Service - the 'ABC Nativity'**

We thank those assisting with our Service this afternoon

*Our Thanks this afternoon to:*

Our Stewards - Val and Debbie, Music - Vivienne

Sound - Robin, Welcome - Denise & Harry

Refreshments - Monday/Thursday group

Many thanks to Rita for providing our lovely floral pedestal this Christmas.

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 this afternoon is for 'Action for Children'.

Refreshments will be served after the Services.

# Prayers

Please pray for Valerie leading our Service this morning and for Emma at Ruxley this morning, afternoon and 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

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love

*Leader:* Advent is a time of waiting.

**All: All: God's love comes to those who look for it in anticipation and trust.**

*Leader:* Joining with the Psalmist, we sing of God's steadfast love forever; with our mouths we declare God's faithfulness to all generations. Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever. God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. (Psalm 89:1-2)

*The candle of love is lit.*

*Leader:* As we light the candle of love, let us remember that God is the God of Love. Let us remember that God's love has come in Jesus, God-with-us. Let us anticipate the fullness of love's reign throughout the earth. Let us open ourselves to the ways God's love embraces us and seeks us out this hour. **Amen**

## Notices

**Barbara Clarke's** funeral will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm at Randall's Park Crematorium; it will be a simple service and everyone is welcome. *Lesley*

**Christmas Cards – don't forget to have a look in the vestibule rack for any cards addressed to you or anyone you can deliver to - thanks.**

News from friends who have moved away has been pinned to the vestibule notice board (including Stan B).

Emma sends her Christmas wishes to all.

## **In case you missed it . . .**

**Dementia Talk.** On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 2:00pm, there will be a talk on Dementia in the Link Room.

Claire Robertson, has many years of experience having worked for the Alzheimer's Society for 17years; she is now a Trustee of Dementia 1st and has kindly agreed to come and talk about the effects of Dementia on the person affected and their carers, She will also give advice on dealing with situations that may occur when you have someone with Dementia in your group/church.

We have asked Claire along as Stoneleigh is starting a singing afternoon for people with Dementia and their carers next year, but I thought that it might be of interest to others so anyone is welcome. No charge but a donation to Claire's charity would be welcomed. For further information phone me on 020 8393 4116, *Lesley*.

**TWAM - Tools with a Mission** - Collection on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. As many of you know this organisation sends unwanted tools (including power tools) and sewing/knitting equipment overseas to help create skills opportunities. Tools can be old and rusty but NOT broken; they will be revamped and sent on to help others, so please look out those unused tools or sewing bits and pieces (even sewing and knitting machines). A full list of items they can use is on the main notice board opposite the Link room doors. If you can help in any way please contact or bring your donations to the church and leave them in on the shelves in the cupboard in room 1. Thank you. *Lesley*

# **TWAM**

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# The coming week at SMC

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December

***Christmas Worship - 10:30am, led by the Rev Emma Aikins***

*A short and simple celebration of Christmas, and an opportunity to bring your presents to show and tell.*

*Steward - Denise, Welcome - Val & John*

*Music - Hilda, Sound - Pat P*

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

***Morning Worship - 10:30am, led by the Rev Emma Aikins***

*Stewards - Jeananne and Gloria, Welcome - Norma A and Geoff,*

*Music - Jean, Sound - Tom, 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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