



Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

Today's Service

Sunday 21 January 2018

**10:30am: Morning Worship with the
Rev Margaret Adams**

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

Hymns: StF 272, 440, 416, 251, 660

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Mark 1:14-20

Our Thanks this morning to:

Our Stewards - Jeananne and Debbie

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda, Music - Jean

Sound - Robin, Refreshments - Gloria

Flowers - Dee

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 is for Church and Circuit purposes.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Prayers

Please pray for Margaret leading our Service here this morning, and Emma at Ruxley, also this morning.

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

Notices

Connie Wade. "I am writing to inform you that my mother Connie Wade died on 6th January 2018 at the age of 88 She was active in the Church between 1965 and 1994 when she retired to Worcester, so some of your older members may remember her. She was a member of the Young Wives club and helped run the Brownies and Guides. She continued to receive the Link regularly in Worcester." *Karen Wade*

Poppy Appeal 2017 - the total amount collected at SMC last November was £76.20 - a good effort from our Church.

Thursday 25th January, 2:30pm, in the New Room. We will be discussing our thoughts from following a talk given by David Tomlinson, entitled 'Black Sheep and Prodigals'. The talk, dated 5th November 2017, can be found on the St Paul's Cathedral website under 'Videos of past Forums' ([youtube.com/watch?v=psdkJLgTSQY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psdkJLgTSQY))

All are welcome, especially if you are unable to get to any of the other class meetings. For more details, ask Vivienne.

The **D.I.Y. and Auriol House group** will meet in the New Room on Monday 29th January at 11:00am - the Rev Emma Aikins will lead. Please note change of time.

Room 1 Refurbishment - the windows in Room 1 will be replaced this coming week as the second stage of the room refurbishment. The front toilets will be done first (on Tuesday) so they will be inaccessible that day. For the rest of the week work will be in and around Room 1 only, so be aware!

Lent Bible Studies this year will start after the Sunday services from 18th February at 11:15am, and finish by 12:15pm (there will be a coffee/tea/biscuit/sandwich break at the beginning) - full details on the notice boards and in the next '*Link*'.

In case you missed it . . .

Circuit Notice. As many people will be aware, Rev Margaret Adams is due to retire in the summer of 2018. Over the last few months the Circuit Stewards have been working with the Leadership Team of the Lantern Church 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) Deacon Dawn Canham is appointed to serve in the Wimbledon Circuit from September 2018, with pastoral charge of The Lantern Church. Dawn is currently serving in the Melton Mowbray Circuit. We look forward to her joining our Circuit later this year.

Angela Linton-Smith - for the Circuit Stewards

By CTE - Easy Access Church, a place where all are welcomed, included and encouraged. A bit of a new venture - a short church service especially geared for those with learning disabilities - followed by refreshments.

The first service will be on Sunday 28th January 2018, 3:00pm at All Saints Church Hall, Fulford Road, West Ewell KT19 9QY. All are welcome - please spread the word.

For more information please contact Paula Smith, paula.smith@mybroadband.com, 020 8337 2957.

The **Flower Rota** is looking rather bare so if anyone wants to add their name and provide flowers for worship please do so. Don't forget, you can buy and arrange them yourself, or ask me to do so on your behalf. Thank you - *Lesley*

Wimbledon Circuit is in need of a **Circuit Safeguarding Officer** - anyone interested should contact revmargaretjadams@gmail.com - there is a Job Description on our main Notice Board.

TWAM - Tools with a Mission - Don't forget next weekend is your last chance to bring items to the Church for the collection on 1st February 2018. Full details on the main notice board opposite the Link room doors. If you can help in any way leave donations on the marked shelf in the cupboard in room 1. Thank you. *Lesley*

The coming week at SMC

Monday 22nd January

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

Monday Group - 8:00pm at Helen's

Tuesday 23rd January

Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room; Tom Turner with pictures, talk and music - everybody welcome.

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

Wednesday 24th January

Knit & Natter - 10:00am-noon in the Link Room

Thursday 25th January

Prayer Group - 9:30am in the New Room

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

Thursday Group - 2:30pm in the New Room

Sunday 28th January 2018

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

Stewards - Val and Lesley, Welcome team - Norma A and Denise

Music - Vivienne, Sound - Denise

Refreshments -Gloria, Flowers - Norma A

Contact Details

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

Website: stoneleighmethodist.church - full details of all groups and activities, including the Church Centre usage calendar.

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