



# Welcome to Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

## Today's Service

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## 10:30am: Morning Worship with the Rev Emma Aikins

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

*Hymns: StF 342, 318, 319, 564*

*Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, John 18:33-37*

*Our Thanks this morning to:*

Our Stewards - Marion & Ernie

Our Welcome team - Ken & Brenda

Music - Jean, Sound - Denise

Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Denise

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 the Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served after the Service.

# Prayers

Please pray for Emma leading our Service this morning.

Please pray also 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

**Conquest Art** Christmas cards and 2019 calendars are now available; samples of each will be on show on Sunday over coffee. Cards are £3.50 for 10, and calendars are £5 each. *Lesley*

**Baden-Powell Challenge Award.** Two Guides from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoneleigh Guide Unit, based at Stoneleigh Methodist Church, have successfully completed this Challenge, the highest accolade a Guide can achieve. Abigail and Joanna were presented with their Baden-Powell awards on 8<sup>th</sup> November by Denise, their District Commissioner, who was their Rainbow Leader when they first joined Girlguiding and this made the event even more special for them. Another special thank-you to Michelle, their Guide leader, for her constant support and encouragement. They now join many other recognisable names on the honours board at the back of the church, the first of our Guides to do so since 1999. Many congratulations to both girls - *Marion (a very proud grandmother)"*



**Platform 10%.** You are all invite to join us at Martin Way Methodist Church for a lunch and Quiz organised by our young people on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12:30 to 2:00pm, in aid of 'Faith in Action' - a charity helping people in and around the London Borough of Merton who are homeless or rough sleepers, providing a drop-in centre. Poster on the main Noticeboard - advise for numbers please.

**Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar.** What's that then? Just what it says really - every day, in the run-up to Christmas, Epsom Foodbank suggest an item you might like to donate - this list is on both the main notice board and the one in the Church, and there are 'take-away' copies on the shelf below the church board. You'll see the scheme started on 12<sup>th</sup> November, so if you could donate what you can to our own collection point by 7<sup>th</sup> December, we'll pass items onto Foodbank in good time for Christmas.

**Together at Christmas** - our Church has been asked again to donate liquid refreshments for the meal at Together at Christmas. Our shopping list is 8 cartons of Apple juice and 4 bottles of sparkling water. If you are able to donate one of these items then please leave it in church for collection and let me know on 07814 500984. Many thanks *Norma*

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

**Looking for volunteers!** The winter night shelter at Wimbledon Methodist Church begins for seven weeks from the beginning of January to the end of February on Mondays. If you can volunteer to help please contact Deacon Dawn on 020 8947 7395 or 07793 095834.

**Together at Christmas.** Are you alone at Christmas this year? Come and join us for a traditional festive dinner. Organised by Churches Together in Ewell, this offer is open to all Ewell/Stoneleigh residents at no charge - transport can be arranged. Email [Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:Christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com) or call 020 8397 7307 / 020 8393 3011.

**Cuddington Community School** are holding a Christmas Choir Concert for Senior Citizens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm; it will last about 45 minutes followed by light refreshments. If you would like to go please let me know ahead of time, as they need the numbers for catering. Thank you. *Catherine*

# The coming week at SMC

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

*DIY/Auriol House Group - 12:30pm in Room 1*

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

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

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

*Tuesday Fellowship - 2:30pm in the Link Room with Gill Caldwell talking about 'The Grange', supporting people with disabilities - all are welcome to come along*

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

*Knit & Natter - 10:00am-noon, in Room 1*

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

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

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

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

*Church Cleaning - 10:00am-noon - all are very welcome for the last 'big clean' of 2018!*

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

*Morning Worship - 10:30am with Valerie Ashcroft*

*Stewards - Val and Sally, Welcome - Jeff & Doris*

*Music - Hilda, Sound - Norma J*

*Refreshments - Gloria, Flowers - Joan P*

## Contact Details

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