

# STUBBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Mays Lane / Burnt House Lane

Minister Reverend Claire Simpson

Minister's Day off: Saturday



We extend a very warm welcome to all our worshippers today and a special welcome to any visitors and newcomers.

Please make yourself known to us.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**10.00 a.m. Andrew Wilcock**

Steward: Vivien Rolf

Welcomers: Alison Brown and Wendy Mayne

Music: Heather Carne

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Stubbington Methodist Church

**24<sup>th</sup> December** – 3 p.m. Carol service

**25<sup>th</sup> December** – short Christmas Day service 9.30 a.m.

**30<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Songs of Praise 10.15 a.m.

### MHA – Fareham Live at Home – Quiz

Enjoy a trip around the British Isles, in the comfort of your favourite chair, by taking part in the “Round Britain Quiz” (revised)

Entry £1 in aid of the Fareham Live at Home Scheme

*Details and entry forms from Jim & Thelma Bradley*

### Christmas Cards/Greetings for Action for Children

This year, as we did last year, if you would like to send Christmas greetings to your friends in church, please sign and bring a card to any service and I will use them to decorate the coffee area.

There will be an **Action for Children collecting box** on the table and I would be delighted if you would put a donation in it as payment for the ‘postage’. *Thank you, Pat*

### Christmas Tree

This is now in place for you to decorate Sunday by Sunday. There will be a box of decorations by the tree, together with a collecting box for your donations. This year the Rowans Hospice Silver Jubilee will receive the funds raised from this initiative.

### Prayers for Individuals

We especially pray for Alf Billingsley, Gwynnyth Clarke, Peter Marsh and Tess Metcalf who are unable to join us at this time.

### Cycle of Prayer, Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

Pray for all Christmas Services, Parties and Events.

## CIRCUIT INFORMATION

### **Petersfield Nativity Festival 2018**

This will be held in Petersfield Methodist Church

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*See poster for further details.*

### **Open Church Project**

The Open Church Project is running again this winter in Portsmouth. Seven church venues in turn will be providing a meal, bed and friendship for 12 homeless people on each night of the week during January and February. The project as a whole is run in conjunction with the Society of St James. Eastney Methodist is the host church on Tuesday nights. We're looking for support again in two ways. Firstly, volunteers are needed for either of the three shifts (the evening cooking/hospitality shift, the overnight shift or the breakfast shift). We need an amount of financial support. Any help from individuals or churches would be greatly received. If you'd like to know more please contact Rev. John Mills.

### **Outreach Worker**

If you are unable to reach Claire in an emergency, such as serious illness, Pam Stone can be contacted to offer pastoral support. Pam is also able to offer extended communion at home.

**Notices for the next Newsletter should be passed to Chris D'Cruz by Thursday 6th December**

**The link to the circuit calendar/diary for the latest events taking place across the circuit – <http://www.esanddcircuit.org.uk/html/plan-diary.html>**

## GENERAL NOTICES

### **Food Bank**

Please continue to support the Food Bank at a time when many people are struggling to support their families at this time of celebration. One initiative is the '**Alternative Advent**' when instead of receiving a gift each day on the run up to Christmas you put an item of food each day into a box to be given to the food bank and distributed to families in need. Christmas goodies can be included and hopefully help to give them a reason to celebrate. The boxes need to be handed over to the food bank by 21<sup>st</sup> December in time to be distributed to families.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (2nd in Advent)**

#### **10.15 a.m. Mrs Imelda Temple**

Steward: Liz Hodges

Welcomers: Rene Dale and Jim Bradley

Music: Margaret Read

#### **6.30 p.m. Revd Claire Simpson *Service of Holy Communion***

Steward: Liz Hodges

Communion Steward: Vivien Rolf