



The Methodist Hall has a free car park and can be accessed via Waterside and Southern Lane. I have roughly indicated the position on the map but if you have difficulty finding the exact location it is very close to Holy Trinity Church. It is about a mile from the station and there is a taxi rank on the station forecourt. At lunchtime, if you wish to bring your own food, you can eat your lunch in the hall. There are numerous cafes, shops and restaurants not too far away.

A quiet place to stay convenient for the theatre and the Methodist Hall is Broad Walk just off Evesham Place where there is a choice of about eight guest houses. I have stayed at a couple of places and I can recommend Parkfield Tel: 01789 293313 which has a car park behind the property. The cost is roughly £30 per night. The Payton Hotel Tel: 01789 266442 on John Street at the other side of town is also convenient for the theatre and is a lovely Georgian house but there is no private parking. The prices here are about £35. The most convenient hotel for the theatre is the Arden Thistle on Waterside Tel: 0870 333 90246 but it is very pricey. The TIC at Bridgefoot Tel: 01789 295262 has a good accommodation guide and they also book rooms for people.

If you have access to the Internet a large number of hotels and guest houses in Stratford are on Smooth Hound's UK Hotel site at www.smoothhound.co.uk/stratfor.html. Another site I use a lot is www.tripadvisor.com because they have customer reviews that can be very useful, especially on places you should avoid. Good places to eat abound in Stratford and one I have visited several times and have always enjoyed the food is Edward Moon on Chapel Street, telephone - check out the menu on their website www.moonsrestaurants.com. Another I would highly recommend is Sorrento on Ely Street which serves a very good pre-theatre meal between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm at £12.90 for two courses. It is a family-run restaurant and the atmosphere is very friendly. A good and comprehensive website giving details of accommodation, restaurants and lots of other relevant information can be found at www.stratford-upon-avon.co.uk/ I hope this information will be of use to members visiting Stratford for the first time.

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