

Pastoral Prayers – August



“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples; if you love one another.” (John 13 v34-35)

This month we ask you to remember and pray for:

Dorothy Agar & her group: Tom Agar, Ian Gordon, Julie & Leigh Harrison, Catherine Cutler, Jenny & Philip Marshall, David Weighell, Ray Weighell, Lindsey Woodhouse, Margaret Taylor.

Ruth Watson & her group – Susan Cowton, Jennifer & David Nield

Laura Ashurst & her group of friends – Alison Morton & Martha Dolan

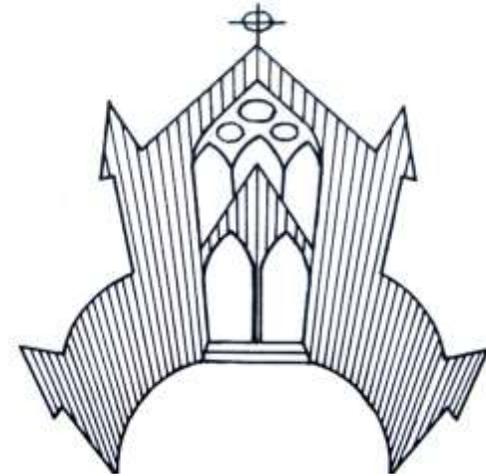
All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on brackenjackson@btinternet.com or telephone 01642 713781 or by passing a note by hand. All notices must be received by the Thursday **before** the following Sunday. **Many thanks.**

The website address is www.stokesleymethodistchurch.co.uk .

Please be aware that what is printed in the notices will now be posted onto our website, which is open to the public. If there is anything sensitive that should not be placed onto this public space, please phrase your notices carefully or let us know that it is for print only. The notices are taken off the website at the end of each month and do not include personal details unless part of an “advert”.

Circuit Website <http://www.stokesleymethodistcircuit.org.uk/>

Stokesley Methodist Church



Sunday 13th August, 2017

Welcome to Worship

10.30am Morning Worship led by David Sills
6.00pm Town Close with Rev Andrew Robinson

Minister: Rev Andrew Robinson

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We believe in a church where all are welcome, where people can engage with God and each other, both actively and reflectively: a place that is a sanctuary, a place of worship and a base for mission.

Please join us for refreshments after the service. If you are visiting, please sign your name in the Visitors' Book at the back of the Church and pick up a Welcome leaflet.

A Gathering Prayer from the Roots resources

God of everything and everywhere,
we find you by the lakeside,
we hear you in hidden places,
we see you on the mountain-top.
May we feel your presence with us as we worship today.
Gentle God,
speak to us in the sound of silence;
speak to us through the voices of the past;
speak to us in the babble of conversation;
speak to us with words from Scripture;
speak to us from the experience of faith;
speak to us, for we are listening for your Word.
Amen.

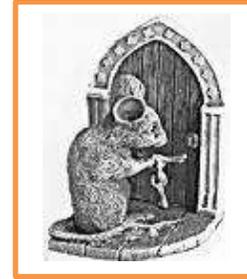
Today's Readings:

Romans 8 v1-11 (p1134) Life Through the Spirit
Matthew 13 v1-23 (p978) The Parable of the Sower

Steward: Ann Keene
Organist: Leigh Harrison
Readers: Christine Ridgeway & Chris Keene
Welcome on the door: Christine Ridgeway & Shirley Lee
Coffee is served by: Ann & Chris Keene
The flowers are a gift from: Doris Hallworth

Hymns: 20 372 655 345 663

A Message from the Church Mouse



A six-year-old girl had been so naughty that her mother decided to teach her a lesson. She told her she couldn't go to the school fair. Then, when the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the school fair, the child's reaction was one of gloom and disappointment. "What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the school fair," her mother said. "It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain, storms and thunder!"

For the children:

Have you ever done something you shouldn't have done and been asked by your mum or dad to stand in a corner or sit on a stool and think about what you have done? It is not fun to have a time-out. While you are sitting on that stool you may think of all the other things you would rather be doing – playing with your friends, riding your bike, or reading a book.



But, when we make bad choices we must learn about consequences (the cost of our bad choices). The Bible tells us that the Spirit of Christ Jesus sets us free from sin (bad choices) and this applies to adults as well as children. When we let the Spirit of Jesus live in us, it is like being released from a time-out. We are free to be grateful, worship God, and enjoy the life he has given us. As we go about our day thinking of behaviour and activities that are pleasing to God, we make better choices. The Bible tells us that "the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace" (Romans 8:6).

For Your Diaries and Your Prayers

- Tuesday 29th August at 2.00 to 3.30pm – Forget Me Not Café

Welcome to the 2017 Traidcraft Autumn Catalogue



Traidcraft stands for changing people's lives, saving vanishing traditional skills, and bringing a whole world of culture to you.

The new Autumn Catalogue is now available in the porch & it showcases the craftsmanship of hundreds of talented artisans and growers around the world from embroiderers to metalworkers, and from beekeepers to cocoa farmers, as well as a kaleidoscope of quirky products handmade from natural and recycled materials.

So as the nights get darker and we start to wrap up in our winter layers, why not indulge in some of the most ethical foods there are, whilst adding a few new dashes of character to your home, handmade by real artisans from around the world?

Please feel free to take a catalogue and have a look. You'll find things for the home, garden, fashion, gifts, playtime, groceries and you can even order your Christmas cards and get ideas for celebrating the Christmas season.

If you would like to order anything, please see Lesley for assistance.

Good to have you home ...

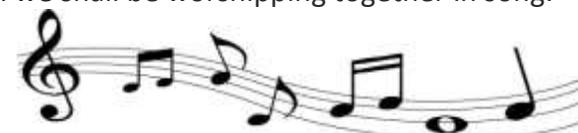
You will be very pleased to know that Jennifer Bainbridge is now home after a long period in hospital. She is much recovered though still awaiting major heart surgery. Jennifer would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers, for the visits and support, during this anxious time. Please continue to pray for Jennifer and her family during your daily meditations.

THIS WEEK

Mon 14th August	10:00am till 10:30am – Prayer Time 2:00pm - Knit & Natter
Tues 15th August	1:00pm till 2:30pm – NYCC Parenting
Wed 16th August	9:00am & 11:00am till 12.30pm – Slimming World Please note that Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday 27th September
Thurs 17th August	6.15pm till 6.45pm – Metafit
Fri 18th August	
Sat 19th August	10:00am till 11:30am - Coffee morning with coffee served by Pauline Rowell, Lesley Jackson & Helen Weighell

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

It is often said that 'to sing is to pray twice'. Melody and rhythm implant words more deeply in our minds and hearts; a melody will enable words to be learnt more quickly than simply reading, enabling them to be absorbed, part of our worship treasury, in a way that simply reading words does not usually allow. Please join us for this special Sunday when we shall be worshipping together in song.



10.30am	Songs of Praise led by our Worship Leaders & members of the congregation
6.00pm Town Close	Rev Andrew Robinson
Steward	Sue Frank
Pianist	Dorothy Blakey
Readers	
Door Stewards	Hilary Harris & Dorothy Townson
Flowers	Jayne Preece
Coffee	Ruth Watson & Rosemary Lincoln