

## Pastoral Prayers – March



“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:**

**Barbara Sullivan** & her group: Ruth Johnson, David Sullivan, Sue & Richard Walton & J&K Littlefair.

**Ruth Watson** & her group: Doreen Bell, James Helm, Maureen & Duncan Jackson, Rosemary Lincoln, John Linsley, Carole & Mike Myers, Margaret Pearson, Joyce & Mike Richardson, Alice Wright, Barbara Comiskey, Jane Dunlop, the Gilfoyle family, the Smith family, Catherine Waterfield, Clare Williams, Sally Weightman, George, Susan Cowton, Jennifer & David Nield, Alison Morton & Martha Dolan

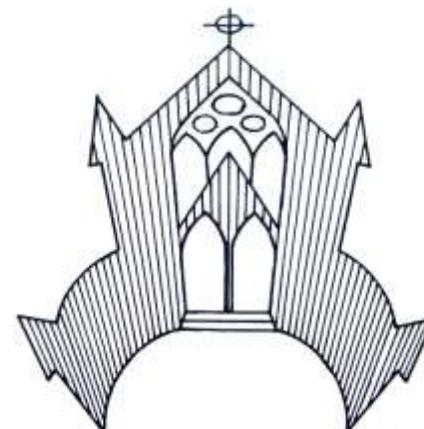
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## Stokesley Methodist Church



**Sunday 4th March, 2018**

*Welcome to Worship – Lent 3*

10.30am Morning Worship  
with Rev Andrew Robinson

including the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
6.00pm Town Close with Ken Hudson

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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**

The heavens tell of your glory  
and creation speaks of your goodness, O Lord.  
As day passes into night and night passes into day,  
we enter into the tent of your presence  
to join in the chorus of praise.  
You are the Lord our God: you rescue us from ourselves.  
We have no other gods but you: you alone do we worship.  
You are steadfast in your love for us:  
we honour you by keeping your commandments.  
This day is our Sabbath:  
a day set aside to worship you,  
O Lord, our God.  
**Amen.**

### **Today's Lectionary Readings:**

**Psalm 19 v1-4, 7-11** (p552)

**John 2 v13-22** (p1065) Jesus Clears the Temple

**Steward:** Sue Frank

**Communion Steward:** Bob Blakey

**Organist:** Leigh Harrison

**Readers:** Harry Stewart & Ruth Watson

**Welcome on the door:** Dorothy & Tom Agar

**Coffee is served by:** Ruth Watson & Rosemary Lincoln

**The flowers are a gift from:** Barbara Sharp

**HYMNS: 113 363 693 568 410**

### **A Message from the Church Mouse**



You wouldn't think it with all this wintry weather, but Spring IS on the way. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. The temperature begins to warm and the world begins to take on a fresh new look. The trees start to put on leaves, the grass begins to turn green, and the flowers start to bloom. Everything is beautiful! Another sign that spring is here is that many people have started their spring cleaning.

#### **For the children:**

Out come the mops, pails, sponges, floor cleaner, window cleaner, paper towels, and dust cloths. Spring is a good time to give your house a good going over, to clean everything up and get rid of a lot of junk that you don't need.

Today we are reading about a time when Jesus did some spring cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple. He couldn't believe his eyes. There in the temple area he saw people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a carnival than a house of worship. Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry Jesus made a whip, turned over the tables and drove the animals out of the grounds. As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also think about some other cleaning that needs to be done. We are in a season called Lent. At first, the word Lent meant 'the season of spring'. But it has now become much more than that. It is a time to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be changed. Are there some areas of your life where Jesus needs to do some 'spring cleaning'? I know there are in mine!



## For Your Diaries & Your Prayers:

- **Lent Study Group** at the Manse - **'Let Your Light Shine!'**  
Starting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm – MWiB Afternoon Group.** Please bring any favourite poems or short stories that you would like to share.
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – Concert with the Michelmas Singers** conducted by Sam Gardner. A French theme pervades their programme of sacred and secular unaccompanied choral music, interspersed with contrasting instrumental interludes from Abigail Ferguson (trumpet) and Mihai Stoican (violin), both students at Egglecliffe School. Ewan Murray (piano) will be their accompanist. Tickets are £4 for listeners under 21 and £10 for others – obtainable in advance through <http://www.michsingers.wordpress.com/members/contact>
- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm – Teesside Music Society** is pleased to present the **Fitzwilliam String Quartet** featuring Lucy Russell (violin), Marcus Barcham-Stevens (violin), Alan George (viola) & Sally Pendlebury (cello). Their programme includes music by Purcell, Brahms, Beethoven & Schubert. Adult Single Ticket @ £13.00; Student/Claimant Single Tickets @ £4.00; Children free. You can purchase tickets on the door or alternatively you can get your tickets in advance from the secretary, Julia Haigh, on 01642 711618.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm – Silver Screen "Easter Parade"**
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A CHOIR PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 6.30pm.** Please return all music from previous concerts & we will be rehearsing for performances during Easter Week.

### HELP WITH MUSIC

Many will know we have frequent use made of the church for music events. At the moment most of the opening up and stewarding during performances falls on Alan. We urgently need more volunteers to help with stewarding to lighten the load and ensure we continue to assist the musicians as much as possible. The diary shows we have 24 events planned in 2018 so far. If you think you can help, please have a word with Alan to find out what is involved. Many thank, Harry

## THIS WEEK

Mon 5th March	10:00am – Prayer Time 3:15pm till 4:15pm – Pathfinders Club at Stokesley Primary Academy 7:30pm till 8:30pm – 'Pound-Rockout Workout' Fitness Class
Tues 6th March	9:10am till 10:10am – Zumba 10:00am – Church Life Committee Meeting 1:30pm till 3:00pm – NYCC Children & Parents Play Group 2:30pm till 3:30pm – MWiB 'Favourite Poems & Short Stories' 7:00pm – Lent Study Group 3 at the Manse
Wed 7th March	7:30pm till 8:30pm – Zumba
Thurs 8th March	6:15pm till 6:45pm – Metafit Fitness Class
Fri 9th March	10:00am – Shoppers' Service led by Rev Trevor Haigh with pianist Helen Weighell 12 noon – Lenten Lunch. You are invited to this short time of reflection followed by a soup & roll lunch. If you can help to serve or make soup, please see Helen or Christine.
Sat 10th March	10:00am till 11.30am – Traidcraft Coffee Morning with coffee served by Pauline & Harry Rowell, Ann & Chris Keene 7:30pm – Concert with the Michelmas Singers

### SUNDAY 11th MARCH – Lent 4

10.30am	Rev Andrew Robinson
6.00pm Town Close	Rev Richard Bradshaw
Steward	Vanessa Johnson
Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Dorothy Mair & Carolyn Whitehead
Door Stewards	Christine Ridgeway & Jennifer Nield
Flowers	Gillian Elliott
Coffee	Ellen Brown & Mary Hunt

# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

26<sup>th</sup> February till 11<sup>th</sup> March



Join us for a  
**TRAIDCRAFT BIG BREW**  
On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
from **10am till 11.30am**



This will be our normal coffee morning with Fairtrade tea, coffee & cakes served all morning .



Spring Traidcraft Stall

All proceeds from the stall will be donated to the Traidcraft Exchange to help families in developing countries grow & thrive.



## Pudding Sale - Fundraising for our Charities

We have some puddings remaining from our Christmas stock & now is the chance to buy one (or two!) at sale prices. The 'Best Before' date is October 2018 so they will still make a delicious dessert after your Sunday Lunch!

**Triple Chocolate Pudding (now half-price @ £2):** A luxurious artisan pudding with real Belgium chocolate, brandy and crème de cacao. Serve with lashings of cream!

**Triple Ginger Pudding (now half-price @ £2):** A buttery sponge with warming ginger wine and finely diced stem ginger. Serve with custard and/or ice-cream!

The puddings are on display in the Church Porch so please help yourselves & put your money (or cheques made payable to "Stokesley Methodist Church") in the Honesty Box.

With many thanks, Lesley



## FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS

Thinking about Easter?

We have a selection of Easter Eggs on display in the Church Porch which you can buy now. You can also look through the Spring Collection catalogue & place an order for any Fairtrade foods, gifts or Easter cards (see Lesley for help).



The Real Easter Egg Milk Chocolate with Chocolate Buttons £3.60

The Real Easter Egg Hunt Box £3.75

Divine Fairtrade Milk Chocolate Hazelnut Praline Foiled Mini Eggs £2.90

Divine Fairtrade Milk Chocolate Speckled Eggs £2.90