

Pastoral Prayers



“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)

The Monday morning Prayer Group now meet from 9.30 to 10.30 for Bible Study and Prayer. Our lovely Prayer Tree has been and still is a great blessing. It has been used not only by worshipers but also by various people who come to other events, such as coffee mornings and concerts. Everybody is welcome to write a Prayer for the tree at any time. The Prayer Group include these prayers when they meet on Mondays.

Christine Campy has asked for this prayer request:

Christine's Goddaughter Ava (who lives in Australia) is very poorly & in a lot of pain. She is in hospital for an infection & receiving sedation & ongoing treatment. Also her Mum is to have a planned induction this week (possibly Wednesday). Parents Leanne & James are worried, stressed, exhausted as you might imagine. Please will you pray for all the family & especially little Ava. Thank you.

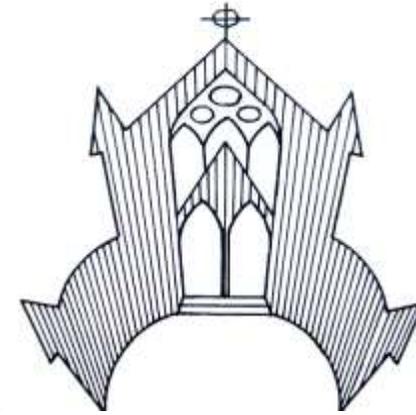
All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on brackenjack@btinternet.com or telephone 01642 713781 or by passing a note by hand. All notices must be received by the Thursday **before** the following Sunday. **Many thanks.**

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 16th September, 2018

Welcome to Worship

10.30am Morning Worship led by Ron Kirk
6.00pm Town Close with Kate Harvie

Minister: Rev Andrew Robinson

The Manse, 15 North Road,
Stokesley. TS9 5DY

Tel: 01642 710358

Email: rev.andrewr@gmail.com

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

Gather us,
O God, from all our disparate places.
Gather us, O God,
and shine your light among us.
Gather us, O God,
and may our hearts and mouths speak of your glory.
As we set aside this time,
we also set aside the clutter we have accumulated in our hearts.
Where we have hoarded hate,
or worried ourselves into weariness;
where we have deified distraction,
and forgotten our true Lord –
we put these things aside to focus on our mighty God of love,
who clears away the rubbish as no one else can.
Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 50 v 4-9a (p737) Israel's Sin and the Servant's Obedience

Mark 8 v27-38 (p1012) Peter's Confession of Christ/Jesus Predicts His Death

Steward: Sue Frank
Organist: Helen Weighell
Readers: Ann & Chris Keene
Welcome on the door: Joyce Binns & Sue Frank
Coffee is served by: Ann & Chris Keene
The flowers are a gift from: Ruth Watson

HYMNS: 476 341 462 247 673

A Message from the Church Mouse for the children (and grown-ups too!):



Wall climbing is an exciting adventure. Before you begin you are fitted with a harness that is tied in such a way so that, if you lose your footing, you will not fall and hurt yourself. A helmet is useful too, to protect you if you should slip and bump your head against the wall.



Wall climbing is a strenuous activity. You must find a step or hole to place your foot and another step or hole, higher up, to grab onto with your hand. Then you must lift yourself into an upright position. You continue doing this, first with one foot, and then the other as you climb the wall.

You may get very tired. You may feel as if your arms and legs will not hold you up any longer. As you approach the top, if you look down, you may feel a bit frightened. Wall climbing is a difficult activity, but when you succeed in reaching the top, you will feel as if you have accomplished something – and you have! You kept going even though you were tired, and perhaps even discouraged or frightened.

Just before Jesus died on the cross he talked about the difficulty of being a Christian, of being his follower. He said, "Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (8:34). Jesus was saying that to be his follower there will be difficult times, but if you keep going even though you may feel tired, discouraged, or frightened you will know and be filled with the love of God which is the greatest reward.

How blessed are we to have such beautiful stained glass windows in our church. In much the same way that stained glass is beautiful and inspiring, so too will your life be beautiful and inspiring to others when you show them God's love. Just as light comes gleaming through stained glass, God's light comes from within you shining out for others to see.

For Your Diaries & Your Prayers:

- **Sunday 23rd September at 3.00pm – HANDEL SPECTACULAR**
Conductor: Tim Jackson & featuring Soprano: Raphaela Papadakis
The programme includes the complete Fireworks Music & selections from Handel's Water Music & Arias. Handel's music for two spectacular royal occasions makes for a concert full of celebration, ceremony and life-affirming joy.
- **Monday 24th September – Finance & Property Committee Meeting at 7.00pm**
- **Tuesday 25th September – MWiB Afternoon at 2.30pm.** We commence our 2018/19 programme with Rev Andrew Robinson. Please note the **Forget Me Not Café** will take place in the **Town Hall at 2.00pm.**
- **Thursday 27th September – Church Council Meeting at 7.00pm**
- **Friday 28th September at 7.00pm – Stokesley Methodist Circuit** presents **Northallerton Woodwind Ensemble** (Director: Tim Waters) & **Stokesley Methodist Choir** in Concert at Stokesley Methodist Church. Tickets are £7 from Helen, Christine, Kath Watts or from The Hub (Hutton Rudby). The proceeds will help raise funds for the Halo Project which supports abused women in the Tees Valley and the North East.
- **Saturday 29th September – Special Charity Coffee Morning at 10am**

The Manse Fellowship Group will continue on **Tuesday 18th September** at 7pm. We will be watching the film **God's Not Dead** which our discussion and study group will explore over the coming weeks.

The group will continue to meet on the following dates:

Tuesday 25th September

Tuesday 2nd October

Tuesday 9th October

Tuesday 16th October

Tuesday 23rd October

New faces are always welcome to this informal gathering. It would be useful (but not essential) if those who are interested in joining us could let us know by email: mansemum01@gmail.com. If you can't make this first session but want to join in with the discussions, please get in touch.

Many thanks & blessings, Mandy

THIS WEEK

Mon 17th Sept	9.30am to 10.30am – Bible Study & Prayer Group 2.00pm to 3.30pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm to 8.30pm – Pound Rocket Workout
Tues 18th Sept	9.10am to 10.10am – Zumba 7.00pm – Manse Fellowship Group
Wed 19th Sept	
Thurs 20th Sept	
Fri 21st Sept	
Sat 22nd Sept	STOKESLEY SHOW DAY



SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

9.00am Communion	Rev Andrew Robinson
10.30am Café Church	Rob Johnson
6.00pm Town Close	Lesley Jackson
Steward	9am Dorothy Blakey 10.30am David Wilson
Communion Steward	Dorothy Mair
Organist	Helen Weighell
Door Stewards	Pauline & David Dale
Flowers	Joan Barthram
Coffee	Ruth Watson & Rosemary Lincoln