

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.

There may be occasions when you need prayer but do not wish it to appear on the Prayer Tree. In those cases please let Andrew or Ruth Watson know, and if you wish they will pass your concerns on to the Prayer Group.

We especially remember those we know who are ill or recovering from illness; those we know who are sad or lonely; those who, for whatever reason, cannot be with us at Church today; our Minister & those who serve this Church; those in our community & the wider world who face struggles & hardship, who carry burdens & are overwhelmed by the day to day events in their lives, who need God's comfort, healing & love.

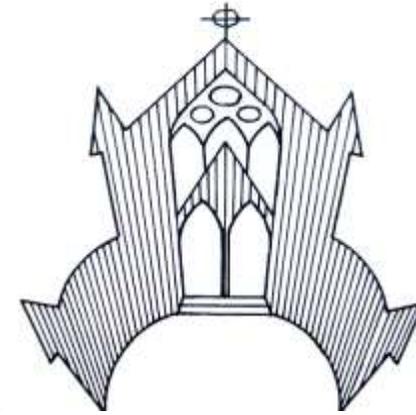
All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on brackenjack@btinternet.com or telephone 01642 713781 or by passing a note by hand. All notices must be received by the Thursday **before** the following Sunday. **Many thanks.**

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 9th September, 2018

Welcome to Worship

10.30am Morning Worship led by Arthur Noble
6.00pm Town Close with Revd Lisa Quarmby
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Minister: Rev Andrew Robinson

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Stokesley. TS9 5DY

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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

O God, as we gather,
may we never place our own needs above those of the other,
seeking our own comfort rather than consoling those in need.
We come together today, to celebrate the value you have given to all of us.
Hold us in your love, as we gather, O God.

We come to the God who frees us,
to the maker of all, in whom all hope is found.

Together, we come to you.

We come to Jesus,
who is the image of God to our world.

Together, we come to you.

We come,
thirsty for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives.

Together, we come to you.

Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

James 2 v1-10, 14-17 (p1214) Favouritism Forbidden/Faith and Deeds

Mark 7 v24-37 (p1010) The Faith of the Syro-Phoenician Woman/The Healing of a Deaf and Mute Man

Steward: Dorothy Blakey

Organist: Helen Weighell

Readers: Dorothy Blakey & Rosemary Lincoln

Welcome on the door: Gill Brodie & Judith Smith

Coffee is served by: Sue Walton & Sallie Weighell

The flowers are a gift from: Mary Weighell

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



Let's think about things that open: a flower opens and when it does we can see its full beauty. An opened flower releases seeds, and causes other flowers to grow. A gate opens so that we can go in or out of the garden. A door opens so that we can go in or out of the house. We open bottles to get nourishment, such as juice or milk. A book opens. We learn new things when we open a book and can read stories that will take us on exciting adventures.

In the Bible, as we read from Mark's Gospel today, about one of the miracles Jesus performed while he lived on earth, we learn that Jesus **opened** a deaf man's ears. This was a man who could not hear and had trouble speaking. It's hard to imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear. What would you miss?

The sound of your mother's voice, the laughter of your friends, birdsong, music, rain on the roof, the wind, a foghorn, your cat's meow or a dog's bark. But Jesus touched the deaf man's ears and his tongue and said, "**Be opened!**" (Mark 7:34). Immediately the man's ears were opened and he was able to speak plainly.

Many people who are deaf learn sign language and they get along very well. Signing is a way to talk to others using mainly your hands. It is a way to let others know what you need, what you are feeling, what you would like them to know. People who are born deaf never have a chance to hear how words sound so they are often unable to pronounce words correctly. This might have been the case with the man who Jesus healed. There is a lesson for all of us in this story. It is that we, who can hear, must keep our ears open to God's word. As we listen to stories and lessons about God, we are given the ability to speak more clearly about God's love. There are different ways of communicating with others and whether we use words or our hands we can share the joy and peace of God's love. Being open to God's love allows us to bloom and help others grow. "**Be opened!**"



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 resume on **Tuesday 11th 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 18th September

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 10th Sept	9.30am to 10.30am – Bible Study & Prayer Group 2.00pm to 3.30pm – Knit & Natter ON HOLIDAY! 7.30pm to 8.30pm – Pound Rocket Workout
Tues 11th Sept	9.10am to 10.10am – Zumba 10.00am to 12 noon – U3A Membership Renewal or joining Meeting in the Church Hall. Coffee and tea will be available. 2.00pm – Silver Screen Film Show. All Welcome! 7.00pm – Manse Fellowship Group
Wed 12th Sept	10.00am – Church Family Committee Meeting 1.45am – U3A AGM The AGM will be followed by a presentation on Back Pain by Roger Strachan, a retired neurosurgeon. 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Choir Practice 7.30pm to 8.30pm - Zumba
Thurs 13th Sept	
Fri 14th Sept	10.30am – Shoppers' Service led by Joe Tregoning with pianist Helen Weighell
Sat 15th Sept	10.00am to 11.30am – Coffee Morning with coffee served by Christine Ridgeway, Vanessa Johnson & Helen Weighell

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

10.30am	Ron Kirk
6.00pm Town Close	Kate Harvie
Steward	Sue Frank
Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Ann & Chris Keene
Door Stewards	Joyce Binns & Sue Franks
Flowers	Ruth Watson
Coffee	Ann & Chris Keene