

Pastoral Prayers



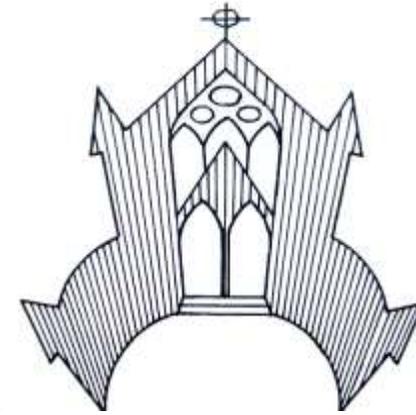
“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples; if you love one another.” (John 13 v34-35)

A Pastoral Prayer

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we look to you, Father, Son and Spirit, for guidance, inspiration, and the enabling of our gifts. By the example of your perfect unity, may we be encouraged in our faltering and erratic unity. By the gracious giving of the Holy Spirit, may we recognise your gifts in us and pool our gifts for the edification of one another and of your Church. We pray for our church family here and worldwide, that we may be one in worship and witness.
Amen.

All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on brackenjack@btinternet.com or telephone 07837178938 or by passing a note by hand. All notices must be received by the Thursday before the following Sunday. Many thanks. 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”. The website address is www.stokesleymethodistchurch.co.uk . Circuit Website <http://www.stokesleymethodistcircuit.org.uk/>

Stokesley Methodist Church



Sunday 20th January, 2019

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10.30am Morning Worship

led by Rev Richard Bradshaw

6.00pm Town Close with Lesley Jackson

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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:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we gather before you with the spiritual gifts granted to us, to worship you.

Come, Lord, and enable us to use our minds, our tongues and our hands, according to the gifts given, for the building up of us all.

We come before you, Lord, with our gifts.

We have not chosen them – the Spirit selected each one for us.

We have done nothing to earn them; we have done nothing to deserve them.

It is only by your grace that we can use them, for without you, we are nothing.

Enable us to use our gifts for your holy purposes, as we unite before you in fellowship.

Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 62 v1-5 (p748) Zion's New Name

Psalms 36 v5-10 (p563) How priceless is your unfailing love

1 Corinthians 12 v1-11 (p1153) Spiritual Gifts

John 2 v1-11 (p1064) Jesus Changes Water to Wine

Steward: David Wilson
Organist: Helen Weighell
Readers: Christine Ridgeway & Joyce Binns
Welcome on the door: Dorothy & Bob Blakey
Coffee is served by: Christine Ridgeway & Joyce Binns
The flowers are a gift from: Dorothy Agar

HYMNS:

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



One Spirit, Many Gifts

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts. There are many gifts, ministries and activities given by God through the Spirit. Everyone has different gifts, but they are all given for the common good.



We are so blessed, each one of us, to have special gifts we can share with others. Just think of your own talents and the talents of those around you. There are so many different ways to serve others. The Bible teaches us that some have the gift of wisdom and others the gift of knowledge. Others have the gift of faith – a strong belief in the power and love of God. Still others have the gift of healing. Add to this our gifts of music and art and strong sports skills. The list goes on and on. In the Bible the Apostle Paul says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4). We are each given different gifts, but all of our gifts come from the same source and that source is God. Think of it in the way you think of bees – marvellous bees! They each have work to do to keep the hive buzzing. The worker bees have many different jobs. Some build the honey comb, some tend to the needs of the queen bee, some take care of the young bees, some clean the hive and others guard the hive. Older bees go outside the hive to gather flower nectar, pollen, and water. All the bees work together to take care of the hive. We could say that even the bees have special talents and gifts that come from God. They work together for the same purpose and because of that, what do they produce? Yes, honey. Such a sweet, wonderful gift. Just think of how good honey tastes on cornbread or warm biscuits or your morning cereal. We could think of ourselves as worker bees. When we work together in God's Spirit we have the opportunity to share God's love with others in our world and this gift is as sweet as any honey.

For Your Diaries & Your Prayers:

- **TODAY at 12 noon – Celebration Lunch** to mark the completion of the refurbished Church Hall. Tickets £10 from the Catering Committee.
- **Tuesday 22nd January at 2.30pm – MWiB Afternoon Group.** The theme for today's meeting is 'Guess Who?' Please would everyone bring a childhood photograph of yourself in an envelope.
- **Great Yorkshire Quiz Night on Friday 25th January 2019 at Stokesley Methodist Church** starting at **7.00pm. We need both quizzers & supporters** for this fun evening aimed at bringing people together for a light hearted quiz of Yorkshire facts and trivia, hosted by VIP Quizmaster Malcolm Wilson. We need to enter 2 teams of quizzers, preferably 6 in each team (no more than 8) to represent Stokesley at this Circuit event. The winning team will win a prize hamper of Yorkshire goodies! Please put this date in your diary & if you would like to take part, contact Sue Frank. Tickets are £8 including a pie and pea supper (vegetarian option available on request). Ticket money can be given to Malcolm on the night but tickets are now available from Sue.
- **Tuesday 29th January at 2.00pm – Forget Me Not Café**
- **Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm – Prayer & Praise**
- **Saturday 2nd February** – Coffee morning in aid of Arthritis Research
- **Tuesday 5th February at 2.30pm – MWiB Afternoon Group** with guest speaker Jane Hall from The Globe. She will be telling us all about the activities & volunteer opportunities which take place at The Globe during the week.
- **Thursday 7 February at 1.30pm – Classical Cleveland** presents Keelan Carew on the piano. Keelan has won many awards including the President's Award at the Kent International Piano Course. At his 2018 solo debut he played Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini with the Southampton Concert Orchestra. Today's programme includes music by Busoni, Fauré & Beethoven. Tickets £8 available at the door. Lunches available in the Church Hall from mid-day. Concert doors open 1:00pm

THIS WEEK

Mon 21st Jan	9.30am – The Prayer/Bible Study Group 2.00pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Pound Rock-out Workout
Tues 22nd Jan	9.10am – Zumba 2.30pm – MWiB "Guess Who?"
Wed 23rd Jan	6.30pm – Choir Practice
Thurs 24th Jan	5.30pm until 6.30pm – Boccia
Fri 25th Jan	10.00am – Shoppers' Service with Gordon Clark & Pianist Julie Dowson
Sat 26th Jan	10.00am to 11.30am – Coffee Morning with coffee served by Joan Barthram, Judith Wright, Lyn Keeling & Molly Day

SUNDAY 27th JANUARY

9.00am Communion	Rev Andrew Robinson
10.30am Café Church	Christine Campy
6.00pm Town Close	Rev Richard Bradshaw
Stewards	9am Dorothy Blakey 10.30am David Wilson
Communion Steward	Dorothy Mair
Pianist/Organist	Leigh Harrison
Readers	Helen & Alan Weighell
Door Stewards	Dorothy & Tom Agar
Flowers	Shirley Lee
Coffee	Pauline Dale & Dorothy Townson

Sunday 10th February - Woofs & Wellies Woodland Walkies!

Tip (Lesley's 4-legged friend) is taking part in 'Woofs & Wellies' Sponsored Dog walk in aid of Teesside Hospice! He's taking Lesley & Ellen (Brown) on the 4 mile walk, starting and finishing in the beautiful grounds of Foxrush Farm, Kirkleatham. If you would like to sponsor Tip, please sign the form at the back of the Church. Many thanks & Woof, Woof!