

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

We pray for all who grieve today: risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**
For those mourning the loss of their land, or their home, or their identity...
For those mourning the loss of their dignity, or their independence, or their understanding... For those mourning the loss of their health, or their mobility, or their strength... For those mourning the loss of someone they love... risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Amen

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ Week of Prayer – We are asked to join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (**Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June**) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

2019 is the 4th year in which it has been held and it continues to grow. ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ is now established in many parts of the world as world networks of churches and denominations in 85 countries are praying at the same time, using the Lord’s Prayer with the intention of evangelism.

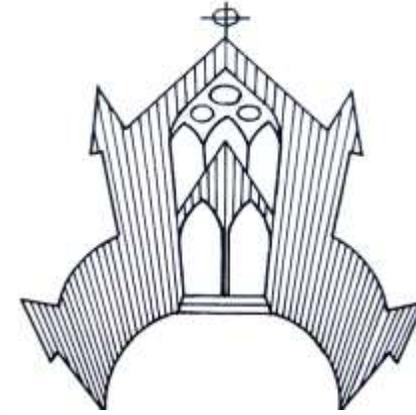
The key theme this year is **'Pray for Five'**. Christians everywhere are praying for five people they know that at least one might become a follower of Jesus. Prayers and ideas to help us pray as individuals, with our families and as a church or in small groups will be provided/announced in the days leading up to Thursday 30th May.

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 714384** 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 12th May 2019

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



10.30am Morning Worship led by Arthur Noble

6.00pm Evening Worship at Town Close
led by 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

Come, and worship the Lord Jesus in this place as his people today.

With friends around us, and you in our midst, Lord Jesus, we are content; we are reassured; we are confident; we are determined to share your love, and draw others to your fold – to your praise and glory.

Jesus, loving shepherd, be near to us.

Jesus, good shepherd, watch over us.

Jesus, caring shepherd, be gentle with us.

Jesus, consoling shepherd, walk with us.

Jesus, commissioning shepherd, send us out:

to be near others;

to watch over others;

to be gentle with others –

and to walk with them in your name.

Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 9 v36-43 (p1103) Aeneas and Dorcas

Psalms 23 (p555) The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it

Revelation 7 v9-17 (p1238) The Great Multitude in White Robes

John 10 v22-30 (p1077) The Unbelief of the Jews

Steward: Dorothy Blakey

Organist: Helen Weighell

Readers: Dorothy Mair & Rosemary Lincoln

Welcome on the door:

Coffee is served by: Sue Walton & Sallie Weighell

The flowers are a gift from: Joyce Mobberley

HYMNS:

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



Have you ever played with a yo-yo? Can you do any tricks with it?

The first thing that most people learn how to do is the basic "throw down." You simply hold your hand out in front of you with the palm up. With a flick of the wrist, you throw the yo-yo straight down. When the yo-yo reaches the end of the string, you give a little tug and the yo-yo returns to the palm of your hand.



Another easy trick is the "forward pass."

It is very similar to the "throw down" except that instead of throwing it down, you throw it out in front of you. When the yo-yo reaches the end of the string, you give it a tug back and catch it in the palm of your hand.

There are many, many tricks, each with ever increasing difficulty but all having one thing in common. Every one of these tricks starts and ends exactly the same way. Each trick begins and ends with the yo-yo right in the palm of your hand. I think that can help us to learn something about Jesus.

One day, some people asked Jesus to tell them plainly if he was the Christ. He answered them saying, "I did tell you ... but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

When you give your heart to Jesus and place your life in his hands, you have his promise that you are safe and that nothing can snatch you from his hand. Oh, you may have your "ups and downs." You may even stray away at times, but just a little tug will pull you right back into His hand. Even if you really mess up, he picks you up and places you right back where you belong - in the palm of his hand. What a wonderful promise! Jesus has you in the palm of his hand and nothing can take you from his hand!

For Your Diaries & Your Prayers:

- Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May – CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.**
 Envelopes are available in church **TODAY**. Please give generously. On **Friday 17th May** there will be a street collection on Stokesley High Street from 9.00am until 3.30pm. Volunteers are needed from all three churches in Stokesley to take a turn at ‘rattling the tin’. Please see the rota at the back of the church for the designated times for our church. The week finishes with a special Christian Aid Coffee Morning on **Saturday 18th May** from 10.00am until 11.30am. There will be a Cake Stall & all ‘bake & make’ donations will be most welcome!
- Monday 13th to Saturday 18th May - Dying Matters Awareness Week**
 Many of us find it difficult to talk about death and dying, but as the founder of the hospice movement said, “the way we die remains in the memory of those who live on”. Hospice UK organises an annual awareness week to make these important issues easier to explore with our nearest and dearest and Stokesley Methodist Church is hosting an exhibition to support all those affected.
 From Monday 13th to Saturday 18th May we are holding a drop-in exhibition full of resources to help think through issues surrounding end of life, with practical help on planning for the future. The exhibition is open 11am to 2pm every day and includes many local organisations, including Teesside Hospice, Herriot Hospice at Home, Macmillan cancer care, Santander bank, Co-Op funeral care and Michael and Barbara Rea funeral directors. As well as informative literature to take away, several specialists from these organisations will be here in person to give individual help and advice. Admission is free and refreshments are provided.
 Please spread the word to let people know - with such good local support, nobody needs to go through this difficult time alone.

Diary Plus Extra

Only 2 weeks to go before we would like to have the next Diary ready for delivery. Please can you help by getting an article to Helen as soon as possible. We are very grateful for every contribution as there would not be a magazine without your input. Many thanks.

THIS WEEK

Mon 13th May	9.30am – Bible Study & Prayer Group 11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters 2.00pm until 3.30pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Pound Rock-out Workout
Tues 14th May	9.10am – Zumba 11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters 2.00pm – Silver Screen Film Show 5.00pm until 6.30pm – Fireplace Youth Club 7.00pm – Bible Study Group
Wed 15th May	11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters 6.30pm – Choir Practice 7.30pm - Zumba
Thurs 16th May	10.00am – MWiB AGM at the home of Carole Myers 11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters 5.30pm until 6.30pm – Boccia 7.00pm until 8.30pm – Yoga 7.00pm – Holy Habits Prayers
Fri 17th May	CHRISTIAN AID STREET COLLECTION 9.00am – Holy Habits Prayers 10.00am – Shoppers’ Service led by Ron Kirk & pianist Dorothy Blakey 11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters (Church Hall)
Sat 18th May	10.00am to 11.30am – CHRISTIAN AID Coffee Morning. Coffee will be served by Sandra Markwick, Sandie Jones & Pauline Dale 11.00am until 2.00pm – Dying Matters (Church Hall)

SUNDAY 19th MAY

10.30am	Rev Richard Bradshaw
6.00pm Town Close	Doreen Hunt
Steward	
Organist	Leigh Harrison
Readers	Ann & Chris Keene
Door Stewards	Pauline & David Dale
Flowers	Dorothy Townson
Coffee	Carole & Mike Myers & John Edwards

Giving Financially to the Life and Ministry of this Church

2 Corinthians 9 v6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

REGULAR GIVING

All monies, however paid, are most gratefully received for the support of our ministry throughout all aspects of life within this Church. As **the new Envelopes are ready for you to collect at the back of the Church**, now seems a good time to reflect on our giving.

Here are one or two thoughts for your consideration, on ways to give as alternatives to putting cash in the weekly church collection.

STANDING ORDERS*

We do strongly encourage regular giving by monthly bank standing order as this method reduces administration work, aids our budget planning & saves you having to hunt for cash every week.

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES*

If a standing order is not for you, then the Free Will Offering envelope scheme, in which you are given 52 numbered envelopes each year to put into the church collection, can help ensure that you maintain your weekly giving even if you cannot get to church some weeks.

WHICHEVER WAY YOU GIVE do please consider:

- enhancing your giving using Gift Aid (see later down the page)
- reviewing your giving annually

***Standing Order Forms & Free Will Offering Envelopes are available from Harry Stewart & Alan Weighell.**

'ONE OFF' DONATIONS

Small cash sums can be placed freely in the weekly collection pouch but for larger sums cheques are preferable. Please make your cheques payable to 'Stokesley Methodist Church' & either hand in at a service or give directly to Harry or Alan. Do please consider using the white Gift Aid envelope and declaration which can be found at the back of the church.

INCREASE YOUR GIVING TO THE CHURCH BY 25% WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY

Let the taxman pay the extra!

If you are a taxpayer you can use the Gift Aid Scheme to increase the effect of your giving to the Church by 25%, for both regular & special donations. Yes, for every £1 you give, the taxman will give us 25p!

To be able to Gift Aid your giving you have to:

- be a UK taxpayer
- make your payments in a way which can be clearly recorded (e.g. standing order, free will offering envelope, cheque)
- for regular giving complete a Gift Aid declaration form*
- for single contributions, please use a white envelope and declaration available at the back of the church.

*** Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available from Harry & Alan.**

Malachi 3 v10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will be room enough to store it.”

