

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

The cares of the world can draw us away from you, Lord.

Like a coin falling into the shadows, sudden misfortune enters our lives and we are lost, rolling away from all that held us safe. We pray for all those affected by serious illness, breakdown of relationships or loss of employment.

The temptations of the world can lead us astray, Lord.

Like sheep sighting a patch of greener grass, we go after what is new and more exciting. We pray for all who are tempted away from what is right, meaningful and good.

Where darkness has descended, Lord, when more attractive propositions beckon, we pray that people won't forget you – because you won't forget them.

And as you love and care for us, so may we look out for one another – to seek and to bring safely home.

Amen

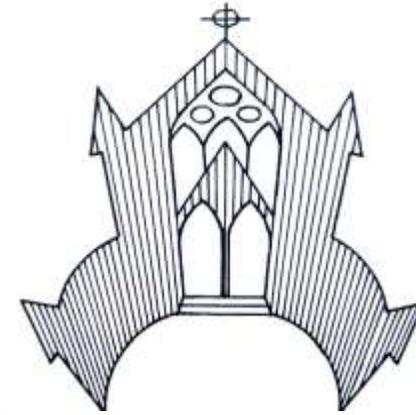
All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on brackenjack@btinternet.com or **telephone 01642 714384** or by passing a note by hand. All notices must be received by the Thursday before the following Sunday. Many thanks.

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 15th September 2019

9.00am 'The Filling Station'

10.30am Morning Worship led by Arthur Noble
including the presentation of cheques to our two
chosen charities, RNIB & Macmillan Cancer Care

12 noon Sunday Lunch

6.00pm Evening Worship at Town Close
led by Helen Weighell

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, worship the Lord in fellowship with one another.

We come together as his children in this place.

God the care-taker, your children come before you: **enfold us safely.**

God the note-taker, we come to be counted: **let our presence count.**

God the risk-taker, seek those of us who have gone astray:

help us to do likewise.

And at the end of this service, go and be God's care-takers; take care of his flock.

Go and be God's risk-takers; seek out the lost.

And may his presence surround you, his grace grant you courage, and his Spirit guide you.

Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 32 v7-14 (p90) The Golden Calf

Psalms 51 v1-10 (p738) Everlasting Salvation for Zion

1 Timothy 1 v12-17 (p1191) The Lord's Grace to Paul

Luke 15 v1-10 (p1048) The Parable of the Lost Sheep/The Parable of the Lost Coin

Steward: Christine Ridgeway

Organist: Leigh Harrison

Readers: Shirley Lee & Judith Wright

Welcome on the door: Ruth Watson & Judith Smith

Coffee is served by: Christine Ridgeway & Joyce Binns

The flowers are a gift from: Molly Day

We extend a special welcome to Michael Hall from RNIB & Sheila Middleton & Sian Goodwin from Macmillan Cancer Support

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



Keys are fun to look at because they have such interesting shapes and each one is different from any other – kind of like people! A **skeleton key** is a type of master key in which the serrated edge has been removed so that it can open numerous locks. The term derives from the fact that the key has been reduced to its essential parts.



You can also get keys which are specifically made for a certain kind of lock - house keys, car keys, a padlock key or a suitcase key. Perhaps you have a key for your locker at school, or a small key that locks your diary. Have you ever lost a key? If so, you know how frustrating that can be. Perhaps you were locked out of your house and couldn't get in until you found the key.

Maybe your mum or dad misplaced the car key and your family couldn't get to where they needed to go until the key was found. That is not a good feeling. There may be many keys on the key ring, but none will take the place of the lost key. When the lost key is found you feel like celebrating.

Today's lesson is about being lost. Jesus was criticized for being with sinners (people who have not accepted God's love). Jesus told stories to help people understand that there are many people who have accepted God's love, but none will take the place of a lost sinner – they are like lost keys. The Bible tells us that Jesus wants everyone, every sinner, to feel the joy of God's love.

Jesus tells us that "there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Luke 15 v7) God's love is offered to everyone and that is cause for celebration.

For Your Diaries & Your Prayers

- **Tuesday 17th September – MWiB Afternoon Group at 2.30pm**
'Stokesley Show' with Alan Weighell
- **Saturday 21st September – STOKESLEY SHOW DAY.** Look out for the Church Tent! Remember there will be no coffee morning at Church.
- **Tuesday 24th September – Forget Me Not Café at 2.00pm**
- **Saturday 28th September at 9.30am – Church Council Meeting.**
Breakfast will be available from 9.00am.
- **Sunday 29th September – Cleveland Chamber Orchestra Concert at 3.00pm**

“Night and Day”

Conductor: Tim Jackson

Horn: Peter Francomb

Tenor: Jeremy Harbottle

Two masterworks exploring the daily cycle of darkness and light:

“Night” Benjamin Britten’s Serenade for tenor, horn and strings

“Day” Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony

with Beethoven’s 'The Creatures of Prometheus'

Tickets £12, children free, at the door

- **Saturday 12th October at 12 noon until 1.15pm** – We are invited to St Peter & St Paul’s Parish Church to share in their Harvest Lunch of soup and a sandwich. All proceeds will be donated to The Mary Thompson Fund for Asylum Seekers.
- **Saturday 19th October** from 10.00am onwards – **CHURCH WORK DAY!**
As we begin a new church year, we have an opportunity on this day to give back to God all that he has done for us. Our Church Clean-Up Day will ensure that our building brings glory to him. There will be jobs for everyone, for all abilities, inside & out, standing & sitting, big & small. We would encourage as many of you to come along as possible – and there’ll be a FREE supply of tea, coffee & bacon butties from start to finish! Keep your eyes open for a list coming out soon so that you have an idea of what needs doing. Many thanks in anticipation!

THIS WEEK

Mon 16th Sept	9.30am – Bible Fellowship & Prayers 2.00pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Keep Fit Class
Tues 17th Sept	9.10am – Zumba 2.30pm – MWiB ‘Stokesley Show’ with Alan W 5.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club 7.00pm – OASIS Habit of Fellowship
Wed 18th Sept	2.00pm – Finance & Property Meeting
Thurs 19th Sept	7.00pm - Yoga
Fri 20th Sept	
Sat 21st Sept	STOKESLEY SHOW DAY

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

10.30am	Rev Andrew Robinson
6.00pm Town Close	Ron Kirk
Steward	Sue Frank
Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Helen & Alan Weighell
Door Stewards	Joyce Binns & Sue Frank
Flowers	Plym Auty
Coffee	Pauline Dale & Dorothy Townson

HARVEST IS COMING – 5th/7th OCTOBER

SHOE BOX APPEAL!

WE NEED YOUR OLD SHOE BOXES FOR THE HARVEST WEEKEND.

OUR AIM IS TO FILL THE BOXES WITH FRESH PRODUCE!

We begin on the Saturday morning with a Harvest Coffee Morning with crafts & the opportunity for you to bring along items of fresh produce to help us decorate the church. If you can stay to help with the decorating, we will be very grateful. On Sunday morning we will hold our traditional Harvest Festival worship during which we will receive & dedicate all gifts of fresh produce (in home-made ‘baskets’ or decorated shoe boxes). Celebrations will continue on the Monday evening when we will hold a traditional Harvest Supper & Auction of Produce. All monies raised will support the work of All We Can.

MUDDY DOG CHALLENGE



Saturday 5th October

Lesley & Tip are taking part in the MUDDY DOG CHALLENGE!

The first ever Battersea Muddy Dog Challenge in the North East is taking place just north of the city of Newcastle upon Tyne, at the fabulous Newcastle Racecourse in High Gosforth Park. It'll be a day of mud, sweat, and cheers as Lesley & Tip make their way over & under, through & around, a 2.5km dog-friendly obstacle course.

From the moment Battersea Dog & Cat's Home welcomed its first stray dog in 1860 it has been placing its animals at the centre of everything it does.

More than three million animals later, Battersea is still working hard to achieve its vision that every dog and cat should live in a home where they are treated with love, care and respect.

Battersea aims to never turn away a dog or cat in need of help, caring for them until their owners or loving new homes can be found, no matter how long it takes. Battersea champions and supports vulnerable dogs and cats, determined to create lasting changes for animals in our society.

Battersea receives no central Government funding towards the care of the dogs and cats. It relies on the generosity and support of the public to care for the thousands of animals who arrive at their gates every year.

Battersea wants to care for and rehome even more dogs and cats in the future, so we make sure every penny counts.

You can sponsor Lesley & Tip in 3 ways:

- 1) By going online to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lesley-jackson10> & making a donation
- 2) Have a go at the Battersae Sweepstake! At the back of the church you will find the form where you can choose a number & donate £2 to play. Write your name under your number.
- 3) Have a go at 'Guess My Time'. Guess how long it will take me & Tip to complete the 2.5k course. £2 entry.

VACANCY: YOUTH WORKER (PRE TEENS), STOKESLEY CIRCUIT



Stokesley circuit comprises 6 churches with the two largest having memberships over 100 and two churches which currently have active youth groups. We're looking for someone with the proven experience, passion and ability to work with us in developing our mission and ministry to children, young people and their families. You will have experience in youth or community work, be able to lead and organise youth events, and knowledge of good practice in youth and/ or children's ministry.

As our pre-teen youth worker you will:

Be responsible for the pastoral care and development of young people's activities (for ages 9 – 13), enabling young people to be fully participating members of the Methodist Church

Provide guidance and opportunities for spiritual growth and direction to young people on an individual and group basis.

Integrate youth activities into the wider programme of church activities, encouraging youth participation in worship and building strong intergenerational relationships.

We would expect the post holder to attend worship and youth group meetings and as such the majority of the work will be at weekends and evenings.

Part time: 16 hours per week

Salary: £9 per hour

Applications by 12noon on Thursday 26th September with interviews on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

For information and applications, please contact Alison Dumphy-Brook, Circuit Support Manager a.dumphybrook@gmail.com or 01642 713130

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post-holder be a practising Christian.