

## 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

O Lord, there is so much in our world that is out of sync with your Spirit, so much that is at odds with your kingdom's priorities.

We pray for your Spirit to stir up in us and in others a longing for better living, for grace to be the hallmark in the communities of our faith.

We pray that where there is brokenness and grief, the sun of righteousness will rise and bring healing and hope.

We ask that where despair has locked the doors, you can turn the key.

We ask that where gloom and apathy rule, they will be overturned.

We ask for new beginnings and the ability to imagine a better way to live together on this, your earth.

May the jumble of our lives form something greater and more beautiful than we can ever perceive, that our lives may be examples to those who are hurting, examples of your love and care, examples of hope and faith.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

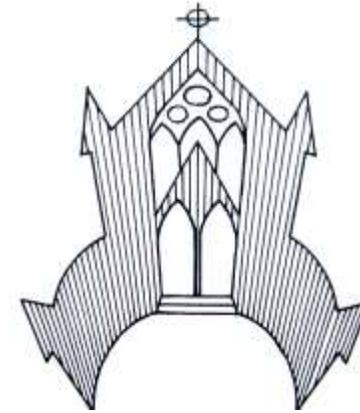
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## Stokesley Methodist Church



**Sunday 17th November 2019**

9.00am The Filling Station

10.30am Morning Worship

led by Elaine Wilson

11.45am AGM – All Welcome

6.00pm Evening Worship at

Town Close led by Helen Weighell

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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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Let us celebrate his name together,  
acknowledging God's love and faithfulness.

Let all creation praise our God!

As we gather here today, O God our King,  
show us more of your marvellous ways.

May we learn more of you in our time together,  
and be equipped to serve  
as the body of Christ in our community.

God of glory,

we come to you with our hope and our despair,  
our joy and our sadness, and all the things we carry.

You know these things better than we do and we trust you with them.

We want to draw near to you,  
and to know your presence in our lives.

**Amen.**

### Today's Lectionary Readings:

**2 Thessalonians 3 v6-13** (p1190) Warning Against Idleness

**Luke 21 v5-19** (p1056) Signs of the End of the Age

**Steward:** Sue Frank

**Organist:** Leigh Harrison

**Readers:** Christine Ridgeway & Joyce Binns

**Welcome on the door:** Joyce Binns & Sue Frank

**Coffee is served by:** Sue Walton & Sallie Weighell

**The flowers are a gift from:** Winifred Laking

**HYMNS: 25 412 696 518 157**



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



Wild birds and animals really know how to take care of themselves. Deer come into our fields and they spend most of their time grazing for food. They eat grasses and leaves and dandelion blossoms. When it is stormy they find shelter in the forest.



When you think about it, most wild creatures spend a lot of time and energy finding food. They can't go to the grocery store like we do. In the winter, when food is more difficult to find, some birds and animals travel long distances to where it is warmer and more food is available.

Arctic terns are birds that fly from the North Pole to Antarctica each year to find suitable weather. What a feat to fly from one end of our earth to the other end.

Squirrels are animals that plan ahead. They gather nuts and other goodies which they hide away so they will have food to eat during the winter.

Even little ants work hard to provide for themselves. They are very strong and can carry something that weighs fifty times more than their body weight. If you've ever seen a line of ants moving you know how fast they scurry along.

Today's lesson from 2 Thessalonians is about work. In this passage the apostle Paul teaches new Christians that they should "settle down and earn the bread they eat." (3:12).

We all need to learn to take care of ourselves. When you are young your parents take care of what you need, but as you grow older you will learn new skills and become more independent.

It is good to be part of a family where you can help with the cooking, gardening, or other chores. You will find work that suits you and experience the good feeling of knowing you can take care of yourself. The Bible teaches us to work and "never tire of doing what is right." (3:13).

## For Your Diaries & Your Prayers

- **TODAY** – our AGM will follow this morning's service. Please stay if you can.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.30pm** – MWiB Afternoon Group with fellowship led by Celia Shires
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.00pm** – Forget Me Not Café
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at **8.00pm** – Prayer & Praise
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – **God in Love Unites Us: Marriage and Relationships Road Show.** Tonight we are hosting one of the Roadshows/Consultations for the Stokesley Circuit, beginning at 7pm with tea and coffee and then the session running from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. The aim of the evening is to provide an opportunity for open, honest, respectful sharing, for prayer and conversation about how God is calling the Methodist Church at this time and reflection on what this may mean for local churches and our circuit. All welcome.

## Getting Ready For Christmas Friday 6<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Hi everyone, I'm just sending you an update on our arrangements for Christmas as I made a few 'bloopers' in last week's notices - sorry!

First of all, the decorating of the church with Christmas parcels is scheduled for Friday 6th Dec (after the Shoppers' Service) & Saturday 7th Dec (during the Coffee Morning - maybe a bit longer) and not the Christmas Fayre weekend. We need empty boxes wrapped in Christmas paper to decorate the window ledges & we would be grateful if you can bring them to Church after the Christmas Fayre.

However we still do need help after the Shoppers' Service on the 29th November to get ready for the Christmas Fayre - moving tables & chairs in both the church & the schoolroom & to set up the stalls, refreshments, etc. All proceeds from the Christmas Fayre will be shared 50/50 between our Church Fund & our chosen Charity, the Holy Habits charity 'Feed the Hungry'. As decided at the Church Council meeting in September, we are supporting this charity for the year.

Many thanks, Lesley



## THIS WEEK

Mon 18th Nov	9.30am – Bible Fellowship & Prayers 2.00pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Keep Fit Class
Tues 19th Nov	9.10am – Zumba 2.30pm – MWiB with Celia Shires 5.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club 7.00pm – OASIS 'Pollyanna'
Wed 20th Nov	6.30pm – Choir Practice
Thurs 21st Nov	5.00pm - Boccia 7.00pm – Yoga
Fri 22nd Nov	10.00am – Shoppers' Service with worship led by Katherine Atha with pianist Julie Dowson
Sat 23rd Nov	10.00am – Coffee Morning with coffee served by Sallie Weighell, Sue Walton & Sarah Baxter

## SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER

### Stir Up Sunday



9.00am Communion	Rev Andrew Robinson
10.30am Café Church	Rev Andrew Robinson
6.00pm Town Close	Robert Johnson
Stewards	9.00am Dorothy Blakey 10.30am David Wilson
Communion Steward	Dorothy Blakey
Pianist/Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Shirley Lee & Judith Wright
Door Stewards	Pauline & Harry Rowell
Flowers	Elizabeth McClelland
Coffee	Carole & Mike Myers & John Edwards

## Stir-Up Sunday – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

If you would like to join in with making your own Christmas Pudding, here is the list of ingredients & equipment you will need to bring.

### An Easy Christmas Pudding Recipe

4 oz plain flour  
¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
2 oz soft brown sugar  
4 oz chopped glace cherries  
1 large jar mincemeat (400-500g)  
4 oz white breadcrumbs  
Grated rind of small lemon  
1½ oz chopped almonds  
2 large beaten eggs

#### You will need:

Ingredients pre-measured  
2-pint prepared pudding bowl  
Greaseproof paper  
Sieve  
Large mixing bowl  
Wooden spoon  
teaspoon  
Foil

1. Grease a two-pint pudding basin and place a circle of greaseproof paper in the base.
2. Sift the flour, cinnamon and nutmeg in a large bowl.
3. Add the breadcrumbs, sugar, cherries, lemon rind and almonds and mix.
4. Add mincemeat and beaten eggs.
5. Stir well and place in prepared pudding basin.
6. Cover with greased greaseproof paper and foil and secure firmly.
7. Steam for 4-5 hours.
8. Store with greaseproof paper.
9. Use fresh foil to reheat for about 2 and a half hours.

### Christmas Gifts

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** is our **Gift Service** when people can bring a gift for an unknown someone (unwrapped). Your gifts will go to the Middlesbrough Refugee Centre (MAP).

This year they are requesting:

Men's Toiletries (boxed if possible) and Children's Selection Boxes.

The Centre have enough gifts for ladies.

Thank you so much, Dorothy Blakey

## STOKESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.00am – 2.00pm**

**Grab-a-Bag Stall**

**Craft Stall**

**Cake Stall**

**Book Stall**



**House Plants & Bulbs**

**Jig Saws**

**Name the Toy**



**Guess the Weight of the Cake**

**Visit Santa's Grotto**

**Photographer**

**Refreshments**



**All Proceeds 50/50  
to our Church Funds  
& Chosen Charity, 'Feed the Hungry'**