

## 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)

### In Sympathy

Please hold Joyce Richardson & family in your thoughts & prayers as they mourn the loss of Mike. May they find comfort in knowing Mike is at peace, safe in the arms of God. His funeral service is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

### A Message from Helen & Alan

Helen & Alan would like to thank everyone for their kind well-wishes & prayers over the past few weeks.

### A Prayer for the New Year

Lord Jesus, God called you his Son and affirmed your role and your ministry. Please help us to find our true identity and our place in the world. When we are confused about things we feel: **be our comforter**. When we don't understand things that happen to us: **be our help**. When life seems too hard: **be our guide**. And when we feel lost: **assure us of your love**. That we might find new confidence, a new start, and be happy with who we are. May God's extraordinary love find you in your ordinariness, that you may be sure of your path, confident of your calling, and blessed in all that you are and all that you do.

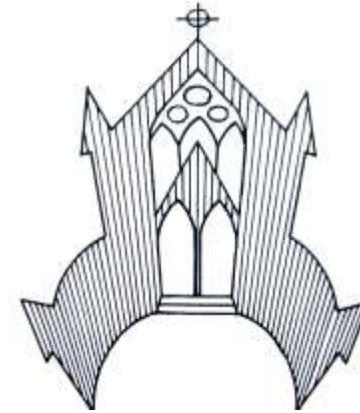
**Amen.**

All contributions for future notices & items of interest for the Church Website are welcome! Please contact Lesley Jackson on [brackenjack@btinternet.com](mailto: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".

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Circuit Website <http://www.stokesleymethodistcircuit.org.uk/>

## Stokesley Methodist Church



**Sunday 12th January 2020**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

**led by Ken Hudson**

**6.00pm Evening Worship at Town Close**

**led by Ken Hudson**

**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**

We gather, gracious God, as your people following in the way of your Son, and in the power of your Holy Spirit. As we sing our praises, may we celebrate your faithfulness. As we offer our prayers, may we be confident of your grace. And as we offer our lives in your service, may we rejoice that we are your children for all eternity.

God of all the world, Jesus is your chosen Son, and we choose to follow him with our hearts and minds and spirits.

Jesus is your anointed one, and we acknowledge your anointing of our hearts and minds and spirits.

Jesus preached justice and remained faithful through all his trials, so, we pray for justice in our world with our hearts and minds and spirits.

In Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### **Today's Lectionary Readings:**

**Isaiah 42 v1-9** (p727) The Servant of the Lord

**Psalms 29** (p558) Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness

**Acts 10 v34-43** (p1104) Peter at Cornelius' House

**Matthew 3 v13-17** (p967) The Baptism of Jesus

**Steward:** David Wilson

**Pianist/Organist:** Judith Wright

**Readers:** Ann & Chris Keene

**Welcome on the door:** Sylvia & Ian Waites

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

**The flowers are a gift from:** Rosemary Lincoln

A big thank you to those who helped pack Christmas away last Monday. Your help was much appreciated, Christine.

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



## **WANTED PLEASE!**

### **Matthew 25 v35 – 45**

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ...



... The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'  
This reading reminds us of our Christian duty to love and care for others. This is an opportunity for us to show an act of 'UNUSUAL KINDNESS' & become witnesses of God's loving providence to all people.

MAP-MIDDLESBROUGH (which stands for Methodist Asylum Project) has been running in Middlesbrough since 2002. They are asking for donations of new hats, gloves, scarfs and socks, which will be given to refugees and asylum seekers in the Middlesbrough area, who in many cases only have the clothes they stand up in. These items will help combat our cold northern climate and will be much appreciated by those who have so little.

Items can be hand-knitted, bought or re-cycled Christmas presents, any size or colour, and be left here at Stokesley Methodist Church during January.

For further information, please contact Hazel Hornby either at Church or by phone (mob: 07761653265).

## **Important Notice!**

Easby Methodist Church invites you to a special Coffee Morning for 'All We Can', Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am - 11.30am, in Ingleby Greenhow Village Hall.

## For Your Diaries & Your Prayers

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Silver Screen Film Show** at 2.00pm
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm – Oasis Fellowship**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Please note that Choir Practice resumes at 6.30pm
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MWiB MORNING MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Our prayer for Christian unity is deeply rooted in the Bible. We pray for unity because Jesus prayed that His disciples would be one, that the world might believe (John 17 v20-21). St Paul also urged the churches to which he wrote to recognise their unity in Christ, even though there was much diversity within them (1 Corinthians 12 v12-27).



We are invited in this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to see God working through people and places which offer unusual kindness. As we follow the drama of St Paul, those that travelled with him, and the inhabitants whom they met, (as told in Acts 27 & 28) may we discover our shared unity, and in so doing recognise the importance of unusual acts of kindness that bear witness to the Gospel of peace and reconciliation.

- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am – Filling Station**
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm - TEESSIDE MUSIC SOCIETY** is pleased to present 'ENSEMBLE PERPETUO TRIO' featuring Fenella Humphreys (violin), Andrew Berridge (viola) & Cara Berridge (cello). The Programme includes a set of Airs, Jigs and Reels by traditional & classical Scottish composers and a selection of time-honoured & contemporary chamber music. Contact Julia Haigh for tickets (tel: 01642 711618). Tickets available at the door: Adult single £15, Under-19 & Students £4, Children free.

## THIS WEEK

Mon 13th Jan	9.30am – Prayer & Bible Study 2.00pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Keep Fit
Tues 14th Jan	9.10am – Zumba 2.00pm – Silver Screen Film Show 5.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club 7.00pm - Oasis
Wed 15th Jan	6.30pm – Choir Practice 7.30pm – Zumba
Thurs 16th Jan	10.00am – MWiB Morning Group <b>CANCELLED</b> 12.30pm – Funeral Service for Mike Richardson 5.00pm – Boccia 7.00pm - Yoga
Fri 17th Jan	10.00am – Shoppers' Service with worship led by Elaine Wilson & pianist Dorothy Blakey
Sat 18th Jan	<b>Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> 10.00am till 11.30am – Lyn Keeling, Molly Day, Joan Barthram & Judith Wright.

## SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2020



9.00am	Filling Station
10.30am	Rev Richard Bradshaw
6.00pm Town Close	David Sills
Steward	Ken Hornby
Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Hazel & Ken Hornby
Door Stewards	Judith Smith & Ruth Watson
Flowers	Dorothy Agar
Coffee	Carole & Mike Myers & John Edwards