

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

God of healing, we entrust to you in Jesus' name those places where there is great division and hostility; places where religious intolerance has encouraged violence and persecution; places where power struggles have made war zones of cities and graveyards of villages.

We entrust to you communities, where mistrust has brought isolation and fear has brought loss; We entrust to you families, where misunderstanding has brought brokenness and bitterness has brought grief. Shine your light into all places where the darkness of division has settled, and bring us all your peace in Jesus' name.

May the cross of Christ bring you strength. May the Church of Christ bring you fellowship. May the love of Christ bring you joy. And may the blessing of Christ bring you confidence.

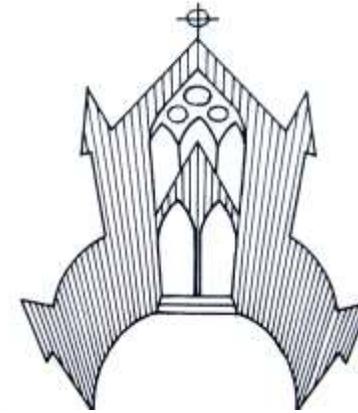
Amen.

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 26th January 2020

9.00am Communion Service led by

Rev Andrew Robinson

10.30am Café Church led by Elaine Wilson

6.00pm Evening Worship at

Town Close led by Revd Lisa Quarmby (HC)

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

God of all, we have come from different places,

we have brought different needs;

but we come in the name of Jesus:

loved, forgiven, cleansed.

We have different stories to tell, different experiences to share;

but we come in the name of Jesus:

loved, forgiven, cleansed.

We face different challenges and have different gifts;

but we come in the name of Jesus:

loved, forgiven, cleansed.

Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9 v1-4 (p693) To Us a Child Is Born

Psalms 27 v1, 4-9 (p557) The Lord is my light and my salvation

1 Corinthians 1 v10-18 (p1144) Divisions in the Church

Matthew 4 v12-23 (p968) Jesus Begins to Preach/The Calling of the First Disciples

Stewards: 9.00am Dorothy Blakey 10.30am David Wilson

Communion Steward: Bob Blakey

Pianist/Organist: Helen Weighell

Readers: David Dale & Dorothy Blakey

Welcome on the door: Pauline & David Dale

Coffee is served by: Ann & Chris Keene

The flowers are a gift from: Shirley Lee

HYMNS: 171 255 706 673

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



When I was a little child one of my favourite soups was alphabet soup. Alphabet soup is a vegetable soup that has beans, corn, peas, and carrots in it. It also is full of tiny pasta shapes like the letters of the alphabet. It was fun to eat because I liked to think of how I would put letters together to spell certain words.

Today's Bible reading from 1 Corinthians made me think of alphabet soup. The Apostle Paul writes to Christians living in Corinth and he tells them this: "I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." (1 Corinthians 1 v10)

He asks these new Christians to get along with each other. He says it is important that they work together toward the same purpose.

Let's go back to alphabet soup. What if letter "A" didn't get along with letter "B"? Or letter "G" didn't want to get into the soup pot if letter "M" was going to be there? Perhaps letter "L" thought letter "Z" looked strange.

Wow, if the cook had to deal with all these problems the soup would never be made and children would not have hot alphabet soup for lunch. If we're not careful, the same thing could happen as we work together as Christians.

The Bible reminds us that we need to get along and work together towards the same purpose.

What do you think our purpose is as Christians?

Yes! We want to help others and make a difference in our world. When we accept God's love we can then share that L-O-V-E with others. Isn't that a good way to use those letters?



For Your Diaries & Your Prayers

- **Tuesday 28th January – FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ** at 2.00pm.

As we go into 2020 we are delighted to say that we have now reached our third birthday!!!! Hopefully you will be ready for another celebration as we will be having a party when we meet again on Tuesday 28th January. Jolly colours, sparkly accessories and party clothes will all be welcome, especially if the January weather is a bit wintry, and we may even manage the odd game or two, just for a bit of fun!



We would love to see new faces so please feel free to invite others along.

- **Thursday 30th January – CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING** at 9.30am (breakfast served from 9.00am).
- **Tuesday 4th February – MWiB Afternoon Group** meet at 2.30pm. Our guest speaker is Stephen Smith who will talk about the Great Ayton J Time.
- **Thursday 6th February – Classical Cleveland Lunchtime Concert** featuring Billy Proctor on the guitar. Cheshire born guitarist Billy Proctor performed in ensembles and bands throughout his school years including performances on local BBC Radio. Billy is currently studying with world-renowned classical guitarist Craig Ogden and receives further tutelage from contemporary music specialist and BBC Radio 3 presenter Tom McKinney. His Programme includes: Sergio Assad - Three Divertimentos; J. S. Bach - Prelude & Fugue BWV 998; Dušan Bogdanovich – Jazz Sonatina; Isaac Albéniz – Granada; & Manuel Ponce – Sonata III. **Ticket £8: Concert 1.30pm.** Lunches served from mid-day in aid of church funds. Doors to concert open at 1:00pm.
- **Friday 7th February at 11.00am** (followed by soup lunch) – **Stokesley Methodist Church Christian Book Club.** We'll be reading/discussing 'First Light' by Bodie & Brock Thoene, the first book in the A. D. Chronicle series. All welcome.
- **Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm – Circuit Service of Thanksgiving for Local Preachers & Worship Leaders.**

THIS WEEK

Mon 27th Jan	9.30am – Prayer & Bible Study 2.00pm – Knit & Natter 7.30pm – Keep Fit
Tues 28th Jan	9.10am – Zumba 2.00pm – Forget Me Not Café 5.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club 7.00pm - Oasis
Wed 29th Jan	6.30pm – Choir Practice 7.30pm – Zumba
Thurs 30th Jan	9.30am – Church Life Committee Meeting 12 noon – Pre-Concert Lunches in the Church Hall 1.30pm – Classical Cleveland Concert 5.00pm – Boccia 7.00pm – Yoga
Fri 31st Jan	10.00am – Shoppers' Service with worship led by Malcolm Breckon & pianist Dorothy Blakey
Sat 1st Feb	10.00am till 11.30am – Saturday Coffee Morning with coffee served by Sandra Markwick, Sandie Jones & Pauline Dale

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

10.30am Communion	Rev Andrew Robinson
6.00pm Town Close	Rev Andrew Robinson
Steward	Sue Frank
Communion Steward	Dorothy Blakey
Organist	Helen Weighell
Readers	Winifred Laking & June McCleave
Door Stewards	Joyce Binns & Sue Frank
Flowers	Gwen Matthews
Coffee	Ruth Watson & Rosemary Lincoln



SPRING HARVEST LOCAL

SAVE THE DATE!

Gather together for an evening of heartfelt worship, inspiring teaching and an opportunity to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts tells the story of a small group of apprehensive disciples who found themselves UNLEASHED by the Spirit to go global and lead the new church of Jesus' followers. We are the diverse and glorious Acts church today – if we grasp that and unleash its potential, life will never be the same.

Join us in a venue near you at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Stockton Baptist Church, Stockton on Tees

To book visit: SPRINGHARVEST.ORG/LOCAL

Tickets in advance: £8 Adults, £6 for concessions *Discounts available to youth groups

They will be £10/£8 on the door.



NORTHERN WOMEN'S CONVENTION

Stockton Baptist Church, Stockton-on-Tees

Saturday 8 February, 2020

If you take Jesus seriously, you may be thought of as odd, or a little quaint or extreme and sometimes as offensive - it can feel very lonely at times. The Northern Women's Convention was set up to encourage Christian women across the region to live for Christ. It is a day when we can meet with other like-minded women, sing praises to our Lord, and listen to God's voice in the bible. This February we are thrilled to be coming to Stockton-on-Tees - our most northerly venue yet. Together we will look at the letter of 1 Peter who wrote to encourage Christians in a hostile world to keep on following Jesus despite all the struggles they faced. Life away from our heavenly home is full of many ups and downs, Peter's letter provides much needed practical advice as well as pointing us to the fantastic promises we have in Jesus.

We will have seminars for you to choose from to help us engage with our culture and to live out our lives for Christ.

Get the date in your diary and invite others. Bring a group from your church and have a day away from the usual Saturday chores. Let us encourage each other to live radically for Jesus while we wait for the day when we will see him face to face.

We are praying that God will use this day to equip us all to serve him more. We do hope you can join us! Looking forward to seeing you in February!

How to book: Cost £15, Concessions £10

Online: www.christianconventions.org.uk/bookings

Or contact NWC by email for more information/ways to pay

admin@northernwomensconvention.org.uk

Leaflets are available at the back of the Church