

For your devotions ...



"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)

### Prayers for Remembrance Sunday

God of justice and peace,

we pray for those who have been injured  
or disabled through war.

For those who have lost homes

and security through conflict;

for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;

for those who face danger and take risks for peace;

for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;

for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

God of encouragement

and Saviour of the despairing,

**comfort those who remember past sacrifices**

**and guide us in building**

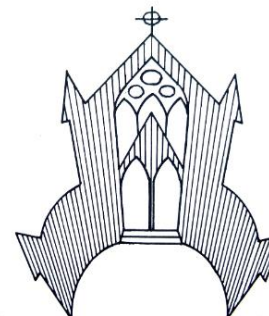
**a just and peaceful community for all.**

**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 **Text on 07837178938**. All notices must be received by the Thursday before the following Sunday. Many thanks.

# Stokesley Methodist Church



## Sunday 14th November 2021



**We will remember them...**

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During these unprecedented times, we have changed the way we 'go to church' to help to protect ourselves and others. We have put in place measures that will enable us to still be part of the worshipping community, at home with family, online with friends, coming back together again in Church. If you go to the Circuit Website you will find a range of resources available for you to use at home which we hope will help you to continue your cycle of prayer and worship.

*Today our Morning Worship is at 10.00am  
& will be led by Rev Andrew Robinson.*

*Following the service we will join the parade to the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths & the Last Post*

[www.youtube.com/stokesleymethodistchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/stokesleymethodistchurch/live)

<https://www.stokesleymethodistcircuit.org.uk/news/join-us-at-home.html>

and <http://www.facebook.com/stokesleymethodistcircuit/>

*Today's flowers commemorate  
Remembrance Sunday*



#### **A Gathering Prayer from the Roots resources:**

God of the country lanes, speeding motorways and city streets,  
of twisting paths, straight streets and hidden alleyways,  
of the small gate and narrow path, we ask for provision for our journey, & to see you walking beside us, protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.  
Surrounded by memories, near and far, we come before you, O Lord, our God.

In the middle of turmoil, you offer us peace.

In the middle of conflict, you offer us resolution.

We come before you now to worship & we know that our future is in your hands & that your promises are true.

**Amen**

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

**Psalm 121** (p622) The Lord will look after your coming and going both now and for evermore.

**John 14 v27-29** (p1083) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

#### **Message from the Church Mouse for EVERYONE!**



Sometimes it's hard to find a path through troubling times, and we often flounder in the face of real difficulty. It can be helpful to be reminded that what we are going through almost certainly has been experienced before, and there is much wisdom from those who have gone before us that can sustain us until the light appears once more.

Can you see the Cleveland Hills or Roseberry Topping from where you live? I'm sure many of you will have had the opportunity to hike in the hills or mountains. I hope each one of you will have that opportunity some day because being in that part of God's world is truly wonderful.

Where I stay on holiday in the Lake District there are huge mountains close by and trails that allow me to climb, even to the top, of some of them. When you have time to go for a walk in the mountains, you might cross a stream or perhaps see a waterfall rushing down the mountain. When you are on the trail you can look down and see the tops of evergreen trees. You may see green fields, a river or a lake, and perhaps a road so far below the cars look like toy cars.

As you look out from high on a mountain, it seems as if you can see forever. There may be clouds floating by and you are able to look across a valley and see other mountains. Such beauty!

One of the writers of the Psalms says this: "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121 v1-2).

There is something about mountains and foothills that make you think about the power and strength of God's love. Just looking at this magnificent part of God's creation is inspiring. It gives us hope and lifts us up.

When we are discouraged or having some sort of difficulty, perhaps we can gain strength by thinking of the majestic mountains and remembering this verse: "He will not let your foot slip ... He watches over you ... The Lord will keep you from all harm."

## Christmas Fayre – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-2pm

As our Christmas Fair is now less than 2 weeks away donations of jigsaws and books can be left in the old vestry or handed to a steward. We have decided to set up between 2 and 4pm on the Friday afternoon (26<sup>th</sup>). Gifts of cakes etc. can be brought to church then **or** before 10am on the Saturday morning. Will all willing and able volunteers please report for duty on Friday afternoon. As well as tables and chairs to move there is a Christmas Tree to erect and decorate! We will also need help on Saturday at 2pm to put everything back in place in time for our Advent Praise on Sunday morning. Thank you for all you are doing to make this a success.

Many hands make light work! Christine

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm – MWiB/Network** An insight into the life & music of 'Roger Jones' by Pauline Rowell

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING following the Morning Worship. All are invited to join us for this opportunity to find out about the exciting opportunities & challenges facing us as we emerge from our lockdown year. We are looking to appoint 2 representatives from this meeting to join the Church Council. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Rev Andrew or one of the stewards.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Classical Cleveland Evening Concert @ 7.30pm** featuring **Giulio Tampalini (guitar)**. The Italian maestro promises another enchanting evening from the world of guitar music. Earlybird tickets £12.50 from The Yorkshire Store/Tickets at the door £15.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Prayer & Praise @ 8.00pm**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – set up for Christmas Fair, 2.00pm till 4.00pm

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November – CHRISTMAS FAIR, 10.00am until 2.00pm**

Stalls include Books, Cakes, Jigsaws, Lucky Bags, Crafts, Stained Glass, Flower Bulbs, Sweet Treat Gifts & Christmas Decorations & more!

Refreshments will be served throughout the day: Drinks, Cakes & Scones from 10.00am; Soup & Sandwiches from 12 noon.

There might even be a surprise visit from someone special!!!!!!

Hope to see you all there!

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Praise Service @ 10.30am.** We are collecting items for the Food Bank & hats, scarves, toys & toiletries for Refugees. Please give what you can to bring some Christmas cheer to others.



SHOULD YOU NEED ANY ADVICE  
PLEASE CONTACT  
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**PLEASE CHECK THE CIRCUIT WEBSITE EVERY WEEK TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH THE CIRCUIT PLAN AS THIS MAY BE AMENDED DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT/METHODIST CONNEXION GUIDELINES**

**Please note that all the circuit churches have now re-opened for worship & you can return to church safely (see the guidelines in these notices). We will continue to provide online worship from Stokesley and Gt Ayton for those who prefer to worship from home.**

## Your Sunday 'Worship Online' Services

To access today's Youtube streamed service follow the instructions below: **Open your internet search engine/tab > enter '<https://www.youtube.com>' (or simply 'youtube' to find the link) in the search bar > when Youtube opens, enter 'Stokesley Methodist Church Youtube' in the search bar > Our Youtube channel should open with all the recent services, mostly, but not always in date order, starting with the most recent.**

If you want to follow the service from Great Ayton **enter 'Great Ayton Methodist Church Youtube'** instead.

In addition, each week we are provided with a worship sheet from District which you can find on the 'Worship at Home' page & which is also available to download from the link in these notices.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/23498/14-nov-21-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

Through this teaching, we are reminded that God dreams of a day when guns of killing will be refashioned into tools to tend the earth and Jesus had a word of blessing for the peacemakers who will be the children of God.

**OUR PRAYER TREE - If anybody has a person or situation that you would like us to pray for, simply write your request on a 'leaf' and hang it on the tree.**

## Arrangements for 'in-person' services at Stokesley Methodist Church



The Government has set out plans for tackling the COVID-19 virus during the autumn and winter periods & at this stage, the Methodist Church does not see a need to change its overall guidance as outlined in July. Whilst always adhering to government advice, we are still urging some caution for the sake of others in the church, community and for self-care. We will continue with the positive changes that have been made during the pandemic & look to improve on these as a means of giving everyone within and outside the church continued access to worship, teaching and support during this period of transition and change. The emphasis is on 'personal responsibility' & making 'informed' local decisions.

- ✓ Please do not come to church if you feel unwell or suspect you might have Covid 19.
- ✓ Face coverings are advised but not compulsory when in church. We ask that you wear your mask on entry until seated. Please use the hand sanitiser as you arrive & leave.
- ✓ You may enter & leave by the front door, but please be aware of others to avoid congestion.
- ✓ The rows of seating are safely spaced. There are no social distancing rules, although the risks to those deemed vulnerable need to be considered.
- ✓ Please deter from shaking hands and hugging others. The virus is still very active and everyone needs to take care.
- ✓ Communal singing is possible once more, though wearing of a covering whilst singing is advised.
- ✓ The services will still be live streamed, so if you are still nervous about coming to church, or simply can't manage for 10:30, it will be available on-line.

**Many thanks for your cooperation.**

## What's On this Week

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| Monday<br>15th Nov    | 9.30am - Fitness Class (Hall)<br>2.00pm - Knit & Natter is now meeting IN CHURCH – Please join us for a 'chinwag' & bring your knitting!<br>7.15pm - Zumba (Hall) |
| Tuesday<br>16th Nov   | 9.30am – Toddlers Group (Church)<br>2.30pm – MWiB/Network (Church)<br>5.00pm - Fireplace Youth Club (Hall)  |
| Wednesday<br>17th Nov | 6.15pm - Fitness Class (Hall)<br>6.30pm - Choir Practice  |
| Thursday<br>18th Nov  | 6.00pm - Tang Soo Do Martial Arts Class (Hall)  |
| Friday<br>19th Nov    | 10.00am – Shoppers' Service   |
| Saturday<br>20th Nov  | 10.00am – 11.30am Coffee Morning in Church  |

*On Sunday 21st November our Morning Worship is at 10.30am & we welcome Ron Kirk, Local Preacher from Great Ayton, who will lead us in our time of fellowship together.*



*And don't forget the Christmas Catalogue! Lots of ideas for Christmas stocking-fillers! Please note that all orders need to be returned to Ann Keene by **25<sup>th</sup> November**. Happy Shopping!*