

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 Others & Ourselves

We pray for all who grieve today:

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For those mourning the loss of their land, or their home, or their identity...

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For those mourning the loss of their dignity, or their independence, or their understanding...

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For those mourning the loss of their health, or their mobility, or their strength...

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For those mourning the loss of someone they love...

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

God of all our coming in and our going out, of our past, present and our future, of all the ups and downs of life, give us bright hope that all shall be well.

Help us to trust in your promises, to find springs of the water of life, and to share that with others, that tears may be wiped from every eye.

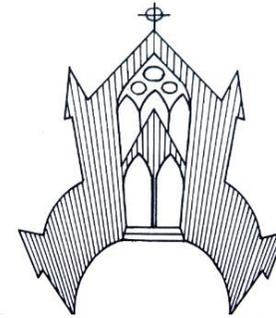
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever!

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

Stokesley Methodist Church



Sunday 8th May 2022



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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 10.30am
& is led by Rev Andrew Robinson.*

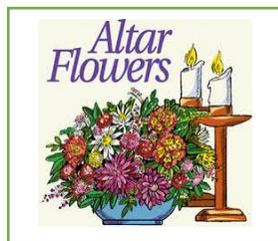
The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 are a gift from
Mary Hunt*



A Gathering Prayer from the Roots resources:

God, our shepherd,

you gather us into your kingdom, and into your loving arms.

You seek us out when we are lost. You rescue us when we are in trouble.

You welcome us when we return home.

Make us – your church, your people – into a sanctuary for all who are fearful, a place of healing for those who are broken, and a welcoming home for all who seek it.

Let us come before the God of our salvation, offering him all praise and glory.

Let us join the angels standing around the throne, as we offer ourselves in worship to God, saying: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen

Perseverance

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 9 v36-43 (p1103) Aeneas and Dorcas

Psalms 23 (p555) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Revelation 7 v9-17 (p1238) The Great Multitude in White Robes

John 10 v22-30 (p1077) The Unbelief of the Jews

Message from the Church Mouse for EVERYONE!



This week our Lectionary readings explore how Jesus guides us through life's ups and downs. As we seek to live out the message and implications of Easter, we are reminded of the endurance we need to live in the light of the kingdom, facing life's struggles in the company and comfort of the good shepherd, who is also the crucified and risen Christ.

Sometimes we behave as if caring for the sheep is enough, and anything beyond that it is someone else's problem. We are called to serve and care for one another, especially for those in need, those who are the poorest, who are on the fringes of what we might regard as 'normal' society, those who are persecuted and so on. The question is, is that enough?

Sticking with the sheep metaphor: caring for sheep is more than 'search and rescue'. Yes, it is or can be that. But caring for sheep also requires mending fences and anticipating problems further down the line, so that the sheep do not have to face the same risks again. Being a shepherd is more than tending to pastoral problems; it is about fixing structural things that are not right or not working. How well are we doing?

Life is full of ups and downs, highs and lows. In Revelation 7 v17b we read 'and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes'. Today, think of someone who might be shedding tears at this moment – this could be as a result of problems or sadness, but it might also be tears of joy – and say a few words of prayer for them.

Have you read 'The Neverending Story' by Michael Ende? It's about a boy called Bastian Balthasar Bux. Towards the end of the story, and after much searching, Bastian returns home from Fantastica. He wanted to bring to his grieving and melancholy father the 'Water of Life'. Seemingly unable to do so, he tells his father the full story, all the ups and downs, of his adventures. Read this brief extract: 'It was almost dark in the kitchen. His father sat motionless. Bastian stood up and switched on the light. And then he saw something he had never seen before. He saw tears in his father's eyes. And he knew that he had brought him the Water of Life after all.' What do you think 'Water of Life' means here?

Read Revelation 7 v17a. What does 'springs of living water' mean here? How might we help or guide people to find the water of life?

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 15th May – Sunday Lunch will be served following the morning service at 12 noon. Tickets £10 will be available from Pauline Rowell & Ann Keene. If you can help on the day, please see Ann.

Christian Aid Week 15th -21st May –

There will be envelopes available in church on **Sunday 15th May** in which you can place your donations & all proceeds from the Saturday Coffee Morning (**Saturday 21st May**) will be dedicated to supporting the work of Christian Aid. As well as refreshments, we'll be having a Bring-And-Buy Stall – you can bring items you no longer need, for us to sell, and buy from us items you would love to have!!!!

Items can include cakes, plants, & good quality bric-a-brac. You can bring items to church beforehand & leave them in the Heritage Room. Many thanks. Remember Every Gift, Every Action, Every Prayer, Every One of us can change lives.

We will also be giving out a 7-day Devotional which you can take home to read. The 7 reflections will lead you through the week & help you to think about the things we all hunger for.

Tuesday 17th May – MWiB/Network

Afternoon of Fellowship @ 2.30pm

We have invited the ladies from Guisborough MWiB to join us to hear June McCleave talk to us about **DKMS**. DKMS provides blood cancer patients with a second chance of life. Its vision is to fight blood cancer by encouraging people to join the blood stem cell register. During the month of May we are having a 'Counting Your Blessings' fund-raiser event – see Christine!

Sunday 22nd May – CLEVELAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Afternoon Concert

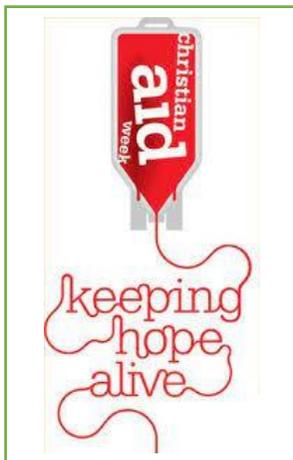
@ 3.00pm. Conductor - Dan Hands. The programme includes:

Elgar - Introduction and Allegro for strings

Copland - Clarinet Concerto with Andrew Smith

Mendelssohn - Symphony no.1

Tickets £12 at the door. Under-18s free.



SHOULD YOU NEED ANY ADVICE
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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/25357/8-may-22-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

Hymn: StF 712 Put peace into each other's hands

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle-flame, with tenderness enfold it.
Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.
Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.
As at Communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.
Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance, and share it like a treasure.
Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Powerful words as we live in a world in both the shadow of a pandemic, and in the shadow of war.

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



Our main aim is to enable everyone within and outside the church to have access to worship, teaching and support, safely & responsibly, so we should continue to follow safer behaviours to protect ourselves and others:

- ✓ Please do not come to church if you feel unwell or suspect you might have Covid 19. Continue to get tested and self-isolate if needed.
- ✓ Continue to exercise good hygiene practice. Please use the hand sanitiser as you arrive & leave.
- ✓ The services will still be live streamed, so if you are still nervous about coming to church, it will be available on-line.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE

From Monday, May 9th, the Church and Hall heating will normally be turned off for the summer months.

Northallerton Methodist Church invite you to view the KNITTED BIBLE EXHIBITION

Opening Ceremony by the Mayor of Northallerton on Saturday 14th May at 6.00pm.

The church will be open for public viewing on:

Sunday 15th May – 12 noon till 4.00pm

Monday 16th May – 1.00pm till 4.00pm

Tuesday 17th till Friday 20th May – 10.00am till 1.00pm & 2.30pm till 4.30pm

Saturday 21st May – 10.00am till 4.00pm

Sunday 22nd May – 12 noon till 4.00pm

The Northallerton Methodist Church Choir will be singing the 'stories' on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available throughout

FREE ENTRY – DONATIONS WELCOME IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID & CHURCH FUNDS

What's On this week

Monday 9th May	9.30am – Zumba Gold (Hall) 10.00am – Yoga (Hall) 2.00pm – Knit & Natter (Porch) 3.00pm – Church Worship Group Meeting 7.15pm – Rockbox Fitness Class (Hall)
Tuesday 10th May	9.30am – Toddlers Group (Church) 4.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club (Hall)
Wednesday 11th May	9.15am – Zumba Fitness Class (Hall)
Thursday 12th May	2.00pm – Sing-a-Long with the Choir (Chapel)
Friday 13th May	
Saturday 14th May	10.00am – Coffee Morning (Chapel)

On Sunday 15th May our Morning Worship is at 10.30am & will be led by Rev Trevor Haigh. The service will include the Sacrament of Baptism.

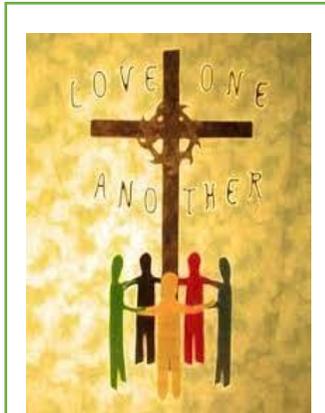
Steward: Joyce Binns

Welcome on the Door: Dawn & Natalie Smith

Reader: Judith Wright

Flowers: Sallie Weighell

Coffee will be served after the service.



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