

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

Father God, thank you for being in our lives, enjoying the little things with us as well as the bigger events. Thank you for sharing yourself with us when you sent Jesus. What a gift!

On his return to you, Jesus entered into the joy of your presence. But thank you that he also left joy behind in the form of your Holy Spirit, who remains with us. What a gift!

You take pleasure in us. Our joy is your joy. Your joy is ours. Thank you for all you give us. You impart wisdom, peace and unfolding truth through your Spirit. And you use our life experiences to help and speak to others. Thank you that, whatever point we're at in life, you are there to meet our needs of the moment, pouring out your gift of love to us. What a gift!

Holy Trinity, we bring to you in our prayers those whose relationships are breaking down; and we pray for your healing.

We think of relationships that have gone wrong and have caused division and bitterness; and we pray for your healing.

We think of relationships between nations where there is tension and mistrust; and we pray for your healing.

We think of our relationships where we feel inadequate or helpless or used; and we pray for your healing.

And we thank you for your relationship with your world, and with your Church, and with each one of us.

Be in our homes that we may know your peace.

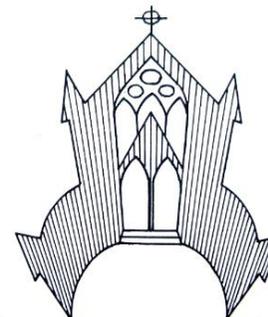
Be in our hearts that we know your love.

Be in our lives that we may take the challenges you present, day by day.

**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 12th June 2022**



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or Church Office tel: 01642 713130).

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 led by Revd Rob Weir.*

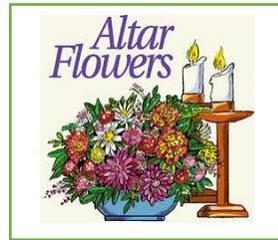
*The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

[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 are a gift from  
Sylvia Waites*



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

God calls us in this moment.

Jesus welcomes us to this moment.

The Spirit unites us in this moment.

Come and worship!

Loving God, as we gather in this moment,  
we celebrate your welcome.

Speak to us; challenge us; reassure us.

Take what we offer in worship and praise  
that your name may be glorified now and for ever.

Let us share now in praising the majestic name  
of the Lord God and delight in his glory.

**Amen**

### *The Unfolding Truth*

#### **Today's Lectionary Readings for Trinity Sunday:**

**Proverbs 8 v1-4, 22-31** (p641) Wisdom's Call

**Psalms 8** (p546) O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Romans 5 v1-5** (p1132) Peace and Joy

**John 16 v12-15** (p1084) The Work of the Holy Spirit

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



This week our Lectionary readings explore the importance of 'now' in our relationship with God. The reading from John's Gospel is part of a longer passage where Jesus explains the work of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is much for the disciples to understand, but Jesus reassures his friends that they know enough for now, and the Holy Spirit will come to guide them into a greater understanding in the future.

What was true for the disciples is true for us too. Our experience of God grows and develops, it is informed by the past, and we will always have more to learn and understand. But we live in the now, and the Holy Spirit will give us what we need to do that.

Since the Covid pandemic, gardens – even the tiniest of them – have become more important to many people. They feel like a gift. They're full of life. The wind blows the bushes and flowers. Birds come to eat and bathe. Our gardens don't want us to watch from a distance. They invite you in, to relate and connect. Our gardens communicate something of God to us. God who gives, animates and connects in the most earthy of ways. The one God, the three-in-one God. God the Holy Trinity. Maybe our Church Peace-Garden will feel like that when it's finished! Somewhere where we can connect with God. What do you look for in a good book? Some people look for a good story. As the story develops they become more and more absorbed in it. Others seek for interesting characters, perhaps people they can relate to but especially characters they want to learn more about. However, there always comes a moment when the desire for more has to stop and the reader has to be satisfied with what they have so far. That may be temporary, because they have to put the book down to do something else, or permanent because they have completed the book. Is this what Jesus meant when he told his disciples there was more – but not right now?

Re-read the Gospel reading again & understand and receive Jesus' teaching within it. It is as if, in your walk through life, the Spirit of truth will gradually unfold the truth - we are to hold on to what we have and celebrate the now of that moment. For God is with us. Every page of our lives, every moment of each day, is an opportunity to do something. God is with us now. The past we cannot change. The future is yet to be revealed. But we can respond to God in the now. It is up to us to make something of it.

## Dates for your Diary

**TODAY @ 2.00pm – Afternoon Concert with the North8 Choir. 'North8'**

presents **Songs of Rest & Serenity**, a summer concert of Choral Classics & little-known gems, featuring music by Judith Bingham, Paul Mealor, Cecilia McDowell and Eric Whitacre. £10 adults/£6 concessions, students & low income/£3 child

Tickets available on the door and via Eventbrite



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 'FESTIVAL OF YOUTH'** supported by Stokesley School & Stokesley Rotary. There will be events throughout the town, including music & performances on The Plain & in the Churches, as well as Photography & Art Exhibitions & Workshops in the Globe. Check with the library for timings. The Festival will culminate in a Youth Concert at 7pm in the Methodist Church, followed by a presentation of prizes & certificates.



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 1.30pm – CLASSICAL CLEVELAND** presents **ELLADA PAVLOU** on the piano. Programme includes music by Stravinsky, Scriabin, Prokofiev & Rachmaninov. Tickets £10 available at the door

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July @ 3.00pm**

**A CONCERT OF 'C's'** – The Choir sings Choral Choices with Cake & Coffee!

Donations to **BRIGHT RED**

(Bright Red is a charity established to improve the lives & treatment of people in the North of England who are dealing with Blood Cancer)



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OR ONE OF THE STEWARDS

## 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/25918/12-june-22-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

Singing the Faith Hymn 13

Sing of a God in majestic divinity, seeding the heavens with numberless stars, forming our dust & our dreams of infinity, God of our lives & the judge of our wars.

Sing of a Child who was cradled so tenderly, sing of a boyhood by Galilee's lake; sing of a cross & a saviour who wondrously suffered & died for humanity's sake.

Sing of a Spirit who daily addressing us, lives in our sciences, nature & arts; moving through all creation & blessing us, guiding our minds & engaging our hearts.

Sing of this God who in glory & mystery chooses to lie in humanity's womb, enters the prison & pain of our history, rises triumphant & opens the tomb.

## 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.**

### AS REV ANDREW BEGINS HIS 3-MONTH SABBATICAL, WE HOLD HIM IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Sabbaticals are a required part of a minister's duties. They can be extremely beneficial both for the individual minister and for the health of the wider Church and can significantly enhance the ministry of the whole people of God. For Methodist ministers, a sabbatical is a period of release from ordinary ministerial duties, for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, work or experience. It is intended as a time for re-equipping, refreshment and renewal.

The term 'sabbatical' derived originally from the Old Testament and related to the Sabbath, the weekly day of rest and delight in God (Exodus 34 v21; Isaiah 58 v13-14), and the sabbatical year, in which, every seven years, complete rest was commanded for the land, with no sowing or reaping, and the remission of debts and release of Hebrew slaves (Leviticus 25 v4; Deuteronomy 15 v1,12).

We pray that this precious time will give Andrew the time to simply be with God, to listen and not have to rush away; to be touched, healed, restored and directed.

## What's On this week

Monday 13th June	9.30am – Zumba Gold (Hall) 10.00am – Yoga (Hall) 2.00pm – Knit & Natter (Porch) 7.15pm – Rockbox Fitness Class (Hall)
Tuesday 14th June	4.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club (Hall)
Wednesday 15th June	9.15am – Zumba Fitness Class (Hall) 6.30pm – Choir Practice
Thursday 16th June	
Friday 17th June	
Saturday 18th June	10.00am – Coffee Morning (Chapel)

*On Sunday 19th June our Morning Worship will be led By Ken Hudson, Local Preacher from Great Ayton.*

**Steward:** Joyce Binns

**Welcome on the Door:**

Carole & Mike Myers

**Reader:** Mike Myers

**Flowers:** Mary Weighell

**Coffee will be served after the service – please do stay for refreshments.**



**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.**