

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)

### In Sympathy

Please would you remember in your prayers Eric, David and Ruth Smith and Anne Keay following the sudden death last Sunday of Joan Smith of Railway Bridge Farm, Great Broughton.

### Prayers for Others & Ourselves

We thank you, Lord,

for the journeys of healing you take us all on.

Whether we begin with baby steps or great strides, thank you for walking with us at the pace we can cope with.

We thank you for your healing peace on those fleeing conflict in this damaged world.

We thank you for your healing presence when illness and brokenness drive us into solitary places, physically or mentally.

We thank you for your healing strength in times of stress, or when we feel vulnerable and in need of support.

What a transformation you bring about in us, Lord, radiating from the inside out; you offer us many blankets of blessing.

Come with us, Lord, in our brokenness and bring healing.

Come with us, Lord, into our divided world and unite us.

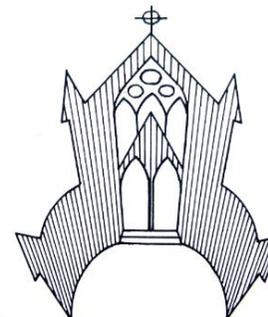
Come with us, Lord, and cast from us that which is not of you, that we may live as your children in your world, today and always.

In Jesus' name.

**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 19th 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.

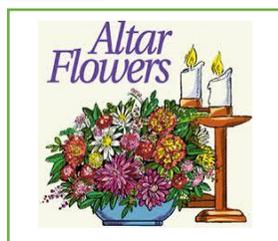
*Today our Morning Worship is led by Ken Hudson,  
Local Preacher from Great Ayton*

[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  
Mary Weighell*



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

Healing Lord,

we come with wounds that often only you know; we bring weariness and fears as well as hopes and aspirations.

Heal us and refresh us; restore your image in us.

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Almighty, powerful God, who is full of compassion, who rescues us from danger, who strengthens the weak, who feeds the poor:

**we bow down and honour your name.**

Almighty, powerful God, who brings hope and healing, who hears our cry, whose heart feels our pain, who heals us inside and out:

**we bow down and honour your name.**

**Amen**

*Healed – Inside and Out*

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

**Isaiah 65 v1-9** (p751) Judgement and Salvation

**Psalms 22 v19-28** (p554) But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**Galatians 3 v23-29** (p1170) The Law and the Promise/Sons of God

**Luke 8 v26-39** (p1038) The Healing of a Demon-possessed Man

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



This week our Lectionary readings explore the impact of Jesus on a damaged and divided world. Jesus encounters and dramatically heals a man possessed by many demons. The man is transformed from someone naked and who appeared frightening, into someone 'clothed and in his right mind'. The local community are fearful and ask Jesus to leave. Jesus tells the man who was healed to tell everyone what God has done for him.

What relevance does this story from Luke's Gospel, and Jesus' healing ministry in general, have for the world of today? How does it impact and challenge the way we live? In today's world, there are many who are damaged and excluded, and there are many divisions of all sorts. These passages remind us that unity and not division are God's desire and the impact of an encounter with Jesus may be the first step on the way to wholeness. It is up to his followers to proclaim this and to play their part in bringing healing and unity.

Along the shore by the sea, one can find beautiful, yet unusual types of marine life. There are sea animals that look like bath sponges, jellyfish that seem transparent and float like clouds in the sea, anemones that look like flowers, and starfish that appear as if they could have dropped from the sky. One can find little clams, not much bigger than a fingernail and another type of clam that can weigh more than twenty pounds!

One of the most unusual marine animals is the sea urchin. It is of a size that would fit in your hand, is round and covered with short, stiff spines which are sharp. The mouth of a sea urchin is formed by five sharp-toothed jaws. Its appearance is so strange that you might hesitate to touch it. If, however, you could look inside the body of a sea urchin, you would find that the shell has a smooth, pink lining with an intricate arched design that looks like the dome of a cathedral. When we see or experience something we don't understand, we may feel frightened. Remember that in the case of the sea urchin, what looked sharp and hurtful on the outside covered a beautiful design on the inside. Jesus made the man whole again through healing, but he also sought to bring wholeness to the community. That wholeness is spelt out by Paul in the Galatians passage that takes Jesus' interaction with a Gentile community one step further, spelling out the irrelevance of differences in the light of his love. **Go & tell how much Jesus has done for you!**

## HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!

Father's Day is a celebration of appreciation for all fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, and all the men who provide leadership, guidance, and protection in our lives.

What makes a Dad? God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagles flight, the joy of a morning spring, the faith of a mustard seed, then God combined these qualities when there was nothing more to add – He knew his masterpiece was complete and so He called it ... Dad!

### Dates for your Diary

**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. Please note the Youth Concert at 7pm in the Methodist Church has been cancelled but will hopefully take place later in the year.



**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/26086/19-june-22-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

Hymn: STF 693 Beauty for brokenness

V1: Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.

Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

V3: Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.

Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Chorus: God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:

melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

## 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.**

### REFUGEE WEEK – 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> JUNE

This week we have the time to reflect on the plight of displaced people around the world. The story of every refugee is a story of overcoming the odds - & most importantly, it's always a story of resilience.

We are part of the '**ALL WE CAN**' family – All We Can is the operating name of The Methodist Relief and Development Fund. This year's theme is '**HEALING**', a fitting premise in the light of all that's going on in Ukraine & beyond. All We Can is working together with humanitarian aid partners around the world to ensure that refugees are not only able to heal from the trauma they have faced – but also to unlock new opportunities & fulfil their potential in the communities they find themselves.

We can play a vital part in ensuring this transformational work continues by offering support through donations. Funds raised, for example, will enable the United Methodist Church in Ukraine to meet the needs of those fleeing conflict & violence as they seek refuge in Poland. Similarly, on the Polish border, All We Can is working to deliver psychosocial support, emergency water & sanitation supplies, & essential items such as blankets & toiletries. For more information & to make a donation, visit: [allwecan.org.uk/Ukraine](http://allwecan.org.uk/Ukraine) Or [allwecan.org.uk/walkingtogether](http://allwecan.org.uk/walkingtogether)

## What's On this week

Monday 20th June	9.30am – Zumba Gold (Hall) 10.00am – Yoga (Hall) 2.00pm – Knit & Natter (Chapel) 7.15pm – Rockbox Fitness Class (Hall)
Tuesday 21st June	4.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club (Hall)
Wednesday 22nd June	9.15am – Zumba Fitness Class (Hall) 6.30pm – Choir Practice (Chapel)
Thursday 23rd June	
Friday 24th June	
Saturday 25th June	10.00am – Coffee Morning (Chapel) <b>Festival of Youth</b> – events ongoing throughout the day

*On Sunday 26th June our Morning Worship will be led by David Wilson - a great friend of Stokesley Methodist Church*

**Steward:** Sue Franks

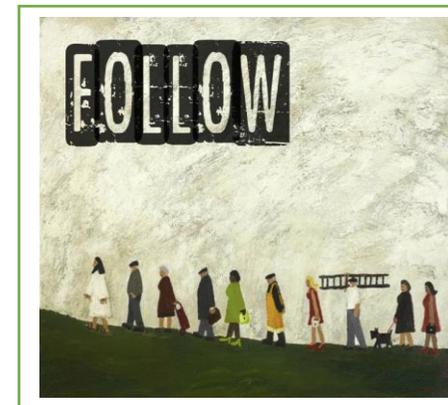
**Welcome on the Door:**

Pamela & Norman Baker

**Reader:** Ann Keene

**Flowers:** Judith Wright & Bob Jewitt

**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.**