

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

God of love, we thank you for the Queen's Jubilee.

As we reflect on the Platinum Jubilee celebrations across this country today and during the past week, we pray for the Queen. Thank you for her 70 years on the throne and for all she means to so many people across this nation and worldwide. Thank you for her love for you and her willingness to share her faith. As the celebrations come to their end, draw close to her. May she know the ongoing power of your Holy Spirit.

God of love, be with our Queen on this Jubilee weekend.

Holy Spirit, hear us.

God of love, we thank you for the half term holiday.

As children head back to school and many of us return to work after the extra bank holidays, we thank you for the time off. Thank you for the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and to enjoy the change to usual routines. We pray for those who have used the half term holiday to continue revising for GCSEs and A Levels; be with them in their final exam weeks, help them to keep going, to remember what they've learnt, and to feel calm and confident.

God of love, be with us all as the holiday weekend comes to an end.

Holy Spirit, hear us.

God of love, we thank you for this Pentecost Sunday.

As we recall the events of that first Pentecost, may we be people who know the power of the Spirit in the everyday. As we remember the disciples in the upper room, may we be people who come together to pray and seek your will in this world. As we recall the Spirit falling in tongues of fire, giving the disciples new words and new languages, may we be people who communicate well with others, able to explain your love and compassion for them and those they love.

God of love, be with us this Pentecost Sunday.

Holy Spirit, hear us.

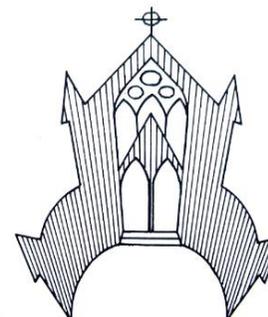
With the summer months ahead, we pray that your Spirit will bring hope; and that we, as your church and your people, would be bearers of the hope we have in you.

God of love, bring your Pentecost hope to our world.

Holy Spirit, hear us.

Amen.

Stokesley Methodist Church



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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.

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.

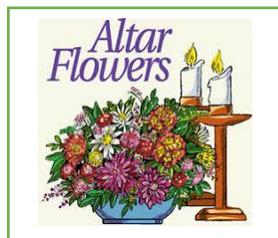
*Today our Morning Worship is a special 'Jubilee Songs of Praise'.
A special thank-you to everyone who has contributed
with their special 'Queenly Memories'!*

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
Elsie & John Edwards*



A Gathering Prayer from the Roots resources:

Generous God, as we gather in this place,
give us open hearts and minds to receive all you have for us.
Renew us with your life and warm us with your love, fill us with the power
and presence of your Spirit. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever.
Let us praise our marvellous God as long as we live.
May our meditations be pleasing to him
as we rejoice in the Lord and all he gives us.
Let us praise the Lord. **Amen**

Today's readings:

Psalm 100 (p604) Shout for Joy – a Psalm for Giving Thanks

John 15 v1-17 (p1083) The Vine and the Branches

Today's Lectionary Readings for Pentecost:

Acts 2 v1-21 (p1093) The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

Psalm 104 v24-34, 35b (p607) When you send your Spirit ...

Romans 8 v14-17 (p1134) Life Through the Spirit

John 14 v8-17, (25-27) (p1082) Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

Message from the Church Mouse for EVERYONE!



This week our Lectionary readings explore being filled and fulfilled. All of Jesus' disciples were gathered together during the festival of Pentecost. The city of Jerusalem was alive with people, Jews who had settled there from all over the empire. It was a special day, but Jesus' followers were separate from the festivities. Then the Holy Spirit came, filling them and breaking down boundaries of fear and difference between the disciples and the crowds.

It is a familiar story, one in which the curtain rose on an astonishing new act in the great drama of God's purposes – the book might have been called 'The Acts of the Holy Spirit'! Today we explore the significance of that day & discover how we too might be filled and fulfilled by the same Spirit.

Sometimes we hear about someone whose life has suddenly been changed for the better – for example, when a person who's struggling to make ends meet is left a generous legacy, or a person who's had a limb amputated is fitted with a prosthesis. Perhaps the apostle Peter's story is a bit like that: in the Gospels, when we first meet him as Cephas, we see him getting things wrong and then disowning Jesus; but on the Day of Pentecost we see him transformed into Peter, finally fulfilled as 'the Rock' who became the leader of the church in Jerusalem.

If you've seen the film 'Love Actually', you'll probably remember the scene where Colin Firth, playing an English author, is in Portugal to write his latest book. He's sitting outside at a table overlooking a beautiful lake, working on an ancient typewriter. The finished pages are piling up around him, weighed down by empty mugs. The lovely young Portuguese woman who comes daily to do some housekeeping arrives to clear the empty mugs – and dozens of pages of original manuscript are blown away into the lake. (Things do turn out okay in the end!)

Letting the Holy Spirit loose in our lives might be a bit like that. Might God's Holy Spirit be like this – that is, powerful and life-changing? Will we celebrate Pentecost simply as a reminder of God's work in the past, or dare we respond to Peter's message as an invitation for us today? What if we did set aside time to be alone with God, to ask him to set us on fire with his love? What if our church family set time aside to be together with God, asking him to blow through us with his power? Be filled with the Holy Spirit & change lives!

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 12th June @ 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 25th 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 7th 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 9th 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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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/25719/5-june-22-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

Today is Pentecost Sunday. For us as Christians, Pentecost is a momentous event. Some say it is the birthday of the Church; others that it was the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, the spirit of God was operative in the life of Jesus and was essential to the life of the early church as well as each individual Christian. The early church was full of joy, love and praise and no decision was taken without asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prayer, patience and obedience were 3 key elements in the life of the early Church.

On the day of Pentecost, God's spirit gave the early Church a new joy in worship and praise; a new love for one another and the world, a new understanding of God and a desire to share this good news with everyone. May the blessings of God's spirit be alive and well in the life of God's people and church today, inspiring us to go forth and share God's love and blessing wherever we go and with whoever we meet.

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.

Our Faithful Queen – 70 Years of Faithful Service

This Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrates 70 glorious years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As she herself wrote in the introduction to the Bible Society's book which served as a tribute to her 90th birthday, 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves': "I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness."

In our churches this weekend, as we also celebrate Pentecost, may we give thanks for the faith and belief in Jesus that has sustained our Queen throughout her life of service.

As a unique gift from the church, we hope you will enjoy reading 'Our Faithful Queen – 70 Years of Faithful Service.' It is a book full of photos & includes rarely-seen prayers from a book of devotions written for the Queen to use from 1 May to 2 June 1953 – her Coronation Day. The prayers were written by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, & should help us appreciate the Queen's deep Christian Faith. May her faith inspire us.



What's On this week

Monday 6th June	9.30am – Zumba Gold (Hall) 10.00am – Yoga (Hall) 2.00pm – Knit & Natter (Porch) 7.15pm – Rockbox Fitness Class (Hall)
Tuesday 7th June	9.30am – Toddlers & Mums (Church) 4.00pm – Fireplace Youth Club (Hall)
Wednesday 8th June	9.15am – Zumba Fitness Class (Hall) 6.30pm – Choir Practice
Thursday 9th June	
Friday 10th June	
Saturday 11th June	10.00am – Coffee Morning (Chapel)

On Sunday 12th June our Morning Worship will be led by Revd Rob Weir.

The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

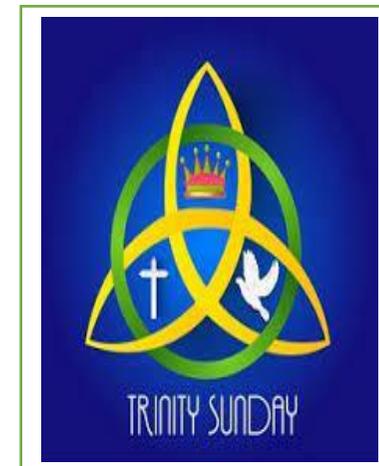
Steward: Dorothy Blakey

Welcome on the Door: Margaret Horner & Sharman Whitehead

Reader: Carine Lamprecht

Flowers: Sylvia Waites

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.