

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)

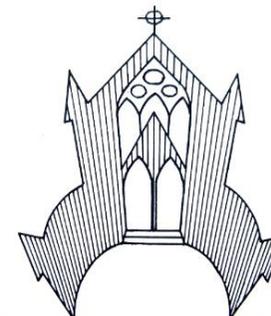
Prayers for Others & Ourselves

We strive in life for things to make us comfortable, for things that give us pleasure. We save in life, if we are able, for rainy days and stormy times. We work to make life better, always hoping it will make us happier. We burden ourselves with so much so-called ‘treasure’ that we cannot often see the wood for the trees. We work to give enjoyment, but we struggle along the way. Forgive us, Lord, and help us in a moment of reflection to see the damage that our ‘treasures’ can cause if they become the centre of our living. Forgive us in our busy-ness to store up treasure here on earth, if we lose sight of the treasure that is you in the here and now. Forgive us if in our busy-ness we fail to share your treasure with family, friend, foe and neighbour.

We pray for those living on the edge, in fear of the future: bless them with a deepening sense of hope and trust in you; for those caught up in the ways of the world, relying on worldly treasures: give them a blessing of release and joy in you; for those battling with ill health: give them the blessing of strengthening hope and healing; for all who have the responsibility of leading your flock: give them your blessing of wisdom and strength. Lord, you watch and protect. Strengthen all who are in need with an unshakeable trust in you; give them a glimpse of the treasures that are theirs when they put their hope in you. Lord, go with us. Help us to seek your treasure. Help us to look for all you’re doing right now. Help us – by our example as much as by our words – to share your treasure and your life-giving story with the people we meet this week. **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 7th August 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.

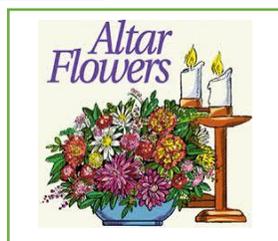
*Today our Morning Worship is led by Dave Elliott,
Local Preacher from Marton Methodist Church.*

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
Christine Ridgeway*



A Gathering Prayer from the Roots resources:

As we come into God's presence, let us open our hands and hearts, let us invite God to fill us with the treasure of his Spirit – the treasure of his compassion for others, and the treasure of his unconditional love for us.

God of all, we thank you for being here with us. We thank you that in your presence we find heavenly riches beyond any earthy treasure.

As we come to worship, help us to seek and find the treasure of your kingdom, so we can live our earthly lives holding treasure that will transform us – right here and right now.

We put our hope in the Lord; the Lord is our protector and our help, the root of our gladness and in the Lord we trust. May your constant love be with us, Lord, as we put our hope in you.

Amen

Right Here, Right Now

Today's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 1 v1, 10-20 (p683) A Rebellious Nation

Psalms 50 v1-8, 22-23 (p572) Our God comes and will not be silent ...

Hebrews 11 v1-3, 8-16 (p1209) By Faith

Luke 12 v32-40 (p1045) Do Not Worry/ Watchfulness

Message from the Church Mouse for EVERYONE!



This week our Lectionary readings explore where we are looking for treasure. The Gospel reading from Luke makes an astute connection between treasure and our emotions, between what we value and the values that drive us. The challenge is to understand what real treasure is.

A time-honoured classroom activity is to invite children to make a treasure map. Such a map almost always consists of a wobbly outline denoting the shape of a desert island & is probably surrounded by shark-infested waters. The island will have mountainous areas, thick forests and beaches strewn with palm trees. But somewhere in this complex geography will be a small 'X'. And we all know what the 'X' means. It marks the spot where the treasure is buried. Find the place marked, get digging and, if you are lucky, you will uncover a chest of untold riches. The idea of buried treasure has captured imaginations for many years. One of the most famous stories must be Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. In this story, young Jim Hawkins finds a map in a dead man's chest and takes a role as a ship's cabin boy in a thrilling search for the pirate gold hiding under the 'X' on his map.

If something is highly prized, the human impulse is to work very hard to find it. Think about the times when you have lost something precious. For those items there is no handy treasure map with an 'X' to tell you where you left it but, when it's valuable or important to you, you will search as hard as possible to try and find it. In other words, whatever – or perhaps whoever – we value has high priority in our life. Whatever we deem to be our treasure naturally occupies our thoughts, fills our senses and often guides our behaviour and how we choose to spend our time.

The challenge embedded in the Gospel reading is for us to see that the most precious treasure of all, the valuables marked by 'X' in the universal map of life, are the riches we gain from doing the work of God's kingdom. Real treasure is found when we draw close to Jesus, and this treasure has a beauty and value that eclipses anything else. And the exciting news is that this treasure is not buried or hidden, it's available right here, right now. The treasure is not in a hidden box but in a relationship with Jesus – and everyone is invited to share it.



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PLEASE CONTACT
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OR ONE OF THE STEWARDS

Your Sunday 'Worship Online' Services

Please note the Youtube streamed service will resume in September. To access the services 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/26227/7-august-22-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

Order of Service 14.08.22

Prayer of approach.

Hymn 94 'To God be the glory'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 323 'I will sing the wondrous story'

Reading Hebrews ch 11 v 1-3 and v 8-16

Hymn 465 'Guide me o thou great Jehovah'

Reading Luke ch 12 v 32-40

Sermon

Hymn 611 'Brother, sister let me serve you'

Prayers

Hymn 345 'And can it be?' followed by The Grace

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.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Service of Thanksgiving

If you were unable to attend the funeral of Elsie Edwards last week, you can watch the service using the Webcast link below. John & all the family would like to thank everyone for your kind thoughts, prayers & cards. £500 was collected for the RNIB Talking Books – an overwhelming display of generosity & love for something that meant so much to Elsie.

Watching webcast live and watch-again:

Website <https://watch.obitus.com>
Username lipu6505
Password 225051

Stokesley Show

Dear all, The Circuit has been allocated a stall at the Stokesley Show on Saturday 17th September, and we need help! We're planning to run a Children's Craft Activity, Prayer Tree, and maybe some Bible Storytelling. Helpers will be needed to do sessions throughout the day, and we will have a number of free entry passes to the show for those taking part. We particularly need those DBS Checked and Safeguarding Trained to help supervise the Children's Activity.

Please contact Rev. Rob Weir for more details or if you can offer to help.
God Bless, Rob (phone: 01642 724968; email: RobWeir@albatross.me.uk)

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.

What's On this week

Monday 8th August	9.30am – Zumba Gold (Hall) 10.00am – Yoga (Hall) 2.00pm – Knit & Natter (Chapel) 7.15pm – Rockbox Fitness Class (Hall)
Tuesday 9th August	
Wednesday 10th August	9.15am – Zumba Fitness Class (Hall)
Thursday 11th August	
Friday 12th August	
Saturday 13th August	10.00am – Coffee Morning (Chapel)

On Sunday 14th August our Morning Worship will be led by Doreen Hunt, Local Preacher from Great Ayton Methodist Church

Steward: Dorothy Blakey

Welcome on the Door:

Pamela & Norman Baker

Reader: Pauline Rowell

Flowers: Dorothy Agar

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



ROTAS – The rotas for door stewards and readers are due to be updated. If you would like to be added to those who welcome people at the door on Sunday mornings or to read during the service, please would you let Sue or one of the stewards know. Thank you.