

## STOKESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is...

“TO KNOW GOD AND TO MAKE GOD KNOWN TO OTHERS”



During the period of Rev Rob Weir's sabbatical\*  
if you need ministerial support,

please contact Rev Janet Jackson via:

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**Notices for the week commencing Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Steward:** Pauline Dale **Door Stewards:** Mary Hunt & Ruth Smith

**Reader:** Lesley Jackson **Flowers:** Ann Keene **Coffee:** Margaret Horner & Helen Duggleby

**Please stay for refreshments after the service.**

### Sunday:

10.30 am Morning Worship - Led by Katherine Atha

### Monday:

2 - 3.30 pm Knit and Natter Group

Bring your knitting or craft work & do your handicraft whilst having a good chat!

### Tuesday:

9.30 - 11 am Toddlers Group £3 donation per family.

All under 5's and their parents / carers are welcome. Drinks and snacks included.

1 - 3.30 pm Safeguarding Training

### Wednesday:

2 pm Friends, Fun & Fellowship - come and join in an afternoon of playing table-top games, with tea & cake refreshments, followed by a sing-a-long of favourite Hymns and finishing with a short time of Faith-based Worship.

### Friday:

10.30 am - 12.30 pm Open Church

The church will be open for you to drop in for a time of quiet amid the bustle of the day, to light a candle, to put a prayer on our Prayer Tree, to sit with your own thoughts.

### Saturday:

10 - 11.30 am Coffee Morning

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May:

10.30 am Morning Worship including Holy Communion - Led by Rev Janet Jackson

\* To find out what Rob is doing during his sabbatical you can visit his blog via:

[tellingchurchstory.blogspot.com/](http://tellingchurchstory.blogspot.com/)

**Offerings/payments: We have a card reader and gift aid envelopes available for your use.**

To include meetings and events on these notices, please contact Clare Ibbotson (by Thursday) via:

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## Diary dates:



**10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May – Christian Aid Week.** Christian Aid Week is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty. For one focused week, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Envelopes for donations and copies of a Daily Devotional will be available from **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May** and on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** all proceeds from our **Coffee Morning** will be donated to this charity.

**16<sup>th</sup> May - Dalesmen Singers, 7 pm** (doors open at 6.30 pm) - tickets are £10 each and are available from Ruth Smith, Pauline Dale and at Bridgfords (50, High Street – cash only) or online at [ticketsource.com/dalesmen-singers](https://ticketsource.com/dalesmen-singers)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Bus Trip to Scarborough** - leaving Stokesley at 9.00am, please keep the date free, details soon.

**Saturday 1st August – Yorkshire Day Treasure Hunt and Yorkshire Tea**

**Northallerton Male Voice Choir** - we hope to hold a concert on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, please watch out for further details nearer the time.

### Eco ideas for May:

May is an ideal time to boost eco-friendly habits by embracing seasonal, local produce, reducing water waste through gardening, and increasing biodiversity. Key actions include planting pollinator-friendly wildflowers, starting a compost bin, walking or cycling for short trips, and using natural, DIY cleaning products.

- **Support Pollinators:**  
Plant wildflowers, herbs, or foxgloves to support bees and butterflies.
- **Let It Grow:**  
Participate in "No Mow May" by leaving your lawn unmown to encourage biodiversity.
- **Active Travel:**  
Choose walking, cycling, or public transport over car use for short journeys.
- **Go Solar:**  
Utilize solar-powered garden lights instead of electric ones.
- **Save Water:**  
Switch to showers, use a washing-up bowl, and avoid using garden sprinklers.

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