

# Great Ayton Methodist Church



This Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, streaming on Youtube, live at 10.30am.

You can watch this video by clicking the link below. The video will not be available until 10:30am on Sunday but will be available to view at any time after this.

[www.youtube.com/greataytonmethodistchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/greataytonmethodistchurch/live).

[Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-13; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29](#)

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10:30 'In-person' and online service, live streamed with Rev Neil Harris</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday night <b>House group</b> are now meeting in church. Contact Jeanette Hardy for further details.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19:00</b> Welcome back to church planning meeting.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00-11:00 Toddler group</b> meet in the park, for more details see the Great Ayton Toddlers Facebook page.
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10:30 'In-person' and online service, live streamed lead by Doreen Hunt.

## 'Welcome back to church' open morning

We're holding an open morning on **Saturday 14 August from 10am until 1pm** as a way of encouraging people to come back to church (or come for the first time!).

We'll be serving free teas and coffees to anyone who comes in, having cake and craft stalls, selling bacon butties, offering tours of the church and demonstrating our new equipment. We're also planning prayer activities, some more information about this year's church charity and gathering and displaying information about our various activities and our plans to re-start these in September. We'd love as many people as possible to come along so please come and bring your friends, neighbours or random people that you meet in the street!!

**There will be a planning meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 14 July to plan the event. Please come along if you have ideas or can offer help before, or on, the morning.**

Steve

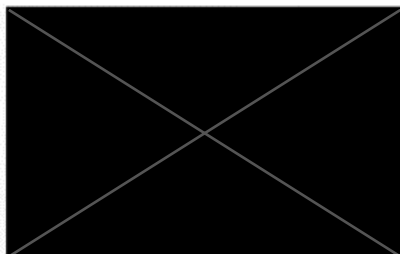
## The practice of power

John the Baptist has criticised Herod's wife, Herodias.

Therefore, she becomes angry and wants to kill John. Although Herod is enraged too, he respects John and knows that he is a holy man. At a party, Herod promises his stepdaughter anything she wants, and on her mother's advice she asks for the head of John the Baptist. Although Herod doesn't want to kill John, he has to keep a promise made in front of his guests.

It is a story that raises questions about who influences us, who we listen to, and what governs our actions.

***This week we explore who and what rules our actions.***



The Poor House has kindly donated the proceeds of one of their Sunday Music Afternoons to Christian Aid. £88 has been donated via the Just Giving page.

## Urgent Hunger Appeal, South Sudan

The Just Giving page is available at:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Great-Ayton-Village1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Great-Ayton-Village1)

I'm presuming that Christ Church would still be happy to receive donations directly as follows:

**Great Ayton Parochial Church Council, Code 09-01-55 Acc No: 37616705, put Christian Aid as the Reference.**

Envelopes are also available and I would be happy to deliver to any one who wanted to use them.

Ann Davies

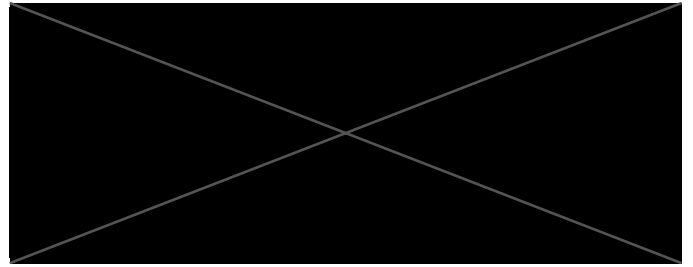


**Christian Aid - Wave of Hope from the G7 in June to the COP26 Conference in November.**

*As Christians we are God's stewards helping to cherish his wonderful creation (Gen 1-3).*

*We are joining the Wave of Hope initiative by reusing waste materials we have at home to make hand shapes for our church window display, they will be displayed in our Church windows by the Thursday house group. Hands can be any size, and cut out from empty crisp packaging, old gift bags, cardboard, paper and much more. A box will be left in the Church entrance for these hands. You can also get involved by putting hands in your windows at home. Please see the Christian Aid website for more ideas. Contact Chris Stokeld if you can help or want more ideas.*

## Open Air Eco Church Service



A message from Geoff Jaques.....

We are holding an Open Air Eco Church Service in **All Saints Churchyard at 11 o'clock on Sunday July 11th** to launch a week '**Caring for God's Creation**'.

I appreciate that your morning service probably doesn't finish until 20 past 11, but its only a 10 minute walk to All Saints, so please feel free to continue your worship with us afterwards!

**As we are in the Open Air, the service will include singing** as well as some short Environment talks, readings and prayers. Refreshments - coffee, cake and squash - will be served before, during and after the service!

Throughout the week there will be an opportunity to explore this Living Churchyard, learn about the value of biodiversity, help combat the climate emergency and enjoy the tranquillity.





## Middlesbrough Foodbank

Our friends at Middlesbrough Foodbank are running very low on provisions and desperately need our support. Please, if you're able bring contributions to the foodbank to church with you this week. The box for contributions will be in the foyer every week so it would be great if you could get into the habit of bringing something every time you come.

We're happy to receive contributions on other days/times by arrangement. Peter Jackson can collect from homes if folk phone him on (01287 637882) as he is usually in the village on a Sunday and Wednesday and at Foodbank on a Monday.

**These are the items that are currently low in stock at Middlesbrough foodbank and would be grateful for any donations to replenish the stocks.**

UHT milk  
Tinned spaghetti  
Tinned fish (tuna etc)  
Tinned carrots  
Tinned potatoes  
Instant mashed potato  
Tinned Rice pudding  
Tinned custard  
Tinned fruit  
Dried Rice  
Instant noodles  
Nappies Size 4, 5, 6

Donations can be dropped off at the Co Op stores in Great Ayon and Stokesley.

Cash as an alternative by cheque or bank transfer also allows them to buy as they run short..

<https://Middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



Leadership team have agreed the next steps in the process of getting the church back to something nearer normal.

- **All the chairs are back in church** so that the church looks like it used to.
- **You won't need to book your place!** There are more seats and groups of up to six people or two households can sit together. Although we will still have to space out a bit by using every other row.
- We'll still have to complete track and trace details and you'll still need a face covering unless you're exempt. There is still no singing allowed but we hope that it won't be too long before this changes.
- **We'll be serving tea coffee and biscuits outside on the lawn and patio after the service.** This will give people the much-needed opportunity to catch up and socialise.

As we make these steps to getting church back to something more like we were used to we'd love to see you back in church. We're a church family and need to spend time together- something that we've all missed - so please come back if you feel able.

Coffee will be served after the service at around 11.20 am. If you don't feel ready to come into church yet, you're very welcome to join us outside for coffee and, of course, you can still join the service on YouTube. [www.youtube.com/greatanmethodistchurch](http://www.youtube.com/greatanmethodistchurch)

We are a Fairtrade Church. There are lots of new products in our Fairtrade cupboard, please help and support Fairtrade.

Church Office: [gamc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gamc.secretary@gmail.com) 01642 725138



## **New equipment for streaming and projection in church: request for financial support**

At last week's church council meeting, members agreed the purchase of some new equipment to improve our facilities for video recording and/or live-streaming our services and other events and for projecting words, video and information to the screen. Church council want to continue to support our congregation by continuing to offer online worship to those who may be unable to attend even when we see a return to more 'normal' in-person worship in church. The council also noted that our online worship has been successful in bringing the Message to new people and the wider community. As future services will take place both in-person and online the purchase of this equipment is vital to support this mission.

We are purchasing a specialised wall mounted camera as well as a controller to operate this remotely. This combined with existing equipment will give us a better coverage of the church, more camera angles and remove the current tripods and cabling which looks intrusive, gets in the way, risks being knocked over and will not allow clear filming of the front of church as more people are sitting and standing during worship. We are also purchasing a much-improved projector and screen. This laser projector will give a much brighter and larger image with an aspect ratio which matches that of our live-stream. This means the same images or videos will be seen online and in church as we continue to worship in-person and online. The bigger and clearer images will be helpful for other activities such as film night and the improvements will allow the projector to be mounted on the back wall of church making its appearance less intrusive.

The cost of this equipment is likely to be close to £10,000 and, for this reason, church council agreed to ask members and friends if they would be willing to support this work by making a donation towards this cost, no matter how big or how small.

If you feel able to make such a donation you can do so in a number of ways. You can give by cash or cheque made out to Great Ayton Methodist Church and pass this to our treasurer, a steward or a member of leadership team or you can make a direct bank payment to Great Ayton Methodist Church, account number: 07509294, sort code: 55 61 02. Please mark your donation with the reference 'Worship' so that the treasurer can identify it.

If you would like any more information about this work and equipment, please talk to Steve Smith who will be happy to explain things further.

Thank you.

---

## **This years church charity is the Russ Devereaux Headlight Project.**

### **Headlight Mental Health Charity**



If we are to raise money for this worthwhile cause this year it will need us to do something about it as it will not happen by itself.

We are setting up a small co-ordinating group so if you want to join it or you have an idea or want to do something yourself or can help with an event please contact:

Howard & Elaine

01642 723507

or email: [gamc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gamc.treasurer@gmail.com)

## Vacancy for a temporary station manager Leven Online radio

Leven online Community internet Radio is seeking a temporary station manager to cover the maternity absence of the current manager. The role will be a part time contracted position. Candidates will need to:

- have experience of managing and motivating volunteers,
- be IT literate (preferably in communications or broadcasting),
- used to working flexibly and to deadlines and demonstrate high levels of personal discipline.

Details of the station can be viewed at [Levenonline.co.uk](http://Levenonline.co.uk). For further details, to express an interest, and for a job description and application form, please email [leven.online.radio@gmail.com](mailto:leven.online.radio@gmail.com). leaving a contact phone number.

## A message from Rev Andrew Robinson

As a follow-up to the recent Church Council Meeting, I have been asked by Andrew Robinson to include in the notice's an update regarding the "Runaway Train" publication. This is a response to the "God In Love Unites Us" document, giving an opposite point of view. It also goes into the governance of Church and how we make decisions. It was discussed at the meeting and Andrew asked that we make all members aware of how they can access a copy. It is downloadable from: [www.methodistevangelicals.org.uk/runaway-train](http://www.methodistevangelicals.org.uk/runaway-train).

Members are free to make their own individual thoughts know on this publication

to the District Chair, and the channels for this are also available within the document.

*Peter Mitchinson*



## Toy Donations for Stokesley Church Toddler Group.

Stokesley Church is setting up a Toddler Group to start in September. However it is starting from scratch and needs toys and equipment to get started. They would be very grateful for donations of anything suitable for preschool age children which is easy to wipe down (so no soft toys!). We're particularly looking for:

- Cars and trains and tracks
- Little pushchairs / dolls
- Plastic dolls houses / garages / boats etc
- Wooden jigsaws
- Building blocks / duplo / jumbo bricks
- Play mats
- Farm animals / tractors etc
- A plastic slide or indoor seesaw
- Little ride ons / trikes

If you have anything you'd like to donate please contact Alison Dumphy-Brook, Circuit Support  
Manager [a.dumphybrook@gmail.com](mailto:a.dumphybrook@gmail.com)

We are a Fairtrade Church. There are lots of new products in our Fairtrade cupboard, please help and support Fairtrade.

Church Office: [gamc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gamc.secretary@gmail.com) 01642 725138

## Darlington District Circuit

In July worship sheets from the district circuit are focusing on **A Methodist Way of Life**. A Methodist Way of Life is just that, a way for us to live out our faith in our day by day living. In our worship this month we are exploring why this is important to our walk with God.

The Methodist Way of Life commitment cards offer a summary of the commitments and questions on a handy card or printable sheet. (A digital copy is attached).

Four practical action areas which A Methodist Way of Life addresses are:

1. Learning and Caring;
2. Service;
3. Worship;
4. Evangelism

## Radio and TV suggestions for this week, 11<sup>th</sup> July

### Radio 4

08:10 **Sunday Worship**

05:43 **Monday-Friday-Prayer**

### for the Day

### BBC 1

Sunday 10:30-**Sunday Morning Live**

### BBC 2

Sunday 13:15 **Songs of Praise** Aled Jones visits Cheddar Gorge and Gemma Hunt meets new worship band Bright City.



## Date for your diary

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10am-1pm- '**Welcome back to church' open morning**. We're holding an open morning on as a way of encouraging people to come back to church (or come for the first time!).

To contact the church office please send all enquires and items for the newsletter to

Ruth at

Email [gamc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gamc.secretary@gmail.com)

[All materials used in the production of this newsletter are with kind permission of Roots Magazine.](#)

