

Great Ayton Methodist Church



This Sunday 4th 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.

[Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13](#)

Sunday 4th July	10:30 'In-person' and online service, live streamed with Ken Hudson.
Tuesday	Tuesday night House group are now meeting in church. Contact Jeanette Hardy for further details.
Thursday	10:00-11:00 Toddler group meet in the park, for more details see the Great Ayton Toddlers Facebook page.
Sunday 11th July	10:30 'In-person' and online service, live streamed lead by Rev Neil Harris.

Total for Christian Aid week

The final total for giving during Christian Aid Week in Great Ayton is as follows:

via Christ Church	£1636.48
Just Giving	£ 725.00
Street Collection	£ 433.50
Total	£2794.98

Thanks go to all involved, especially Ken Taylor (Christ Church Treasurer); Elaine Stevens, Julie Fields, Pat Nelson, Anne Ridley, Claire Whayman and Sally Chaplain for the street collection; And to Rev Pev for holding a Christian Aid service at Christ Church

Thanks also go to Richard Thompson at Thompson's Hardware for his continued support in receiving Christian Aid envelopes.

Ann Davies



Urgent Hunger Appeal, South Sudan

The Just Giving page is available at:

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



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/>

Please support this cause if you can, there is still a great many people on Teesside who need help.

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.

Bacon Butties and coffee, 10 am - 1pm Saturday 14th August.

There is to be a Planning meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 14th July, in Church open to anyone interested. Please come and join in.



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.



Please start collecting (clean) packaging such as bags, boxes and envelopes to use to make handprint templates for our next window display. More information will be in next weeks newsletter.

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

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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. For further details, to express an interest, and for a job description and application form, please email 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.

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



Leadership team have agreed the next steps in the process of getting the church back to something nearer normal. We still don't know whether restrictions will be eased completely later in the summer or whether some restrictions might still remain but we're really pleased to make some changes starting **this Sunday!**

- **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 first 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

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

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

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



Christian Aid -Wave of Hope running from 67 June and beyond till the COP26 Conference in November.

As a church we are joining the wave, by making hands out of any materials we have at home. These will be displayed in our Church windows by the Thursday house group. A box will be left in the Church entrance for hands. Speak to Chris Stokeld if you can help (07856 778741). We can send you examples of what we would like for the window display.

You can also email the church to arrange collection of hands or post them through the letter box at the front of church.

You can also get involved by putting hands in your windows at home. See Christian Aid website.

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Courageous Hour

A reminder that the Courageous Hour takes place on Sunday 4th July at 6pm. Children, young people, leaders and parents can still book to attend: [Please register for the Courageous Hour here.](#)



Are you looking ahead to 2022? **Spring Harvest** have opened bookings this week for their Skegness and Minehead on site events next April.

Skegness 11-15 April
Minehead 18-22 April
Harrogate 9-13 April*

(* bookings for Harrogate will open in September.)

They can't promise sunshine, but promise worship, learning and laughter! Find out everything you need to know by [clicking here.](#)

Radio and TV suggestions for this week, 4th July

Radio 4

08:10 Sunday Worship

05:43 Monday-Friday-Prayer for the Day
BBC 1

Sunday 10:30-Sunday Morning Live

Sunday 13:15 Songs of Praise Chatsworth House in Derbyshire.



Job opportunity!

Digital Ministries Enabler with the Darlington and Newcastle Methodist Districts. The closing date for applications is Monday 5th July 2021 and application packs can be requested from Natalie Clark on deeassistantne@gmail.com. For further information on the post please contact either Elaine, elaine@lindridge.org.uk or Helle, darlingtondistrict.enabler@gmail.com and they will be happy to help

Aged 18-30? Looking for a new job? 15 hours/week

The Well Methodist Church, Charity shop and Cafe in Darlington is looking for a dynamic person who loves to get their hands dirty in the garden. The Host role would be in charge of leading practical sessions in the garden, developing a new model of church through the garden's outreach opportunities and encouraging a sense of belonging and community spirit through the garden project's work. If you're a friendly and approachable person with great communication skills, you have a passion for fresh ways to explore our spiritual sides, and love gardening - this role could be for you! [Details and application form here.](#)



Date for your diary

Friday 9th July- The World Day of Prayer Service will take place at 2pm at Stokesley Methodist Church. There will be restrictions in place for COVID safety but everyone is warmly invited into the Church. This year the ladies of Vanuatu have arranged the service, but we are sorry refreshments cannot be served afterwards as usual. Please come and support this World Service.

To contact the church office please send all enquires and items for the newsletter to Ruth at
Email gamc.secretary@gmail.com

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