

May God continue to sustain us all through these times of struggle.

May each day bring us a deep sense of God's loving presence.

May the pure light of Jesus shine through the darkness

And may we know that we are not alone.

God is with us – our strength and our shield.

Yarm Methodist Church Notices

Week commencing 29th November



Prayer Handbook

Every year the Methodist Prayer Handbook is developed by the Methodist church to support both personal and group prayers and worship.

The 2020/21 Methodist Prayer Handbook has been available for use from the beginning of the connexional year from September and this year is based upon the world around us and God's creation.

Two copies of the 20/21 Handbook are still available for anyone who would like one to use during the year, at a reduced price of £3.40 to reflect the remaining months of the year.

If you would like one of the 2 remaining Handbooks, please contact Judi Breckon, on 01325 333133, who would also be happy to drop the Handbook off to you.

Traidcraft

I am still taking orders for goods from Traidcraft, such as Christmas cards, as well as food or gift items. If you would like to order anything, please ring 01642 700129

Norma McGrory

Food Bank

Thank you for the continuing support of the food bank. I have been delivering your donations throughout the lockdown period. I have delivered a considerable quantity of the usual food items, but I have also used cash donations to buy much needed toiletries. Recently, I have actually handed over the cash so that the food bank has some in reserve in case they find themselves short of anything and need to get it quickly. As usual, they are hoping to make up more festive hampers for Christmas, so they would welcome food items such as tins of ham or salmon, fancy biscuits, chocolates etc.

In addition, Stockton Hope, based at St Andrew's church, who work with the food bank have requested donations for "Christmas in a Box" for local families and would welcome donations of hats and gloves for adults,

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pyjamas for all ages (especially older children) and small gifts such as soap, shower gel and hand cream. There is a department store in Yarm (no names mentioned) which has remained open in lockdown and which sells many of these things!

Whilst we are unable to meet in church, I am happy to receive all donations at my house, where they can be left in the porch if I am out.

Ian Fyfe,

19 Mount Leven Road, Yarm TS15 9RF

Donations can also be left with **Paul Toplis,**

Kirngarth, Aislaby Road, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0JJ

Christmas Messages

We are sorry Christmas Cards cannot be exchanged through Church. You are very welcome to put your own Christmas message in the notices, we would love to hear from you : Please send it to notices.yarmmethodist@gmail.com, or contact Ros on 01642 791830, if there is no reply just leave your message and it will be forwarded to Sophie.

The Stockton Refuge Christmas Appeal 2020

Yarm Methodist Church has supported The Stockton Refuge for many years by holding a Toy Service at the start of December. The Refuge have been overwhelmed by our generosity each year and have been fulsome with their thanks.

The Toy Service will be prevented by COVID restrictions. What we can do is to purchase one or more £5 Gift Vouchers or Card from any supermarket as this will give The Refuge the maximum flexibility in purchasing items in greatest need (clothing, toiletries, toys etc).

IF YOU ARE ABLE **PLEASE** PURCHASE A GIFT VOUCHER OR CARD. If church is open please bring to church and hand to a steward but if church remains closed please consider delivering to Ian Fyfe or Paul Toplis (addresses given elsewhere in these notices).

Paul Toplis

Mobile 07710068302

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All We Can

I have received the gifts catalogue from ALL WE CAN. The gifts range from £10 - £600. If anyone would like a catalogue please ring me on 01642 648461 or email joangrivers@virginmedia.com.

Family Time

Family Time is running on Zoom on a Sunday morning. It is at 10am for 30mins. There is also a Family Time website and Facebook page if you would like to refer them to anything.

<https://www.familytimeuk.co.uk/>