



Stockton Circuit Newsletter 27th January 2024



Eaglescliffe Trinity
Sunday 28th January – 6.30pm

The first hymn sing of the New Year!

This time it will be a selection from hymns chosen throughout last year (unless anyone contacts us with a special request). We will return to a sign up list and lots of hymn books to search through during tea, coffee and cake to choose hymns for February.

All welcome, why not come along and have a good sing or bring along someone you know that might enjoy it too.

MONDAY FROM 14:00-15:00

A Methodist Way of Life

Greens Lane Methodist Church



Do you have questions about faith? Would you like some space to think about what it means to be Methodist? Come and join us each Monday from 29th January. Everyone is welcome whether you've been coming to church for days or decades.

The dates are:

- Monday 29th January
- Monday 5th February
- Monday 12th February
- No session 19th Feb
- Monday 26th February
- Monday 4th March
- Monday 11th March

EDI Training Session

Stockton Circuit will be holding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Training at Norton Methodist Church on Saturday, 3rd February (11 am to 4 pm)

All are invited and encouraged to come, but it is mandatory for everyone in a position of leadership.

Please book your place by contacting Rev Vincent.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

Messages from our Police Community Engagement Officer:

Stockton-on-Tees Interfaith Forum

Following the successful launch of the Stockton-on-Tees Inter-Faith Forum (IFF) on 22nd November 2023, we are scheduling the next meeting for: Tuesday 27th February 2024, 5.30pm to 7.00pm at The Jubilee Centre (Home of the Jubilee Church Teesside), Woodland Street, Stockton-On-Tees, TS18 5HZ (on the corner of Yarm Road and Woodland Street).

The likely agenda for the meeting will be:

- Introduction to the The Jubilee Church Teesside (Gavin Rodgers)
- Objectives for the IFF (group discussion)
- Possible pop-up event for local residents - It's Purpose, Venue, Date & Steering Committee
- Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence – community consultation (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)
- Next steps
- Date, time and venue for next meeting

You can register to attend this event by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Fraud protection

If any groups would like up to date fraud protection advice from the North East Regional Crime Unit, please contact PC HAMPSON at Andy.Hampson@nersou.police.uk

From District

Job vacancy in the West Durham Circuit - Safeguarding and Compliance Manager

An exciting and challenging opportunity for a Safeguarding and Compliance Manager in the [West Durham Methodist Circuit](#) is now open to applications.

Offered via a part-time permanent contract, they seek to appoint at the earliest opportunity. The post closes to applications on 23rd February 2024.

You can access an information pack and an application form [here](#).

Job vacancy at Shildon Methodist Church.



JOB VACANCY

Lay Pastoral Assistant

In accordance with the Equality Act of 2010, it is an occupational requirement that the successful applicant is a practising Christian

Shildon Methodist Church seek to appoint a motivated and experienced Church Lay Pastoral Assistant

The newly created role will provide opportunity for the successful applicant to build and strengthen pastoral relationships within the local church families, creating opportunities for growth and outreach into the community served by the church

Shildon Methodist Church is responding to the changing context of ministry by growing and developing opportunities for lay and ordained people to work together. The role is intended to focus on Pastoral work within Shildon Methodist Church through:

- Supporting the Minister and pastoral visitors in the care and support of church members and others involved in the life of the Church.
- Working with the Minister and church members to explore further opportunities for mission.
- Developing initiatives with the local church to grow the profile of the church in the community, encouraging more people to worship and take part in church activities.

Important Information

Location:	Based from Shildon Methodist Church, Main Street, Shildon, DL4 1AH
Hours of work:	8 hours per week
Contract:	Part-time, permanent
Days of work:	To be worked flexibly
Rate of pay:	£12 per hour
Next steps:	For an application pack and to download an application form please visit our website at www.shildonmethodistchurch.org For an informal conversation about the role before applying, or to return your completed application form, please contact the Rev David Payne by email at david.payne@methodist.org.uk
Closing date:	7th February 2024 (Midday)
Shortlisting date:	14th February 2024
Interview date:	Late February/Early March



www.shildonmethodistchurch.org



An [information pack](#) and [application form](#) are available and can also be found on the website <https://www.basmethodistcircuit.org.uk/news/job-vacancy.html>

For an informal conversation about the role before applying please contact Rev David Payne by email at david.payne@methodist.org.uk



Darlington
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The **Methodist** Church

The President and Vice President are presenting
Hidden Treasures
@Elm Ridge Methodist Church
9 March 2024; 10 - 3:30pm

**This event is open to all forms of leadership
teams in a Circuit, church or a project.**

Please register your leadership team to take part!

This year the President and the Vice President of the Methodist Conference will be spending a day encouraging our leadership teams. All leadership teams are invited.

Here is an outline of what is happening on the day.

10am Opening worship.

Morning session with Gill – Where have you discovered God’s hidden treasure in your work?

Teams will be split up to enable us to share stories with one another in mixed groups.

12.30pm Lunch - provided

Afternoon session with Kerry – understand the importance of working in a team. What tools do we need to make the most of our resources?

Teams will be together for the afternoon session.

3pm Closing worship

Please register as a team here: <https://forms.gle/xhe5ZA9k9LhjSKJv9>



A message from Helle -

Hello lovely people!

I am looking for volunteers to help out at the Hidden Treasures event on the 9th of March at Elm Ridge Methodist Church. This day is led by the President and the Vice President of the Methodist Conference to enable Circuit, Church or Project leadership teams to discover the hidden treasurers in their leading and the work they do.

I am looking for:

- car park attendants
- general stewards (pointing people to the right direction)
- tea/coffee and lunch servers

I can offer you great experience and a free lunch.

If you are interested, please get in touch with me: darlingtondistrict.enabler@gmail.com

ALL AGES WELCOME!

From Connexion

The Methodist News can be found [here](#) and includes details on:

- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Fighting for climate change
- Exploring Digital
- lunchtime learning
- Every Church Counts
- Have a listen! – Pause for thought

3Generate

A short video about 3Generate 2023 is now available. It's an amazing compilation of lots of faces and voices from last year's event! It's inspiring and encouraging and well worth a watch to be reminded how awesome it is to be involved in ministry with children, young people, families and young adults.

Watch it here <https://youtu.be/jsiYMhXqlo8?si=bR1U9CWnu1QarQog>

Interesting in volunteering for 3 Generate 2024?

Please sign up to be part of it all this year!

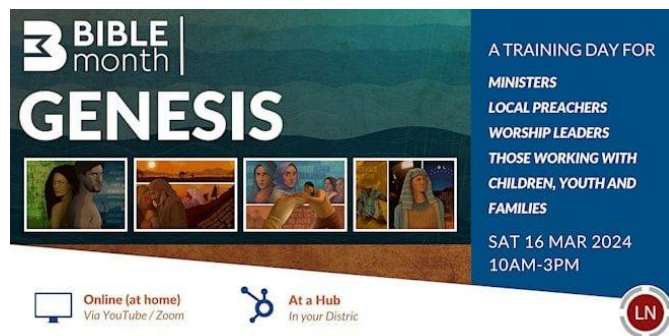
<https://eventsfeedback2020.typeform.com/to/RUodg6kt>

Dates for your diary

Volunteer registration : 12th February

Ticket sales open 16th April 2024

3Generate 2024 at the NEC, Birmingham 4 – 6 October



The poster for the 3 Bible Month Genesis Training Day features a blue background with a landscape of hills and a sunset. The text '3 BIBLE month' is in white, with 'GENESIS' in large white letters below it. A row of four small images shows people in various settings. To the right, a dark blue box contains white text: 'A TRAINING DAY FOR MINISTERS LOCAL PREACHERS WORSHIP LEADERS THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SAT 16 MAR 2024 10AM-3PM'. At the bottom left, there are icons for 'Online (at home) Via YouTube / Zoom' and 'At a Hub In your District'. A circular logo with 'LN' is at the bottom right.

Training date – Saturday 16th March

Genesis is the starting point for all Christian theology and explores many fundamental questions of life and faith: Who is God? What is God like?

Throughout the book, we get to travel with many different characters as they

wrestle (sometimes literally!) with finding answers to these questions.

Join us for the adventure and discover for yourself the life-giving truths that this wonderful book considers and shares.

We will be streaming this event live on YouTube. You can join us and participate in the activities in two ways:

1. Watch online at home - we will offer discussion spaces via Zoom.
2. Attend a local hub

Click [here](#) to book tickets to take part either at home or in a hub.