

FORTHCOMING ROTAS

12th November **10am** Revd Martin Ramsden -
Please note the time *Remembrance Sunday*

Steward Victoria Harris

Door Steward Rita Perry and Elizabeth Prime

Musician Janet Howells

Reader Dyala Moon

Property Chris Frank

19th November **10.30am** Revd Martin Ramsden and Revd Richard
Andrew - Y260 and Holy Communion

Steward Graham Clarke

Door Steward Sylvia and Vic Bowmer

Musician Nick Wills

Reader Alison Harris

Property Chris Kendrew

ROOM BOOKINGS

Please note all booking and letting enquires

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CHURCH BUILDING SAFETY

Please note that *all internal* doors must be closed when leaving the building to comply with fire regulations.

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www.yarmmethodistchurch.co.uk

The newsletter is published on the church website each week.

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by 6pm on Thursday evening. Thanks, June.

Yarm Methodist Church

Serving with love & sharing God's grace

Welcome to Worship for All Ages

led by

Revd Sarah Ramsden

Sunday 5th November 2023

Steward Iain Baird

Door Steward Sheila Hargreaves and
Gloria Livingston

Musician Janet Howells

Reader Jeni Goodchild

*Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Hall
after the service.*

Minister Revd Dr Martin Ramsden
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12TH NOVEMBER

Just a reminder that next week's service will begin at 10am, with the option to leave worship in time for the Civic observance at the Town Hall.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th Nov *Bowls Club* at 7pm in the Hall.
Thursday 9th Nov OCTAGO at 10am in the Hall.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 14th Nov *Bowls Club* at 7pm in the Hall.
Thursday 16th Nov OCTAGO at 10am in the Hall.
Choir Rehearsal at 7.30pm in the New Room.

Please note there will be an OCTAGO meeting on November 23rd as the Stockton Council seat at the election is uncontested.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

11th November Graham and Rita Perry
18th November Margaret Lazenby and Hazel Hare

SUNDAY COFFEE AFTER SERVICE

12th November Judith Kelly and Linda Hills
19th November Carolyn Goodall and Ena McCabe

CHURCH LUNCH CLUB

Don't forget to sign up for either or both of the next two meetings -
24th November 12.30pm
15th December 12.30pm - Christmas Dinner

President and Vice-President update on the situation in the Middle East

As deaths and injuries of civilians continue to rise in the Israel-Hamas conflict, we are heartbroken to see the devastation this is having on so many people living in the region. We believe in a God who weeps, and, alongside the Holy Spirit our Comforter, our hearts are breaking with all those whose loved ones have had their lives brutally cut short, for the terror felt by Israeli families, and the unimaginable wait that many face for news of the people being held hostage. We watch in horror as Gazan civilians flee for their lives, unable to leave Gaza and trapped in the midst of a violent and unpredictable conflict.

The situation may feel overwhelming; so much information, so much misinformation and so much misery. Where is our hope? Watching and reading news reports can leave us confused and feeling helpless. What can we do? As members of the Methodist Church we have witnessed the plight of the Palestinian people's oppression for many years and have sought to encourage those on all sides who are working for lasting peace with justice in the region.

Now we pray for all those people and groups we have met: Daoud Nasser from the Tent of Nations and the recipient of the World Methodist Peace Prize in 2018; Rabbi Nava Hefetz from Rabbis for Human Rights, the Wi'am Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem; the staff of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine and Israel, and the countless people and families in Gaza and the West Bank who we, as a Church, have supported over the years. We uphold them, praying for their safety, asking for God's protection and comfort. And we pray for those who have the power to effect change – that they will use this privilege wisely and well to put a swift end to this violence and aggression. We undertake to continue to pray that the beautiful peace of the Prince of Peace will manifest in our world, and we pledge ourselves once again to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out this discipleship in our worship and mission.

We call on the UK Government to do all it can to encourage dialogue between Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt and states in the wider region. We urge our Government to use its influence to end the siege of Gaza that is depriving its population of water and food, and to call on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law.

**The Revd Gill Newton, President of the Methodist Conference
Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Vice President of the Methodist Conference**