

Youth work

Children's Work: Regular activities including Wednesday Kids Club at Hutton Rudby, and J Time continue to grow. Messy Church is developing at Hutton Rudby, Great Ayton and Stokesley.



On Monday 9th October a new after school club will be launched 3.30pm – 5pm at Stokesley primary school. This after school outreach could connect with Messy Church. There is also interest from schools including an opportunity to connect with a school in Hutton Rudby through a weekly assembly.

ONE Opportunity: Niamh has started her year project funded by the District working on developing young people's discipleship across the circuit.



ONE Programme: Next year we could apply for another funded fifteen hour position with the ONE Programme.

Know anyone in 16-23 year old age range in our churches? This would be a great opportunity to support our young people.

Circuit Youth Worker: the post of circuit youth worker was not filled by one individual. Instead the circuit is looking to other ways including continuing to work with the Christian youth charity Blaze, which has a team of youth workers. The circuit leadership team met with Matty Cross to discuss the possibilities for working together. There are also other opportunities to work with other charities. Watch this space!



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Superintendent's reflections

At the circuit meeting, Superintendent Rev Andrew Robinson reflected on his first year in the Stokesley circuit. He commented how welcoming the churches are and encouraged the churches to use this gift to reach out to the wider community.

Dates for your diaries...

Gareth Davies-Jones live in concert at Northallerton Methodist Church Sunday 12 November at 3pm. Tickets £10 (including refreshments) available from Greensleeves Northallerton or on the door. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Mental Health First Aid Training—for workers in the Methodist Church Mon 13 & Tues 14 November, Sunderland

District Evangelism Forum Sat 18 November 10am-12.30pm at Elm Ridge Methodist Church

Father Christmas Coffee Morning Sat 25 November 10am Carlton Methodist Church

Methodist Women in Britain Advent Service Fri 24 November 10.30am—2pm Zetland Park Methodist Church

Changing Chairs



Darlington Methodist District Chair Revd Ruth Gee will be leaving in Aug 2019. The District has begun the process of looking for a new District Chair.

The next Representative synod will be Saturday 12 May 2018.



Circuit Meeting Update



Extraordinary circuit meeting

Tuesday 14 November 7.30pm
Stokesley Methodist

What is it all about? See below to find out more.

Finance group meeting

Tuesday 17 October 7.30pm

Group elected by the circuit meeting to review finances and prepare the circuit budget.

Would like to meet...

Friendly, fun circuit leadership team would like to meet three bold, imaginative people willing to join them as circuit stewards and circuit treasurer.

Not sure if you have what it takes? Ask Rev Andrew what the roles involve. You may be surprised!

Finance and Property

Funds for chapel sales have come at a good time as the circuit is currently experiencing a deficit of £26,000. The circuit meeting agreed to use some of the money to build up a 6 month reserve of £70,000. This would leave about £100,000 for mission projects across the circuit aiming to allocate funding before August 2018. A number of projects are in the pipeline. To give time to consider these projects in detail, an extraordinary circuit meeting in November has been called. One project was discussed at the meeting. The meeting agreed to support Stokesley in carrying out urgent weather dependent repairs to the building.



Get involved—finding funding for new mission projects

We are looking to find more funding for the continuing mission of the circuit. There will be a group to look at getting grant funding. If you have the skills to support the mission of the circuit this way, speak to Rev Andrew Robinson or Katherine Atha, Circuit Steward.



Safeguarding

“Safeguarding is fundamental to all we do and are as a Christian Church. It underpins our witness and faith.” Peter Jackson reported to the meeting the changes to the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy and the impact these changes will have across the circuit. The implications of the changes are still be worked out but will affect many areas of church life. The new Circuit Safeguarding Policy was adopted at the circuit meeting. You can find it on the circuit website or request a copy from the Circuit Administrator.



Thank you very much!

The meeting approved Peter Jackson to continue in the role of circuit safeguarding officer. Andrew thanked Peter as well as the church safeguarding officer and trainers for all the increasing amount of work they undertake.



Richard indicated that he wished to stand down as circuit treasurer. Andrew on behalf of the meeting thanked Richard for his work as treasurer.