

Looking ahead.....

The most up to date and all details of forthcoming events can be found on the Circuit website. Here are some of the events happening across the circuit...

Tuesday 25th February 5.30 pm, **Pancake Party in The HR Hub** – tickets £3 for two pancakes and a selection of savoury and sweet fillings.

Thursday 27th February – **Desert Island Discs at 7.00pm at Stokesley**. Eight tracks, a book and a luxury: what would you take to a desert island? Guests share the soundtracks of their lives & the things which have most influenced their Faith Journeys. This is an evening where we can share a simple meal (this time it's pie & peas on the menu!), followed by music & testimony. All are invited

Saturday 29th February 2.30 pm in the HR Hub – **Recycling talk** by Tracy Flint, Hambleton District's Recycling Officer.

Friday 6th March at 11am—**Stokesley Christian Book Club** - followed by soup lunch. This month's book is 'Seasons Under Heaven' by Beverly LaHaye & Terri Blackstock

Great Ayton Film night - Friday 6th March 6.45pm

Beetle Drive, Friday 27th March at Great Ayton Methodist Church in aid of Teesside Hospice.

Spring Synod—Saturday 25th April, Stockton Circuit

Don't forget **Easby Guild** meets each Thursday at 7.15pm. A list of speakers can be found on the Circuit website and the Easby Guild Rally will take place on 30th April with the Rievaulx Singers.

Job Vacancies at Leven Online Radio

Many of you may know that Leven Online Radio were successful in securing a Connexional grant to support a new schools project across the circuit. This project is an ideal way of spreading the Christian ethos to the younger generation and linking them with children's and young people's Christian activities out of school. This grant is funding a new **Schools Project Co-ordinator** which we are currently advertising for. Alongside this, a **Station Manager** position is also being advertised.

Details of both these vacancies can be found on the circuit website. They are both interesting roles that we hope to generate some interest for. Please help us in spreading the word through any networks you have.



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STOKESLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER



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HOLY HABITS: BREAKING BREAD

**CIRCUIT SERVICE 01 MARCH 10.30AM
STOKESLEY**

The term "breaking of bread" is first used by Luke, the author of Acts. He uses it most powerfully to describe the moment when Cleopas and his friend realise that their companion on the road to Emmaus is none other than Jesus himself, made known to them "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

We will be exploring the Holy Habit of "breaking bread" in a broad sense: one that includes and honours the practice of Holy Communion, as well as those everyday ordinary meals that we share with others, but reflects upon breaking bread in other ways and contexts too – ways that also make Jesus known.

Through breaking bread, you too are invited to gather and take the everyday, the ordinary; thanking God for it, breaking it, sharing it and eating it.

Our prayer as you do this in many varied ways, including sharing Holy Communion with Christ, is that you will be transformed by God's love and be energised by the Spirit to play your part in transforming your churches, your communities and the world beyond so that God's kingdom may grow on earth as in heaven.

This will help you to deepen your trust, knowing yourself loved by God and challenging you to offer God your love, individually, as a church and as a community, through your living alongside others as a thankful, broken, blessed and sharing people.

Breaking bread Service

There will be a sung Communion Service at **3pm on Sunday 31st May**, with music from Breaking Bread by Paul Fields and from Torn Curtain by Roger Jones.

Led by Rev Andrew Robinson and Stokesley Methodist Choir.

A meeting of minds

As our programme of Holy Habits progresses we have been taking all the opportunities we can to learn, share and help across all the churches in the Circuit, supporting each other's discipleship and mission. To help develop and strengthen our relationships we have brought together those involved in notices, newsletters, websites and social media for a time of sharing and support. This is a new gathering which aims to recognise the efforts of those who work hard and contribute regularly to sharing the Good News in varied ways, and to address relevant issues affecting how we communicate.

Our responsibilities in safeguarding and data protection are important and it is a key area to ensure we comply with our obligations. Also, our environmental responsibilities mean that we need to keep our paper consumption as low as possible while still giving out important information. Please do all you can to make yourself aware of what's happening in the life of your church, circuit and beyond. Many people come to know Christ through personal discussion and invitation, and if we don't know what's on offer, how can we share and invite?

The role of all churches in encouraging young people and children is a difficult one at present, and we all recognise that our best chance of making sustainable progress is to work more closely together, sharing resources wherever possible, whether books, games or volunteers! All those involved in leading and helping with activities for youngsters were invited to attend a similar meeting to that held for communication, where we shared our current activities, our hopes and aspirations, and addressed some of the obstacles we face in this important area of mission. This was not only an informative and productive meeting, it was also a fun time of fellowship and creativity. As we work towards setting up a circuit resources room, many items suitable for resourcing youth and children's ministry will become available to borrow and share. Hopefully, this will help to stimulate interest for anyone interested in joining in as a helper, inviting someone they know to bring their children along to an event, and also to spread the fun as well as spread the Good News.

Please remember that anyone is welcome to attend the Circuit meeting on Tuesday 10th March to find out more. Although only appointed representatives have a vote on decisions, we hope that anyone who is interested in the circuit will feel welcome to come along and see what's happening.

Katherine Atha, Circuit Steward



Hi Y'All,

The Texan Mission Team led by Rev Kyle Jackson will be coming to Great Ayton again this March. Arriving on Saturday 7th March for a week. The team will be joining in with the mission work in the church through helping to lead Worship on Sunday and taking part in all the mid-week groups. There are also putting their manual skills to use by helping to make a: Ga Ga Ball Set: (You need to come and see it in action!)

for the Youth in the church to use on Monday nights. They are also hoping to make links with the Middlesbrough Foodbank as well as praying round the village for the Community. They will also be working with the Church Charity for 2020, Teesside Hospice, by hosting a Yorkshire Evening Fundraiser on Friday 13th March with a taste of Yorkshire. Food and fun all the way! Tickets will be on sale from Steve Smith.

So come and join us- All are Welcome! Hold the team in your prayers and may all the seeds they sow find good soil.

Rev. Lisa

Stokesley Circuit AGM and Meeting - Tuesday 10th March

Great Ayton 7pm start time

All are welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting and Circuit meeting. Come along to find out more about what goes on and to meet others across the Circuit

Green Agents of Change

Do you know children or young people who are passionate about the environment and climate change? Would they like to help shape the Methodist Church's response to the climate crisis?



If so, please encourage them to [sign-up as Green Agents of Change](http://www.methodist.org.uk) at www.methodist.org.uk and search for Green Agents of Change. Working with the Joint Public Issues Team, in 2020 the Connexion wants to build a community of young Green Agents of Change to speak to power and influence and inform the Church.