

While Rev Rob Weir is on his sabbatical there is still plenty going on across the churches of the Circuit. As the new preaching plan comes out for June, July and August there are some special features to look out for during this time.

Services:

During the first week of June, some of our churches will be celebrating volunteer week and giving thanks for all of the free time which goes to help our church and community life to flourish. There will be a special 'celebration of service' at Stokesley Church on Sunday 7th of June led by Katherine Atha.

Rob will be back in the Circuit mid-July and will lead a Circuit service at Stokesley on Sunday 19th July at 10.30 am, where we have in mind to bid farewell and happy retirement to Rev Andrew Robinson.

Easby chapel's final closing service will be on Sunday 9th August at 2 pm. Please co-ordinate travel as parking is very limited, but all are welcome.

For various reasons there are several 'Local Arrangements' (requested and otherwise) this quarter, giving an opportunity for congregations to use the gifts amongst them to provide different and meaningful worship in their locality.

'Kids in Church' continues at Hutton Rudby on 12th July and 16th August. Starting at 10 am, all are welcome to this informal family friendly and interactive service.

Faithful Friends, the dementia friendly service is now held at Fry Court, Great Ayton at 2 pm on the first Thursday of the Month; and also, at 2 pm on the last Thursday of the month in the Community Care Association at Town Close Stokesley.

Outreach:

On the afternoon of Saturday 27th of June we will be having a circuit stand at the Hutton Rudby Village Event and anyone who is available to help to chat to passers-by and explain what the churches locally have to offer would be most welcome.

We will also be at Stokesley Show again on the 19th of September, so anyone who is interested should make themselves known to Steve Smith, Katherine Atha or to Rev Janet Jackson. We are hoping to build a team which can prepare in advance and make a 'pop-up' Christian presence a reality at local events.

Social:

@Stokesley:

Every Saturday morning from 10 - 11.30am there is a coffee morning

Knit and Natter meets weekly on Mondays at 2pm.

Toddler group meets every Tuesday at 9.30 am during term time.

The Faith, Friends and Fellowship group meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 2pm for games, chat, refreshments and informal worship.

@Great Ayton:

Children and Youth activities happen continue during term time. J-time is on a Tuesday from 3 - 4 pm, Toddlers is held on a Thursday morning at 10 - 11.30 am, and the Youth Group meets on Thursday evening from 6 - 7.30 pm.

Coffee and Crafts continue on the first and third Wednesdays until 15th July, when there will be a summer break.

On the second Saturday of the month there is a Community Hub Coffee Morning where local organisations come to get to know people and coffee and cake is always available.

@Carlton Chapel

Soup and Sandwich Lunch is held at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of the month.

@Hutton Rudby

The Chapel Community Hub is open Monday – Saturday mornings 10 am – 12 noon; afternoon openings are 2 – 4 pm on Monday and Thursday (from 1.30 pm). Several activities take place regularly during the week including, Computer Friends (a drop in help point), Knitting Together, Story Time for preschoolers; and more. Check out the Website and Facebook for full details.

A new bible study group 'Exploring our Faith' has started on the first and third Mondays of the month, 6.15 – 7.15 pm to which all are welcome.

@ Easby

Easby Methodist Guild meets on Thursdays at 4pm from now until the end of July with a variety of speakers and topics.

Looking ahead:

We have a welcome service for Deacon Joanne Dolman on Sunday, the 6th of September at 3 pm. This will be held at Great Ayton church so that the service can be live streamed. Jo will be moving into the manse at Hutton Rudby during early August. Happily, Rev Janet Jackson will be remaining with us for a further year from September 2026, on a 0.25 basis, giving us a ministry team of three.

Please give your support the Circuit tent at the Stokesley show on Saturday, the 19th of September.

Our annual study morning will this year be on the theme of Care for Creation and will be held on Saturday 26th of September, 10 am - 1 pm.

Please check out our websites and social media pages for up-to-date information on even more activities and events. Come along, help out, join in and spread the word!