

Church in the Community

This booklet is intended to give a taste of what the Methodist Churches in the Stokesley area offer in the local community.



Whatever you're looking for, whether it's worship, home study groups, friendship and fellowship, activities for both children and adults – all can be found within our Churches in your Community – there's something for everyone.

You'll be made very welcome at any of the services, activities, or groups. Just call in, or make contact using the details at the back of this booklet.

We have five churches in your local area



Seamer



Stokesley



Great Ayton



Carlton



Hutton Rudby



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for further information**

Worship

Join us for one (or more) of our services. These are usually led by one of our Ministers or Local Preachers, and on some occasions they are arranged locally by church members.

Sundays

Carlton: 10.30 am

Great Ayton: 9 am Traditional style service (first and third Sundays)

***10.30 am Contemporary style**

(including 'King's Kids' – activities and teaching for children up to the age of 11)

Hutton Rudby: 10 am

(children's activity table and story sacks for younger children are available)

A special family friendly 'Kids in Church' service takes place about every six weeks

Seamer: 10.30 am

Stokesley: 10.30 am

*This service at Great Ayton is streamed via Youtube, and can be watched live or at any other time after recording.

Midweek

Faithful Friends: A short dementia-friendly afternoon service with well known hymns, followed by tea and cake and a chance to chat.

Held 2 – 3.30 pm at The Bistro at Fry Court, Great Ayton (on the first Thursday of the month); and also in the Community Care activity room at Town Close, Stokesley (on the last Thursday of the month).

Regular Activities & Groups

For the younger ones:



Toddler groups can be found during term-time at Stokesley and Great Ayton on Tuesdays: 9.30 – 11 am (Stokesley), Thursdays: 10 – 11.30 am (Gt Ayton). (A small charge is made for these drop- in sessions, which include drinks/snacks)

Story Time for pre-schoolers is on Thursdays from 2 pm at The Hub @ Hutton Rudby Methodist Church. There is no charge, however drinks and eats are available for purchase from the servery should you wish to do so.

J-Time for children aged 0-11 and their families is held during term-time at Great Ayton on Tuesdays from 3 – 4.30 pm, providing a wide range of afterschool school activities including crafts, videos, songs and play time on a Christian theme. A small charge is made, which includes a small healthy snack for the children and a cuppa and cookies for the grown ups.

Youth Group for young people from school years 6 to 8. Lots of fun activities, learning about God, and some silliness. On Thursdays, 6 – 7.30 pm at Great Ayton



For those adults with a bit of creativity:



Knit and Natter at Stokesley on Mondays 2 – 3.30 pm; bring your knitting or craft work and do your handicraft whilst having a good chat!

Knitting Together at The Hub @ Hutton Rudby Methodist Church on Tuesdays 10 am – 12 noon, and on Thursdays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your latest knitting project to work on whilst chatting with fellow knitters. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase from the servery.

Coffee and Craft at Great Ayton is held on the first and third Wednesdays from 10 am – 12 noon. Bring a craft you're working on and come along for a coffee and good company.

Friendship Group in The Bistro at Fry Court, Great Ayton on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am – 12 noon. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a resident to join in).

Activities to join in with:

Primetime games, including bowling and curling type games. Held fortnightly from 10 am – 12 noon at Great Ayton, these indoor floor games are suitable for all people and ages, including people with additional physical needs (lift access is available).

Games afternoon (from October) at The Hub @ Hutton Rudby Methodist Church on Thursdays from 2–4 pm. Come and join in playing a variety of games such as Backgammon, Scrabble, Rummikub and Quirkle whilst the Hub is open. You can come on your own or with friends; enjoy a game or two and perhaps purchase a cuppa and a treat from the servery to enjoy as well.

Film Nights are held at Great Ayton on the first Friday of the month from October to March starting at 7pm. Donations toward the current church charity are accepted in lieu of a charge. Refreshments are served after the showing.

There are also lots of other regular and seasonal activities held within our church buildings such as Brownies, Guides, Choirs, Art Classes, Bridge Club, Baby Massage, Computer drop-in help session, some of which are run by outside organisations.

Eating together:



Coffee Morning at Stokesley Methodist Church on Saturdays 10 – 11.30 am

Sandwich Sunday, take your own sandwiches and join Carlton's congregation on the first Sunday of the month after the service in the hall behind the church. Pudding and tea/coffee are provided with an opportunity to share together in fellowship and in friendship.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch also takes place at Carlton Church hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 12 noon. A community service where for a small charge, soup and sandwiches are provided.

At various times of the year several of the churches have 'one off' social events which you can join in with; unsurprisingly many of them involve food!

There are also book clubs, craft fayres, fetes, quizzes, Treasure Hunts, Eisteddfods, Messy Church's, and lots of other seasonal events.

Friendship and Fellowship:



Ladies Group (with various speakers) at Stokesley Methodist Church, meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 2 pm.

Faithful Friends is an afternoon service of well known hymns, with tea and cake, conversation and friendship; Held 2 – 3.30 pm at The Bistro at Fry Court, Great Ayton (on the first Thursday of the month); and also in the Community Care activity room at Town Close, Stokesley (on the last Thursday of the month). Everyone is welcome, the service being also suitable for people with dementia and their carers.

Friends, Fun, and Fellowship at Stokesley Methodist Church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 2pm – 3.30pm for an afternoon of table-top games, tea and cake, sing-along hymns and a short time of faith-based worship.

Quiet Prayer Time at Hutton Rudby. A chance to share together in a short time of prayer and reflection, 12.30 – 1 pm on Thursdays.

House Groups for sharing and learning more about the Christian faith can be found in Great Ayton on Monday evenings 7.30 – 9 pm and on Thursday evenings 8 – 9.30 pm, and fortnightly at Stokesley on a Thursday Morning 10.30 am. Ask for further details.

Exploring our Faith bible study at Hutton Rudby Methodist Church every first and third Monday of the month 6.15 – 7.15 pm

Open Church at Stokesley Friday Morning's 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Drop in for a chat, or time of quiet amid the bustle of the day.

Community Spaces:



The Hub @ Hutton Rudby Methodist Church is a warm and welcoming space, including its own café and servery.



Serving coffee, tea, and delicious scones and bakes (all local), it's a great place to meet with friends and family. You'll find a play corner for the younger ones, books to browse and borrow from, an area for quiet reflection or prayer, a computer corner and a chance to find out more about the home of the 'Sycamore Tree Project'.

Open mornings Monday through to Saturday 10 am – 12 noon, and Monday and Thursday afternoons 2 – 4 pm (Thursdays they're open a little earlier at 1.30 pm to allow for treats before Storytime).

Great Ayton Community Hub takes place on the second Saturday of the month from 10 am – 12 noon in Great Ayton Methodist Church. A place for people from across the local community to come together and enjoy some excellent coffee, tea, scones and tray bakes. It's also a place to source local information, with representatives from community organisations able to offer guidance and support. They're dog friendly and have plenty to entertain the children. They've an area for quiet reflection or prayer and opportunities to find out more about their faith and church.

Helping others:



As Churches we're here to help and serve others, often this is done in the small day to day things by befriending and supporting those with a particular need. But we also support other charities in practical and financial ways, some of these are local and some further afield:

Foodbanks:

Hutton Rudby, and Stokesley Methodist Churches provide drop off points for items for local foodbanks; in these difficult financial times they're a lifeline to many.

Charity fundraising:

All of our churches support others in raising funds to enable charities and local support groups to do what they do best in their area of expertise and need. Sometimes this is on a one off basis, at other times this is ongoing support in regular giving or in the form of yearly projects.

Some of these include:

The Headlight Project (1189099), Fund for Human Need (208866)
Water Aid (288701), Westfield Farm Community Resource and Training Centre,
Andy's Man Club(1179647), Yarm Wellness (1197256), Close-Knit Families,
Rubies (1177332), Macmillan Cancer Support (261017).

These, as well as some of those more directly associated with a Christian ethos:
Christian Aid (1105851), Methodist Homes (1083995), MWiB (1156626),
Action for Children (1097940), Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal (214779)

If you'd like to get involved in helping out in anyway please get in touch with your local 'Church in the Community'.

Safeguarding:

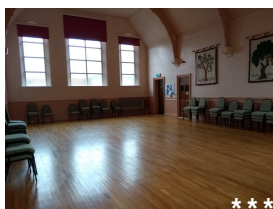
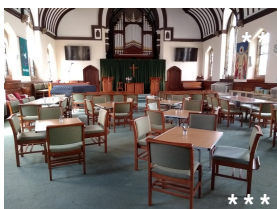


Our churches make every effort to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults involved in worship and all activities on our premises and elsewhere. We aim to make church a safe and accepting place for all people. Church leaders and all those working with children or vulnerable adults are trained in safeguarding matters and DBS checked.

Safeguarding is given the highest priority within our churches, and as such we have a Circuit Safeguarding and Operations Manager who oversees the activities of the churches.

Take a look inside:

Take a different view of what the inside of some of our buildings look like, it might well surprise you!



These churches have spaces that can be hired for special occasions, one off and regular bookings.

***Great Ayton: Meeting rooms, youth hall, and main church area**

****Hutton Rudby: Schoolroom and main church area**

*****Stokesley: Meeting rooms, hall, and main church area**

All of these spaces are flexible in use, with furniture that can be moved to suit the needs of the user. All have kitchen facilities if required.

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Baptism



*Funerals and
Thanksgivings*



*Pastoral
care*

Websites:

www.stokesleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Here you can find out about all of the Methodist Churches in the Stokesley area. You can also contact us via the 'contact us' page. Some of our churches also have their own websites which can be found via:



greataytonmethodists.org.uk

huttonrudbymethodists.co.uk

stokesleymethodistchurch.co.uk

Social Media:



By searching online you can find the Facebook pages of Great Ayton Methodist Church and 'The Hub' at Hutton Rudby. Great Ayton Methodist Church also have an Instagram Account.

YouTube:



Both Great Ayton and Stokesley Methodist Church live stream their Sunday services, which you can join in with at the time, or view when it best suits you.