

May God continue to sustain us all through these times of struggle.

May each day bring us a deep sense of God's loving presence.

May the pure light of Jesus shine through the darkness

And may we know that we are not alone.

God is with us – our strength and our shield.

Yarm Methodist Church Notices

Week commencing 13th December



Traidcraft

I am still taking orders for goods from Traidcraft, such as Christmas cards, as well as food or gift items. If you would like to order anything, please ring 01642 700129

Norma McGrory

Food Bank

Thank you for the continuing support of the food bank. I have been delivering your donations throughout the lockdown period. I have delivered a considerable quantity of the usual food items, but I have also used cash donations to buy much needed toiletries. Recently, I have actually handed over the cash so that the food bank has some in reserve in case they find themselves short of anything and need to get it quickly. As usual, they are hoping to make up more festive hampers for Christmas, so they would welcome food items such as tins of ham or salmon, fancy biscuits, chocolates etc.

In addition, Stockton Hope, based at St Andrew's church, who work with the food bank have requested donations for "Christmas in a Box" for local families and would welcome donations of hats and gloves for adults, pyjamas for all ages (especially older children) and small gifts such as soap, shower gel and hand cream. There is a department store in Yarm (no names mentioned) which has remained open in lockdown and which sells many of these things!

Whilst we are unable to meet in church, I am happy to receive all donations at my house, where they can be left in the porch if I am out.

Ian Fyfe,

19 Mount Leven Road, Yarm TS15 9RF

Donations can also be left with **Paul Toplis,**

Kirngarth, Aislaby Road, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0JJ

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Christmas Messages

We are sorry Christmas Cards cannot be exchanged through Church. You are very welcome to put your own Christmas message in the notices, we would love to hear from you : Please send it to notices.yarmmethodist@gmail.com, or contact Ros on 01642 791830, if there is no reply just leave your message and it will be forwarded to Sophie.

The Stockton Refuge Christmas Appeal 2020

Yarm Methodist Church has supported The Stockton Refuge for many years by holding a Toy Service at the start of December. The Refuge have been overwhelmed by our generosity each year and have been fulsome with their thanks.

The Toy Service will be prevented by COVID restrictions. What we can do is to purchase one or more £5 Gift Vouchers or Card from any supermarket as this will give The Refuge the maximum flexibility in purchasing items in greatest need (clothing, toiletries, toys etc).

IF YOU ARE ABLE **PLEASE** PURCHASE A GIFT VOUCHER OR CARD. If church is open please bring to church and hand to a steward but if church remains closed please consider delivering to Ian Fyfe or Paul Toplis (addresses given elsewhere in these notices).

Paul Toplis

Mobile 07710068302

Message from the Superintendent

As Superintendent, I am writing to inform you that Martin is currently off work due to stress. He and the family thank you all for your support especially over the last months, and he is looking forward to being back after the New Year. In the meantime, please direct concerns, needs and questions to myself or the stewards.

I know you will continue to hold Martin, Sarah, Nathan and Sophie in your prayers

God bless

Peter

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All We Can

I have received the gifts catalogue from ALL WE CAN. The gifts range from £10 - £600. If anyone would like a catalogue please ring me on 01642 648461 or email joangrivers@virginmedia.com.

Family Time

Family Time is running on Zoom on a Sunday morning. It is at 10am for 30mins. There is also a Family Time website and Facebook page if you would like to refer them to anything.

<https://www.familytimeuk.co.uk/>

A note from Rev Peter Catford

At the recent circuit Leadership Team we spent time reflecting on the current situation in the Circuit as we continue to work with Covid Restrictions and also changes that are coming in Church and Charity legislation. We felt it would be helpful to share this with a wider group from all the churches.

In the first instance we have organised a series of drop in Zoom sessions, for those who can and are comfortable on this medium. We will outline what we have been reflecting on and ask for first thoughts. This will be a beginning of a process rather than an end.

We would like to encourage you to drop in as this will have impact on church and circuit life moving forward.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you and others at these sessions.

The sessions will be no more than an hour on

Tuesday 15th December at 7pm

Thursday 17th December at 3:30pm

Friday 18th December at 10:30 am

for the link please email Jenny at stockton.circuit.office@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Service Messages

The recorded Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm and we would like to invite as many of you as possible to do a ten second recorded Christmas Greeting.

We are all missing each other, and this will be a lovely way to see familiar faces.

Please send your recorded message to christmas@yarmmethodistchurch.org.uk

Christmas Messages

Much love and Best Wishes to everyone at Yarm Church this Christmas. Avril Simpson

Peace and Good Health for Christmas and the New Year From Eric and Eileen Mason, John and Ruth Dunn.

Wishing you all peace and joy at Christmas. Special thanks to the many people who have provided Sunday Worship for us, which I have very much appreciated. With love and best wishes for the Year ahead from Jean Carless x

Brian and Carolyn Goodall would like to wish all members of the church family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year.

Wishing the Church family joy and peace at Christmas. Also many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the Services on You Tube each Sunday during lockdown. It is very much appreciated.

Rita Perry



This year, instead of cards, our Christmas greetings are coming to you with the help of Sophie and the Church Notices. After a very strange year, we pray that God's peace will be with us all, wherever we are and whatever is happening. May we feel God's love surrounding us and His hands supporting us. Until we can all meet again without face coverings and restrictions, we send our love and best wishes to you.

Gill and Robin Lawson and Family

I wish all the Church family the blessings of Christmas
Dorothy Dale

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas from Paul, Heather and Megan Owen

