

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 six churches in your local area



Seamer



Stokesley



Great Ayton



Carlton



Hutton Rudby



Easby

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

Easby: 10.30 am All Age Service (first Sunday of the month)

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)

Seamer: 10.30 am

Stokesley: *10.30 am

*These services at Great Ayton and Stokesley are streamed via Youtube, and can be watched live or at any other time after recording.

Midweek

Easby: 2 pm Afternoon Service (second and fourth Wednesdays of the month)

Great Ayton: 2 pm Faithful Friends (first Thursday of the month) is held in The Bistro at Fry Court. A short dementia-friendly afternoon service with well known hymns, followed by tea and cake and a chance to chat.

Regular Activities & Groups

For the younger ones:



Toddler groups can be found during term-time at Stokesley and Great Ayton on Tuesdays: 9.30 – 11.30 am at Stokesley

Thursdays: 10 – 11.30 am at Gt Ayton

(A small charge is made for these drop-in sessions, which include drinks/snacks)

Parent Pop-in session for little ones and their carers is held on a Friday morning from 10 am – 12 noon in the children's corner at The Chapel Hub in Hutton Rudby. There is no charge, however drinks and eats are available for purchase from the servery should you wish to do so.

Story Time for pre-schoolers is on Thursdays from 2 pm at The Chapel Hub in Hutton Rudby. Again, there is no charge, and drinks and eats are available for purchase from the servery from 1.30 pm before Storytime begins if you wish.

J-Time for children aged 0-11 and their families is held during term-time at Great Ayton on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 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.



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 Hutton Rudby Chapel Hub 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.

Knit and Natter in The Bistro at Fry Court, Great Ayton on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. 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 on the first and third Tuesdays of the month 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 at the Methodist Chapel Hub in Hutton Rudby 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.

Silver Screen films are shown at Stokesley on the second Tuesday of the month from 2 pm in the Hall. Refreshments are available, and donations are welcome.

There are also lots of other regular and seasonal activities held within our church buildings such as Brownies, Guides, Choirs, Tai Chi, 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

Community Lunches are held at Great Ayton Methodist Church on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 12.15 pm. The 2 course meal (for which there is a charge) is open to anyone from the local community; a highly social occasion and a valuable support to many people.

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 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, Teddy Bears Picnics, scarecrow and baking competitions, and Messy Church events.

Friendship and Fellowship:



Tuesdays at Two at Carlton Methodist Church. A fellowship meeting which takes place on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm with a variety of speakers.

MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) group at Stokesley meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 2.30 – 3.30 pm.

Easby Guild is an open meeting held every Thursday at 4 pm during September and October, taking a break over the winter months before restarting in again in March. There is a wide and varied programme of speakers and topics to enjoy.

Faithful Friends is an afternoon service of well known hymns, with tea and cake, conversation and friendship; held in The Bistro at Fry Court, Great Ayton on the first Thursday of the month from 2 – 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome, the service being also suitable for people with dementia and their carers.

Quiet Prayer Time at Hutton Rudby Chapel Community Hub. A chance to share together in a short time of prayer and reflection, 9.30 am fortnightly on Wednesdays.

Men Together meet with friends old and new on the first and third Wednesdays of the month 2 – 3 pm at Stokesley. Enjoy a cuppa, a chat and see short Christian videos from internationally recognized speakers.

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.

Community Spaces:



The Chapel Community Hub is a warm and welcoming space within the Methodist Church at Hutton Rudby, 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 Tuesday 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:

Great Ayton, Hutton Rudby, and Stokesley Methodist Churches all 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:

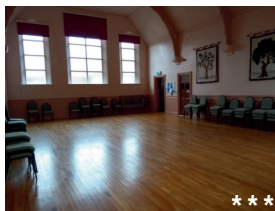
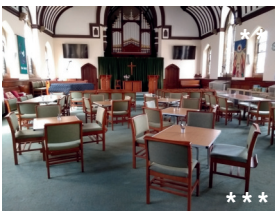


Our churches make every effort to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults involved in worship and all activities on our premises and elsewhere. We aim to make church a safe and accepting place for all people. Church leaders and all those working with children or vulnerable adults are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

**Hutton Rudby: Schoolroom and main church

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

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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Find out more...

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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.

Podcasts:



Levenonline is a local community online radio project with a Christian ethos. With a mixed content from general interest to questions of faith and values, the podcasts are put together by local people with a wide range of ages and interests.

Stokesley Show:

You'll find us at Stokesley Show.

Call in and find out more about 'Church in the Community'

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