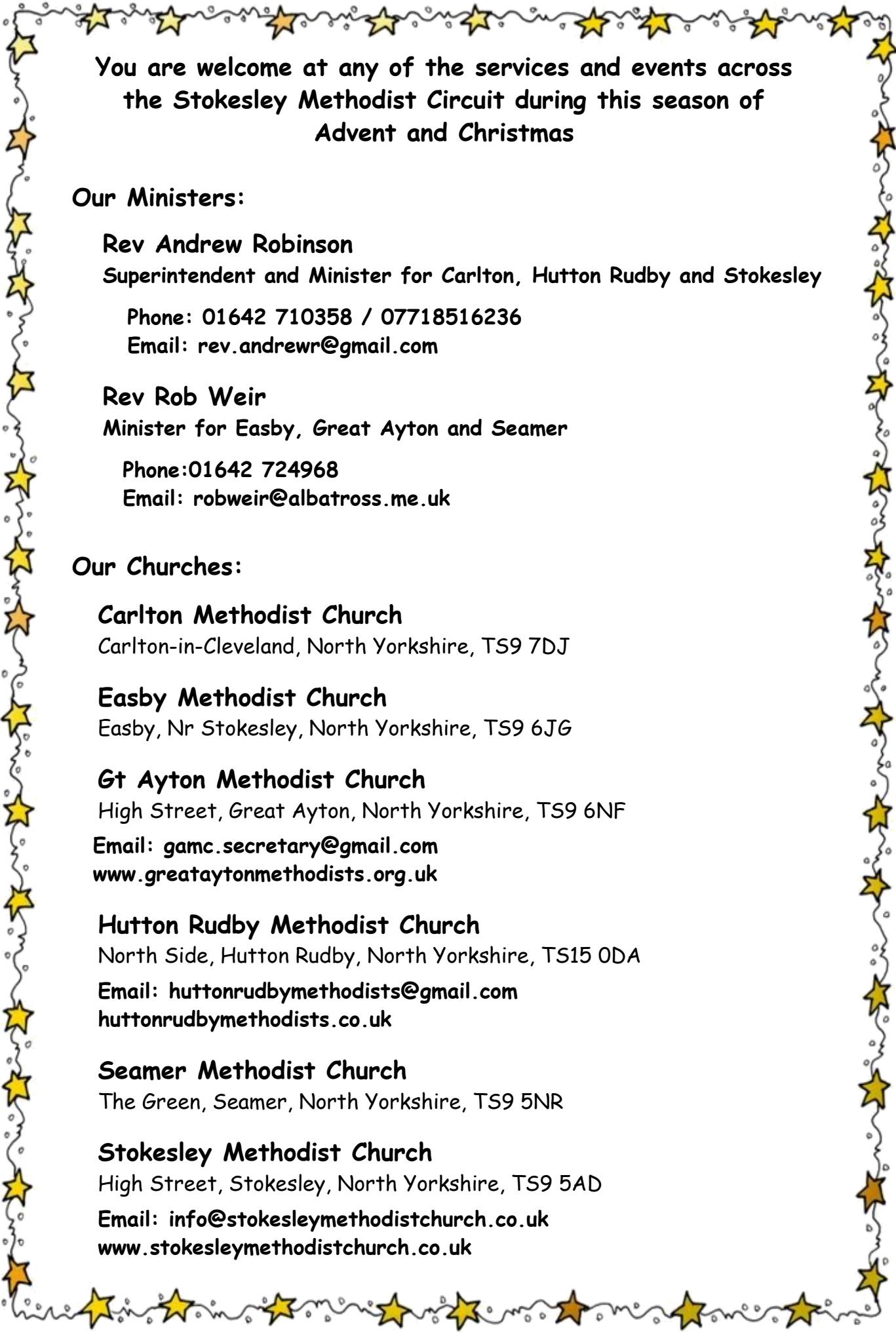




Stokesley Methodist Circuit Christmas Services & Events

2024





You are welcome at any of the services and events across
the Stokesley Methodist Circuit during this season of
Advent and Christmas

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Advent dawns with lights strung high
and music everywhere,

Sights and smells abound around,

Senses assaulted and confused,

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Amid the lists and cards and gifts,

Amid the pleas and "please can we",

Amid the chaos of the world,

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Let's seek to see and seek to hear.

Let's seek to feel and seek to know.

Let's seek to find peace and love.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

Taken from the Methodist Church 'Hush the noise' worship resource



Giving

There are several ways you can help others this Christmas time, many of our churches have opportunities for you to do so...

Foodbank:

Gt Ayton, Hutton Rudby and Stokesley Chapels are all collecting items for local foodbanks. Why not do a reverse advent calendar where you collect 25 items to provide someone in need with a box of some Christmas cheer? Goods need to be to your collection point earlyish in December so that they can be given out before Christmas Day.



Gifts: Carlton and Great Ayton Chapels are collecting gift items for The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. New unwrapped toys and gifts for children 0-16 years of age can be brought to:



Great Ayton's Contemporary and Giving Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 24th November where gifts can be brought for the Guisborough Salvation Army to distribute.

Alternately you can take your gifts to Carlton's Toy service at 10.30 am on Sunday 1st December where they too will be collected and distributed.

Creative Christmas



Christmas creativity abounds!
Whether that's making it yourself or purchasing a gift that someone else has lovingly spent time making.

Let's Make it Christmas 2024 on Saturday 23rd November 6 - 9 pm at Great Ayton. As usual there will be a range of Christmas related craft activities to choose from as well as time to enjoy a good meal and some additional treats. Tickets are sold out, if you're fortunate to have one, enjoy a lovely evening!

Coffee Morning Extra on Saturday 30th November 10 -11.30 am at Stokesley. Come and enjoy the usual Coffee Morning with a little something 'Extra'. There'll be various stalls around the church including crafts, plants, books, jigsaws, 'Guess the Weight' of the Christmas Cake - and also the sheep!



Family Services and Events

Of course all are welcome at any of the services and events that take place across the circuit; however here are some that are particularly suitable for the younger end of our Church family.

Father Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th November, 10am - Noon at Carlton Methodist Church Hall Coffee and biscuits, cake stall, bric-a-brac, and of course Father Christmas!

Santa will be visiting his Grotto at The Chapel Hub Hutton Rudby on Sunday 1st December from 1-4 pm With Christmas crafts and activities as well as the usual teas, coffee, cakes and treats from the servery. You can book a slot (tickets are £5 per child) to meet Santa in his Grotto and receive a gift by going to: huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com and following the links

Tree lighting and Nativity Service on Sunday 1st December 4 pm at Seamer Led by Rev Rob Weir - who will be the lucky child to switch on this year's lights?

A certain 'special person' will be visiting Great Ayton Community Hub on Saturday 14th December from 10 am - 12noon There will also be a Brass Band taking Christmas carol requests

All Age Nativity Service on Sunday 15th December 10.30 am at Stokesley Local Arrangement

Christmas Café Church on Sunday 15th December 10.30 am at Great Ayton Led by Rev Rob Weir

Christmas Storytime in The Chapel Hub at Hutton Rudby on Sunday 22nd December at 4 pm. Come and share in the Christmas story with their special Storyteller Ann and enjoy some festive family time together in The Chapel Hub.

Christmas Day:

**10 am All Age Christmas Day Celebration at Hutton Rudby
Led by Rev Graham Peacock**

**10 am All Age Family Service at Stokesley
Led by Rev Andrew Robinson**

**10.30am Christmas Morning celebration service at Gt Ayton
Led by Rev Rob Weir**



Carol singing and Concerts

There are plenty of opportunities across the circuit to join in and sing some Christmas favourites this December.

Hutton Rudby Tree lighting Service on Monday 2nd December 6 pm at Hutton Rudby Wrap up warm and join in outside Chapel for a few Christmas carols, a short message and the switching on of the tree lights; hot chocolate & mince pies to follow.

Churches Together Carol Service at Stokesley Parish Church on Sunday 15th December 6 pm

Carols on the Green on Monday 16th December 7 pm at Stokesley

Teesside Wind Band Concert on Thursday 19th December at Stokesley Methodist Church 7.30 pm Tickets are £6 (price includes a glass of non-alcoholic Mulled wine and a mince pie) are available from Ruth or Margaret. They will also be available from Stafford & Wilson on Stokesley High Street, as well as online via WeGotTickets (wegottickets.com/event/638584)

Sunday 22nd December:

Carlton Carol Service 10.30 am

Stokesley Carol Service 10.30 am

Carols by Candlelight 6 pm at Great Ayton Come, sing carols and prepare for the joy of Christmas

Carols on the Green 7 pm at Hutton Rudby

Sing Carols With Us on Christmas Eve 2-3 pm at Stokesley
An informal sing-a-long of favourite Christmas Carols, refreshments follow





Preparations almost complete,
the time is nearly here.

Promises and praises echo all around,
Silencing the noises of injustice.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

The promise of God for the servant lowly,
God who comes to the help of all,
Whose ancient promise still stands today.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

And we watch and we seek,
And we learn, we pray and we praise,
And we wait and we wait.

O hush the noise,

Let's hear the angels sing.

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A time of remembrance:

A Blue Christmas Service on Sunday 15th December 3 pm at Stokesley an opportunity to remember loved ones this Christmastide

Christmas Eve

A chance for some time out and reflection in preparation for Christmas Day Celebrations.



- 1- 2 pm Open Church at Stokesley for personal quiet prayer and reflection
- 2-3 pm Sing Carols with us at Stokesley Followed at 3pm by refreshments
- 3.30 pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion at Stokesley
- 6 pm Christmas Eve Communion at Hutton Rudby



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Time to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

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Led by Rev Andrew Robinson
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Circuit Services on Sunday 29th December:

10.30 am at Carlton and Great Ayton

Covenant Services 2026:

- Sunday 5th January: 10.30 am at Great Ayton and Stokesley
- Sunday 12th January: 10 am at Hutton Rudby, and 10.30 am at Seamer
- Sunday 19th January: 10.30 am at Carlton
- Sunday 2nd February: 10.30 am at Easby