

Although all Government restrictions were lifted on 19th July 2021, based on the current conditions, not everything is advisable. The Covid Committee of Stocksfield Methodist Church recommend retaining the following limitations:

1. As there is no restriction on numbers, we no longer need to book in advance for a service. However, we do ask that before attending the service or any other event you consider the following:

- Do you (or anyone you are in contact with) have Covid 19 or display any Covid symptoms?
- Have you had any symptoms in the last 2 weeks?
- Are you currently waiting for test results?

If any of the answers are yes we ask that you don't attend in person and worship from home.

2. The track and trace QR code will still be in use and a list kept of those in attendance in order to alert everyone should a case of Covid 19 occur.

3. Although they are no longer compulsory, we encourage the continued use of face masks when entering and leaving the building. We also recommend that people avoid getting too close to others, avoid hand shaking and hugs and leave an empty seat between bubbles.

4. We will continue to ventilate the building before the service (and during should numbers increase) and ask that everyone continues to use the hand sanitizer available.

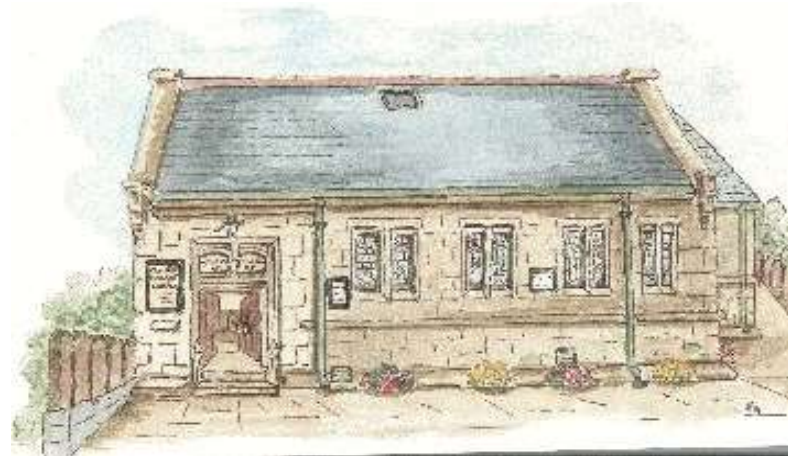
5. During worship we will continue to use audio visual aids to avoid the use of hymn books and Bibles but please feel free to carry and use your own copies if preferred.

6. The services will still be kept to under an hour but hymn singing can resume. The offering plate will be at the door and offerings can be made on entrance or exit or by bank transfer.

7. We will start to serve tea and coffee after the service for those who wish to remain. Please take one of the seats in the hall and your drink order will be brought to you.

Crockery will be collected from your table once you have finished, and washed thoroughly. Please note that we would appreciate no more than 6 people per table

# STOCKSFIELD METHODIST CHURCH



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## Notices for Sunday 10th October 2021

### Your Vestry Steward is John Watson

#### **10 30 am Service led by Peter Smith of Hexham**

Loving God may your Holy Spirit enable us to grow in knowledge and love of your son Jesus Christ, may He inspire us to share His love effectively both within the life of the Church and especially in the community we serve ~ Amen.

*Church Flowers* this week will be donated by Vanessa Howes

#### **Pandemic Memorial Service: On Sunday 10th October 8-9pm**

Stocksfield Baptist Church will be hosting a service for the whole community to reflect on and mourn the losses we have all felt over the Covid pandemic - loved ones, jobs, health, freedoms. We will also seek to encourage each other with the light at the end of the tunnel!"

#### ***Sunday 17th October 2021***

#### **10 30 am Service led by Jacqui Cameron of Newcastle.** Your Vestry Steward is George McCowie

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship here today. If you are new to this area please make yourself known to a Steward or the Minister.

Items for next week's notices must reach Marian Watson by Thursday (01661 834318) e-mail [jawburnthouse@btinternet.com](mailto:jawburnthouse@btinternet.com).

#### ***Metres of Coppers***

**We have collected £1769. A fantastic response !Marian is happy to receive any donations of coppers and used postage stamps.**

**Bible Study** meetings are still running each week on Tuesday evening at 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom They have been working through a book called Holy Habits. All are welcome. For more information contact Fiona Jesson (01661 844717) or Rev Jenny Porterpryde (01661 833869)

‘Your contributions to the Food Bank were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Sadly, there is still a huge demand. This is likely to increase further within the next few weeks following the removal of the uplift to Universal Credit and general increases in the cost of fuel and food. Many of the people benefiting from your donations are in work Sue is happy to receive donations on a weekly basis

## **Services for September and October**

October 17th Jacqui Cameron

October 24th Diane Wylie

October 31st Local Arrangement Service lead by Carol Davies

### **The Midweek Afternoon Fellowship 2 00 pm**

October 13th Speaker Rev. Maureen Lloyd

October 27th Meet & Share

November 10th Speaker Rev. Tony Buglass

November 24th Meet & Share

December 8th Speaker Rev Jenny Porterpryde

Followed by Tea & Coffee

There will be a special Service of Thanksgiving to mark the closure of Barrasford Chapel on **Sunday 17th October at 2 30pm** led by Rev Paul Dunstan and Deacon Anne Taylor, followed by tea in the village hall. All are welcome

#### **Prudhoe and Stocksfield Holiday Club**

The holiday club will be in the Autumn half-term, rather than in the summer holidays, and will run for three mornings, [Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th October](#), with a final celebration on the last evening. More information from Anne Davison.

Churches Together are hoping to hold the annual Coffee Morning/ Charity Christmas Card Sale on Saturday 6th November 10am-12 noon at SICA. It's an opportunity for the community to come together for a Social gathering, while helping needy charities to raise money for their worthy causes. We ask all the churches for a few volunteers to serve refreshments, and also for your kind donations of scones, tray bakes and small cupcakes. If anyone feels able to help in any of these ways, Anne Davison would be very grateful to hear from you.

**Revs Paul and Alex Dunstan have announced that they will be leaving the circuit and the Methodist Connexion next summer. We are sorry to see them go and wish them well in their future plans. Their letter of farewell is available in the churches should you wish to read it.**