

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.

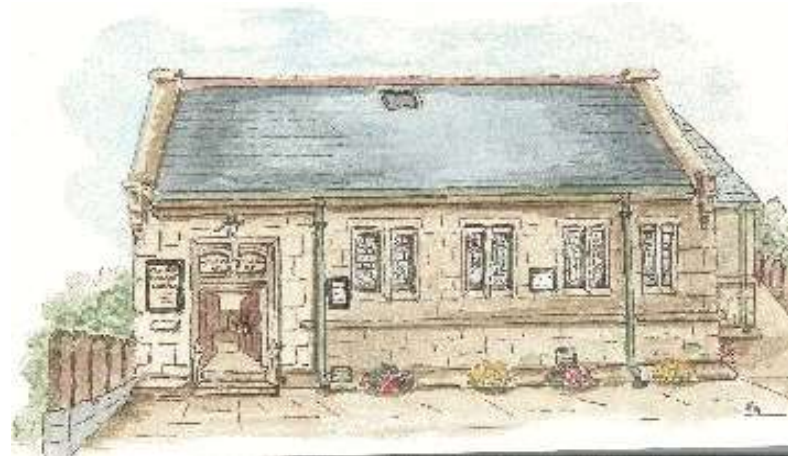
5. During worship we will continue to use audio visual aids to avoid the use of hymn books and Bibles but please feel free to carry and use your own copies if preferred.

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

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Notices for Sunday 3rd October 2021

Your Vestry Steward is John Watson

10 30 am Harvest Service led by Rev Jenny Porterpryde

Loving God when the storms blow and the waves crash upon our lives, we fear that we may sink under the weight of our anxieties. Help us to find You alongside us in those unfathomable depths that the wind may be rebuked, the seas stilled and your peace shall lift us from our troubles ~ Amen.

Church Flowers this week will be Harvest Flowers

Sunday 10th October 2021

10 30 am Service led by Peter Smith of Hexham.
Your Vestry Steward is John Watson

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.

Metres of Coppers

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

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!"

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)

Services for September and October

October 10th Peter Smith

October 17th Valerie Anthony

October 24th Diane Wylie

October 31st Local Arrangement when Carol Davies will lead us in Worship

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

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.

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.

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.