

Fulwell Methodist Church Newsletter

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An active Christian community supporting Fulwell and Seaburn Dene



Join us for Sunday Morning Worship – All Welcome!

Services start at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

Crafts and toys available for children.

- 4 January:** Circuit Service at Castletown Methodist Church (no service at Fulwell).
Covenant Service and Holy Communion led by Rev John Purdy
10:30 start: Castle View, Castletown, Sunderland, SR5 3DS
- 11 January** Café Church led by Peter Allan-Robson in the Hall (downstairs).
A relaxed service with tea, cake and conversation. Bring a reusable cup if you can.
- 18 January:** Service in the Church led by Chris Dawson
- 25 January:** Service in the Church led by Cynthia Hume
- 1 February:** Service in the Church led by Rev Jane Rowell – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (United Service with Roker Methodist Church)

What is a Covenant Service?

At the start of the new year Methodists make a distinctive resolution. In the service the Church joyfully celebrates God's gracious offer that 'I will be their God and they shall be my people'.

Find out more at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/what-is-distinctive-about-methodism/the-covenant-service/>

All are welcome to share in a Covenant Service, whether you are sharing in a Covenant Service for the first time, have done it annually for many years, or simply want to watch what others do without taking part yourself.

Monday Friendship Club



Please join us at the Friendship Club, every Monday at 2pm in the Church Hall (downstairs). We meet for a cup of tea and a chat. Everyone welcome. Contact Valerie on 6599207 or just come along!

Tuesday Warm Space



Join us at Warm Space on Tuesdays 10am until 12pm. Open to all. A space to come for a cuppa and a natter, and meet with others. There will be activities such as board games if you'd like to take part.

Other Activities at the Church

For young people:

Girls Brigade: <http://1stsunderlandgb.org.uk/index1.html>

City Dance Academy: www.facebook.com/citydanceacademysland

Redby Karate Club: www.facebook.com/redbykarate/?locale=en_GB

Weekdays: Back to Basics Dog Training www.facebook.com/backtobasicsdogtraining.sunderland

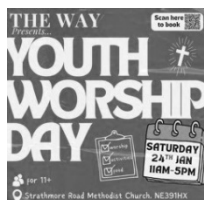
Tuesday 1-2pm and Wednesday 1.15-3pm: Yoga Austingyoga@gmail.com

Tuesdays 7-9pm: GUB Guitar Group - sandra.naglis@gmail.com

Wednesdays 7:15-8:45pm: Sunderland Singers - <https://sunderlandsingers.org.uk/>

Thursdays 10-11am: Zumba - fitfreakzdanceandfitness@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



THE WAY: Youth Worship Day (for Age 11+)

Saturday 24 January 2026, 11am - 5pm

Strathmore Road Methodist Church, Rowlands Gill NE39 1HX

Share food, worship, friendship and learn together

For further info contact Rev John Purdy (details below)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – First Week of February

Annual event where Christians from different denominations pray, worship, and learn together to foster unity. More details of our local activities to follow.

(<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>)

Further Notices



It was a pleasure to host Seaburn Dene Primary School for their whole school Carol service. The church was full. It was joy to hear the children sing so beautifully, do readings, and teach everyone key Christmas words using Makaton sign language. We can't wait to host them again.



Walking Church is taking a break until the weather improves. See you again in the Spring!



The flower team kindly request donations towards providing flowers in the church. There is a gift box in the foyer. If you have a special date you wish to remember with specific flowers, Doris and Heather are happy to arrange this.

Reflection for the Month

As a new year opens before us, many of us think about change — what we hope to leave behind, how we wish to develop, and what our hopes for the future are. In the Methodist tradition, the Covenant Service invites us to place our lives again in God's hands, trusting not just in our own plans but in a deeper purpose. Whether you approach it through faith or personal reflection, January is a time to remember that we are shaped by the commitments we make — to one another, to our community, and to hope itself. Wishing everyone much joy and strength in 2026!

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Sunday 18 January

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