

# MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH



## THE MESSENGER

*keeping you in touch with what's on in*

### MARCH 2017



***Church Anniversary***  
***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March***

***Mothering Sunday***  
***26<sup>th</sup> March***

**a warm welcome is awaiting you**

#### CHURCH MISSION

*'Caring for all God's people through faith in Jesus Christ'*

Our calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ, to live out our discipleship in worship and mission and to offer care and compassion to all God's people, locally and globally, through the power of God's Spirit.

**The Minister:** Revd Tim Perkins

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**Senior Steward:** Jalna Jenkins (01943 870871)

**Treasurer:** David Brown (01943 873875)

#### Church Address

39 Main Street, Menston LS29 6NB

#### CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.menstonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.menstonmethodist.org.uk)

provides pictorial records of our events, Church activities and groups, room hire information and much more

#### GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Please note: we no longer have the office open on regular hours.

Messages can be left on the Answering Machine  
01943 871909

or email: [menstonmethodist@btconnect.com](mailto:menstonmethodist@btconnect.com)

#### ROOM HIRE

The Caretaker (Joanne Dixon) will be pleased to receive requests and advise on availability  
email: [dixonjo2000@gmail.com](mailto:dixonjo2000@gmail.com) or tel: 07870700713

Our usual letter from Rev Tim is missing from this issue due to his absence during February. We look forward to his return this month and are very grateful to Rev Vicky Atkins (recently appointed to Addingham & Ben Rhydding Churches) for stepping in to tell us a little about herself and share her thoughts prior to taking our Anniversary Service.

### ***Hello Folks***

It is good to have the opportunity to share some thoughts with you this month which happens to be my sixth month in the Circuit. I can hardly believe that I am half way through my first year because it feels as though I have been ministering in this beautiful part of the world much longer. The communities I am serving have made me so welcome, so it is with joy that I open my eyes each morning and I ask God “what stories will I hear, will I share, will I make, what adventures will I have today?”

I will be with you all in March to share in your Anniversary Service which I am greatly looking forward to. Anniversaries provide us with the opportunity to share stories and memories, to look at what has been and the potential for what might be. As a community of faith here at Menston we are a collection of memories and narratives, we are a community of story-tellers.

In our pastoral conversation we share stories; some may be painful and hold us back whilst others will be joyful and enriching. One of the most powerful ways in which we tell our stories is when we name them. This often happens when we pray together and offer our prayers of hope, lament, petition, praise and adoration.

Our personal and collective past underpins everything, including our mission and ministry. We have so much to celebrate and so much to share and need to be mindful to bear witness to God’s presence in all of our stories. Therefore as a community of story-tellers, it is important that we tell the story of Jesus in a way that makes sense to the people of our community, people who might be looking for a new story to bring meaning and healing to their lives.

So as you approach your anniversary celebrations I invite you to ponder upon “what stories will you hear, will you share, will you make and what adventures are waiting to be had?”

***Rev Vicky Atkins***

## **LOCAL EVENTS**

### **AN EVENING WITH SIMEON WOOD at 7.30 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Bramhope Methodist Church**

Remember Simeon’s visit to Menston when we were fundraising for Cornerstone? This promises to be an exhilarating show full of musical multi-instrumental talent and humour. Tickets £10 Tel. 0113 267 2906.

### **RE-IMAGINE – REVITALISING & STARTING CHURCHES at Oxford Place Methodist Church, Leeds from 10.30am to 4.30pm ON SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Join lay people, church leaders, pioneers and ministers for a day of conversation and learning about the ministry of church change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- Exploring different ways of being church?
- Need practical support to move from ideas to action?
- Passionate about innovation, inclusive, and risk taking?

Nothing in the world of organised religion works the way it used to. We’re interested in cultivating new models and equipping leaders who can serve flexibly and passionately amidst critical cultural skills.

The event is Free! Lunch is provided so booking is essential. Contact Sian Henderson [admin@yorkhullmethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@yorkhullmethodist.org.uk) or ring 01904 786275 / 07809 431 871

### **REMEMBERING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Please continue to hold in your prayers:

- All who are currently encountering serious health problems together with family and friends who are providing care and support.
- All who hold office in the Church or serve the Church any other ways.
- Personal commitment to the spiritual development of our Church and outreach to the local community.
- Young people of Sun Club & Friday Club and their Leaders.

Let us each make this Lent period a time of reflection, sacrifice (not just chocolate and cream cakes) and personal dedication.



### SUN CLUB HAS A NEW LOGO

Members of the Sun Club team have been working together with the children over recent months to produce a personalized logo. The children were eager to show the congregation the end result and all agree the outcome is wonderful and very professional. We are fortunate to have talented staff and children who have contributed. They can be very proud of this inspirational and thought provoking design. Sue Bolton, a member of our Sunday Stewards Team and also on the rota for Sun Club was involved with drawing all the ideas together.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



### FILM SCREENING IN AID OF COMIC RELIEF

About the adventures of Mowgli (PG)  
**Saturday 25 March at 4pm** (doors open 3.40pm)  
 Free entry – donations to Comic Relief.  
 Refreshments, popcorn, ice cream, on sale.



### MARCH DIARY DATES

More current and detailed information is usually available in the Sunday Notices, Notice Boards and Church Website

#### Weekly

- Tuesdays** 9.30 am **Prayers in Room 1**
- Wednesdays** 9.00 am **Ecumenical Prayers** at St Mary's Burley  
 7.00 pm **Senior Choir Practice**
- Thursdays** 9.30 am **The Walking Group meets at Kirklands on 2nd, 16th and 30th.**  
 Details in Sunday Notices  
 It is hoped to recommence the short walks  
 In the near future.
- 6.30 pm **Vivace Youth Choir Practice**

#### Fortnightly

- Wednesday** 7.30 pm **Wednesday (Ladies) Group**  
 8th **EEK, I can't sleep – handling everyday stress**  
 Speaker: **Zoe Thompson**
- 22nd **A cycle journey along the Leeds/Liverpool Canal**  
 Speaker: **Alun Pugh**
- Friday** **Afternoon Friendship Group**  
 3rd **Lunch Out**
- 2..00 pm 18th **Film recalling the 60s**

#### Monthly

- Wed 8th** 11.45 am **Cameo Lunch**
- Fri 24th** 6.00 pm **Friday Club for 7 – 13 year olds**

## SUNDAY SERVICES

*Part 3 of the Old Testament Preaching Theme  
Being a People of God*

- 5th** 10.30 am **Church Anniversary**  
Preacher: **Rev Vicky Atkins**  
including Sun Club book presentations  
and Holy Communion  
OT Reading: Exodus 19 & 20  
The Ten Commandments
- 12th** 10.30 am Preacher: **Mr Michael Noble**  
OT Reading: Exodus 32  
The Golden Calf
- 6.00 pm **Circuit Service at Burley**
- 19th** 10.30 am Preacher: **Mr Michael Hardstaffe**  
OT Reading: Deuteronomy 6  
The Lord is One
- 26th** 10.30 am **Mothering Sunday  
& Dedication of Pastoral Visitors**  
Preacher: **Rev Tim Perkins**  
OT Reading: Leviticus 25  
The Year of Jubilee

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. to 12<sup>th</sup> March**



**FAIRTRADE**

*The food on our tables, the tea and coffee in our mugs, all from  
farmers who toil, sweat and slog, and aren't paid what they deserve.*

**There will be a FAIRTRADE STALL IN CORNERSTONE  
on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am to 12 noon**

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURLEY AND MENSTON**

“I have heard of it but what does it do?” I suspect this might illicit a similar answer from many of our congregation! Perhaps another answer might include, “oh yes, the Christmas cards”, or the Lent Lectures -

**There will be four Lent Conversations this month, held on  
Mondays at 7.30 pm in the Catholic Church Hall on the theme  
“What is Community?”**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Ruth Davany of PAFRA  
Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Carol Hill - Director of Catholic Care, Diocese of Leeds
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mirella Moxon and Mary Wood  
Trustees of Burley-Tereli Friendship Trust
- 27<sup>th</sup> Wendy and Phil Kershaw  
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Do attend if you can – to be challenged and encouraged during Lent.

Well there is even more than that! Churches Together hold joint Services during the year and the Clergy meet once a week for ecumenical prayer meetings which are open to members of all churches. The Good Friday Walk of Witness in the recent past, Wharfedale Refugees Response and Fairtrade Fortnight events have also been shared activities which build up relationships amongst the members of all churches and are a big asset to both Menston and Burley communities.

The following participate - St John's and Methodist Churches in Menston and Ss Fisher More, St Mary's, Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Burley and the Secretary at present is Linda Bentley. Our church is represented by Charlotte Montague and myself and the role of Chair rotates between the various Clergy.

These are the basic facts but what about the spirituality?

It is important that we learn from each other and come together more often to share our faith and experiences. Although there are differences in the way we conduct our services we have a lot in common and are all of one God. If we try to get more involved with other Christians and the way they worship, we can learn from each other and build on our faith.

Sandy Baker

## SENIOR CHOIR

There has been a lot of illness this Winter affecting all Church Groups. The Choir is no exception. We have been very depleted in numbers on several occasions resulting in cancelled introits.

Unlike Community Choirs, the Church Choir has a sole purpose i.e. to lead the Morning Worship, providing a suitable anthem when required. To fulfil this duty, we need more singers, particularly in the ladies sections. We are assured of support from friends on special occasions but it is the weekly rehearsals and Sunday services which give us most concern. We altered our starting time to make it easier for anyone wishing to attend the Wednesday Group meetings and vice versa. Visiting preachers are always pleased to know we have a choir (I believe one of the last remaining in the Circuit). If we don't address this problem soon we have the possibility of no choir at all in twelve months time. If you think you can help and enjoy singing but need more information please speak to me (Eleanor).

## VIVACE YOUTH CHOIR

The Choir will be joining with the Senior Choir to sing a special anthem at the Church Anniversary on March 5<sup>th</sup>. They had a very busy time during Autumn & Christmas and are now preparing a new programme of songs. We are expecting to re-visit the Laureates this Spring and there is the possibility of a Summer Concert.

Eleanor and Thelma

The Advent concert and tea in November, organised by the Drama Group and Choirs was a success and enjoyed by all. The sum of £400 was donated to Martin House and we have received a letter of appreciation from them. Thanks to all who supported.



**MARTIN HOUSE** is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. During this time wonderful support has been provided to terminally ill children and care for their families whilst they deal with the difficulties and stress involved. There are many ways in which you can offer your support by donations or attendance at one of their events. Details are available in the Anniversary edition of the Newsletter which can be borrowed from the table in the corridor.

## Sunday Rotas

	Stewards	Organist/Reader	Projection/Sound
5	Jalna Jenkins Shelley Purton	O) Mike Pratt R) Sue Saul	Paul Cree David Walls
12	Sue White Sue Bolton	O) Mike Pratt R) Bruce Chalmers	Paul Plummer Evan Johns
19	Mick Dock Margaret Stansfield	O) R) Cathy Hemsley	David Brown David Walls
26	Judith Johns Margaret Stansfield	O) Mike Pratt R) Margaret Stansfield	Mick Dock David Copping
	Door Stewards	Flowers donated by	Sun Club
5	John Saunders Pat Baker	Pat Greaves	Sue Bolton Sue White, Emma
12	Aileen Gray Elizabeth Loy	Nan Johnston	David, Michelle & Charlotte
19	Peggy Burnett Kate Winter	Sheila Bonney	Julie, Hazel & Elizabeth
26	Peter Normandale Beryl Richardson	Mary Plummer	Sue Bolton, Sue White, Ros & Al



**Church flowers will be arranged by:**

Wendy Hallatt, Thelma Price; Ruth Pringle; Marjorie Lees

**Distributed by:**

Hazel Sage & family; Val Clare & Janet Gaunt; Pat & Sandy Baker  
Kate Winter & Aileen Gray

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE THEIR  
TIME AND TALENTS IN ANY WAY  
ON SUNDAYS AND THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Offers of help with refreshments on a Sunday in March or April would be appreciated. Please add your name to list on Notice Board.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Senior Steward & Church Council Secretary	Jalna Jenkins	01943 870871
<u>Team Leaders:</u>		
Chair	Jalna Jenkins	870871
Property & Finance	Margaret Paine	878572
Pastoral	Judith Johns	872892
Social Justice	Cathy Hemsley	877145
Children & Young People	Julie Jennings	876455
Cornerstone	David Brown	873875
Envelope Scheme	David Brown	“
Gift Aid	David Walls	875240
Church Organist	Michael Pratt	876558
Senior Choir	Eleanor Cree	875637
Vivace (Youth) Choir	Eleanor Cree	“
	Thelma Price	875746
Snr Communion Steward	Ruth Pringle	874127
Bereavement Care	Margaret Christelow	872807
Church Garden	Margaret Christelow	“
Church Library	Margaret Stansfield	875274
Drama Group	Sue Saul	877526
Fair Trade	Norma Wilson	877691
Flower Rota/ Distribution	Thelma Price	875746
“ “ Assistant	Jane Hughes	875999
Fundraising	Maureen Hobson	873573
Messenger Editor	Margaret Paine	878572
Notice Board	Shirley O'Donnell	872376
Safeguarding	Charlotte Montague	872370
(children)	Sue Brown	873875
(vulnerable adults)	Nicholas Hanbidge	884955
Sun Cub & Crèche	Julie Jennings	876455
Tennis Club	Jalna Jenkins	870871
Wednesday Group	Jane Hughes	875999
Walking Group	Bruce Chalmers	511571
Friday Friendship Group	Maureen Hobson	873573

## CORNERSTONE



### Our friendly Community Café

is open from

**10.00am - 1.30pm**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

*(last orders 1.15pm)*

and

**10.00 am – 12.00 noon on Saturdays**

*New volunteers are always welcome,  
especially those who hold Food Safety qualifications  
or would be interested in taking the course.*

*Information available from Judith Johns (872892)*