

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH



THE MESSENGER

Monthly update on Church Life & Activities

MAY & JUNE 2017



We celebrate

Sunday 4th June

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

Tel: 01943 864187 Email: rev.tim.perkins@btinternet.com
Not usually available on Fridays

Rev Tim will be off work for a fortnight from Thursday 10th May due to the need for minor surgery. If you need to speak to a Minister during this time please contact Rev Lesley Taylor on 01943 462308.

Senior Steward: Jalna Jenkins (01943 870871)

Treasurer: David Brown (01943 873875)

CHURCH ADDRESS

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CHURCH WEBSITE

www.menstonmethodist.org.uk

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

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Messages can be left on the Answering Machine 01943 871909
or email: menstonmethodist@btconnect.com

ROOM HIRE

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

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

The season of Easter (which runs right the way through to Ascension and Pentecost) is a time of hope in an unknown future. For the first disciples it was a time of mixed emotions of celebration, joy and relief because of the resurrection of Jesus but the Biblical accounts also display emotions of fear, doubt and uncertainty. They knew what had happened - Jesus had been executed. They knew what was happening - Jesus was no longer dead and kept appearing to them over the course of 40 days. But they had no idea what was going to happen - Jesus would return to the Father and pour out his Holy Spirit at Pentecost to live within them. In the midst of their doubt they could not imagine what the future would look like - filled with the power and passion of the Holy Spirit to overcome their fear and turn them into people prepared to go boldly where they had not gone before and say what they had never said before and do what they had never even dreamed of doing before. The possibilities were endless. They simply had to be obedient and listen to the prompting of the Spirit.

I say "simply", of course discernment of God's voice and will and obedience to it are never "simple." But it is the task to which we are called in no less a way than the first disciples and God's promise of his Spirit to equip and guide us is no less for us than it was for them. It is the primary task for us individually - how do we live our lives in God's Kingdom on a daily basis and what might that look like? But it is also the primary task for us as the community of the church in this place - what part is God calling us to play in that community and how, together do we discern God's will for the use of the plentiful resources he has put at our disposal? That, of course, is what we shall seek to do at our General Church Meeting after the morning service on Sunday 28th May. I hope you will be able to join us for this important opportunity for "conversation on the work of God" in and through the Church.

It feels to me like we are at a time of hope in an unknown future. There are both daunting and exciting challenges ahead. We must face them together trusting in God to equip us with his Spirit of power and passion to be a people and do the things we perhaps could not even currently imagine or comprehend.

Rev Tim

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

The General Church Meeting will take place following the morning service on Sunday 28th May when we will be discussing matters concerning the future of our Church, appointing members to serve on the Church Council and approving other Church appointments. You will find nomination forms in the Church Foyer.

APPOINTMENTS

If you currently hold a church appointment and do not wish to continue for a further year, please let Rev Tim or Jalna know as soon as possible. We are all very busy but there are a number of existing vacancies including Cradle Roll Secretary and Sunday Worship Stewards. Please take time to consider whether you can offer your services.

Also, if you would like to contribute to Church life in another way we always welcome new volunteers. Could you help with one of the following: flower arranging or distributing, the choir, Sunday morning readings, Sunday morning coffee, the crèche, power point, sound system, door steward, communion steward. Please speak to Jalna if you can help in any way.

COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE **SATURDAY 27th MAY from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**



plus the usual Stalls
Entrance – including coffee or tea and biscuits £1.50



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP THIS YEAR?

We desperately need new collectors and people to help count/check the money on Saturday 20th May 9.30 – 12 noon. If you can spare a few hours during this week, please contact Ruth Pringle (874127) – your help would be extremely appreciated.

By supporting Christian Aid Week we are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Our actions, commitment and contributions will bring a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.



CORNERSTONE CELEBRATES!

It is hard to imagine that in July ten years have passed since the opening of our Cornerstone Cafe. So many customers have come through the doors and many volunteers have put in a huge amount of their time to support this great village asset.

It is time now to review, and hopefully improve, what is offered and our volunteers have been responding to a recent survey. Generally, there is no wish to reduce the current provision – rather to increase it by opening on an additional day. We are now exploring the possibility of being able to open on Wednesdays to facilitate a four day consecutive opening. This will not be possible with our present staffing and it will therefore be necessary to find two more teams which must include a Supervisor with a Food Safety level 2 qualification. An Online Course is available for potential Supervisors or others who would be interested to learn more about procedures for handling food. Training could be financed by Cornerstone.

If you would be available on Wednesdays either from 9.00 – 11.45 am or 11.45 to 2.30 pm, or know a friend who might enjoy friendship and the satisfaction of supporting this community cafe, please speak to Judith Johns (872892) or another member of the Team. Of course, helping on another day might release someone else who would be willing to move to Wednesdays. We could offer a trial session for anyone wondering what might be involved.

There is also a suggestion that we serve more homemade cakes and scones so you might be willing to bake, perhaps every two weeks, if not able to give time to running the cafe. Payment for ingredients would be offered. Please speak to Margaret Paine (878572) if this could be an option for you.

We look forward to putting out the bunting and sharing our joy in the occasion. Hopefully you will be part of the event and continue to support Cornerstone along with friends and family.



MAY/JUNE DIARY DATES

Updated and more detailed information of all our activities is available in the weekly Sunday Notices.

- Tuesdays** 9.30 am **Prayers in Room 1**
- Wednesdays** 9.00 am **Ecumenical Prayers at
Burley United Reformed Church (May)
St John's Church Menston (June)**
- 7.00 pm **Senior Choir Practice**
- Thursdays** 6.30 pm **Vivace Youth Choir Practice**

Fortnightly

- Thursday** 9.30 am **The Walking Group meets at Kirklands
11th & 25th May & 8th & 22nd June**

See Sunday Notices for details of the walks (usually around 7 miles)

Wednesday Group

Programme starts again on 6th September

Members will meet at 7.00pm on 7th June for the first of a series of evening walks in the local area, finishing with tea and biscuits hosted by one of the Group. Further details in the Sunday Notices.

Friday Afternoon Friendship Group

Programme starts again on 1st September

Monthly

- Wed 10th May & 14th June** at 11.45 am **Cameo Lunch**
- Fridays** 6.00 pm **Friday Club for 7 – 13 year olds**

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 7th** 10.30 am Preacher: **Rev Rob Hilton**
Holy Communion
OT Reading: 1 Kings 17 - 19
Elijah, Ahab and Jezebel
- 14th** 10.30 am Preacher: **Mrs Margaret Cook**
Christian Aid Sunday
We are joined by members of St Johns

OT Reading: 2 Kings 2, 4 & 5
Passing on the Mantle
- 6.00 pm **Circuit Service at Yeadon**
MWiB Dedication of Easter Offerings
- 21st** 10.30 am Preacher: **Rev Rita Armitage**
OT Readings: Jonah / Hosea 2
The Love of God
- 28th** 10.30 am Preacher: **Rev Tim Perkins**
OT Readings:
Amos 2&3 and Micah 1&2
God's Anger with Israel

At the time of publication the June / August Plan was not available.

On June 4th we celebrate: (you can work it out yourself or refer to front page!)



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OT Readings planned for June:

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| 11th | Isaiah 6 | Isaiah's Commission |
| 18th | 2 Kings 17 & Isaiah 9 | Israel Exiled |
| 25th | 2 Kings 18 – 20 & Isaiah 35 | Light in the Darkness |

PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Jane, Paul and all the family and friends of Peggy Burnett who died recently. Peggy was very involved with our Church for many years and a much loved and respected member who will be sadly missed.

We also offer our prayers for God's healing hand on those already in our hearts, members of the Church, their family and friends. May they always know the peace of God providing the strength needed to cope with difficult times.

Lord God, may the message of Pentecost renew our commitment to spread the good news to all who are living in darkness.

**God of Power,
may the boldness of your spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.**



THY KINGDOM COME

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.

The churches in Burley & Menston will be organising a number of prayer events over the 9 days. Details will be available in early May on notice sheets, posters etc. so keep an eye out for them.

Meanwhile, if you need any more info, drop Robert Saville a note on robert.saville@o2.com or ring him on 01943 865519.

TENNIS CLUB

We are delighted that with financial assistance from Menston Parish Council and Menston Methodist Church, we have a lovely new Tennis Hut, which also provides the Church with some additional storage space. We will now be looking at making some improvements to the netting surrounding the court.

The coaching for junior tennis members commences on Monday 8 May and we will again be running two groups from 5.30pm to 6.15pm and 6.15pm to 7pm. The coaching will continue through to school Summer holidays.

Social play will now be take place on Monday mornings from 9.30am (instead of Tuesdays). If it is wet table tennis will be available in Room 2. With the summer season now upon us we are hoping for some good tennis weather.

For further information or membership enquiries please contact Jalna Jenkins (870871).


FRIDAY AFTEROON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

At the end of a very successful year with a well produced fortnightly programme of speakers, musical presentations, films and outings drawn together by Maureen Hobson, the Group is now having a break for the Summer. Numbers attending have increased and Maureen is to be congratulated on her achievement having seen the potential of this venture, originally conceived by Catherine Henderson when she was employed in the role of Lay Pastoral Worker.

Maureen has already begun to plan for the coming year but would appreciate support in finding speakers or suggestions of appropriate activities for a mixed gender group. Refreshments have been prepared and served by other regular members. We all know that successful groups do not 'just happen' and it is good when the members feel involved and valued.

If you might be willing and able to help support the organization of this outreach for retired folk from the village and beyond - please speak to Maureen (873573)

Sunday Rotas

	Organist/Reader	Projection/Sound	Door Stewards
May 7	O) Mike Pratt R) John Saunders	Krizzler Cree David Walls	Barbara Hobson Jean Hughes
14	O) Mike Pratt R) Marjorie Lees	Paul Cree Evan Johns	Brenda Lawson Marcia Rainforth
21	O) Mike Pratt R) Eleanor Cree	Paul Plummer David Walls	John Saunders Pat Baker
28	O) Nigel Hogg R) Gerald Myers	Krizzler Cree David Copping	Aileen Gray Elizabeth Loy
			
May	Flowers donated by:	Flowers arranged by:	Flowers distributed by:
7	The Livesley Family	Ruth Pringle	Pat & Sandy Baker
14	Margaret & Bill Hill	Beryl Richardson	Kate Winter Aileen Gray
21	Nancy & Gerald Myers	Jane Hughes	Nan Johnstone Pat Greaves
28	Peter Normandale	Marjorie Lees	Margaret Braithwaite Maureen Hobson
June 4	Bob Normandale	Sandra Harder	Jean Hughes Barbara Hobson
11	Margaret Braithwaite	Elizabeth Loy	Hazel Sage & Family
18	Philippa Laycock	Wendy Hallatt	Val Clare Janet Gaunt
25	Norann Pacey	Thelma Price	Pat & Sandy Baker

As the June – August Plan was not available when this Messenger was printed some Rota detail is missing. Once again, as a Church, we acknowledge the commitment of our members and thank them for donating flowers and for all the contributions to Sunday Worship

