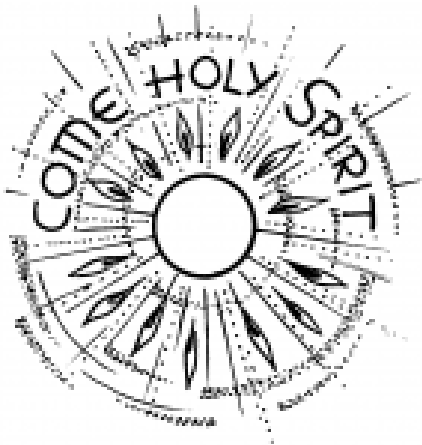


MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH



# THE MESSENGER

MAY 2018



Celebrating -  
Pentecost on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & Trinity Sunday on 27<sup>th</sup>

## CHURCH MISSION

*'Our calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ'*

Our calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ, to live 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.

**Minister:** Revd Tim Perkins

*(On Sabbatical until mid August)*

If you have pastoral needs which require a Minister during Revd Tim's absence please contact:

Revd Lesley Taylor (01943 462308) lesleytaylor221@gmail.com

**Lay Pastor** (Discipleship & Outreach) Joanne Dixon

Tel. 01943 873245 Email: dixonjommc@gmail.com

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

**Treasurer** David Brown (01943 873875)

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**Church Address:** 39 Main Street, Menston LS29 6NB

**The Church Website:** [www.menstonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.menstonmethodist.org.uk)  
provides information about church activities and our connections,  
photos of events and much more.

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Messages can be left on the Answering Machine 01943 871909  
or Email: [menstonmethodist@btconnect.com](mailto:menstonmethodist@btconnect.com)

## ROOM HIRE

Please contact the Caretaker, Julie Jennings, regarding availability of rooms:

Tel: 079 1982 8485 Email: [julie@menston.net](mailto:julie@menston.net)

Full details of our accommodation, hiring conditions, etc .can be found on the Church website

## LETTER FROM JO

Dear Friends

As we head through the time after Jesus rose we enter the time when He is appearing a number of times to His disciples to reveal that He is alive. When we come to Pentecost the Holy Spirit is powerfully released, causing the disciples to be pulled from hiding and released into the world without fear and in the fullness of their ministry.

It appears that all of Jesus' appearances and the release of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost occurred either one-one with people such as Mary Magdalene or in homes and rooms where the disciples had gathered together to pray. There are many references to the lifestyle of the disciples in Acts and this constant gathering together as a group outside of a religious building or service.

There is something about meeting together outside 'official' times, drawn by our hearts rather than a regular event. We may attend church for many reasons; habit, friendship, a sense of community, a 'tick' on heaven's register, to feel a good person, out of duty or because we are too scared to stop going! Or a mixture of all of them. Hopefully the majority attend to draw closer to God and each other.

Perhaps the power of small groups or one-one sharing is that it states an intention which goes past the list above. It is over and above the world's religious requirement and says 'yes' to a genuine desire to know more of God and the Life that He has for us. It shows a willingness to be transformed into the nature of Jesus and to live in a way that makes our faith attractive. God sees this intent which is actually a huge act of FAITH, and faith draws God in and makes things happen!

God knows that for some people this will take more faith than others. It can feel vulnerable choosing to be in a group that is made up of a mix of people without really knowing what is involved. When I started going to a new church, during the time my marriage was struggling, I used to arrive five minutes late and was back in my car by the time the minister had finished praying the closing prayer in case anyone tried to talk to me! We do not like to be vulnerable and often the harder life is the more private we become. I am not naturally a group person so I do understand but I also believe they are important and I have grown in my faith through being part of them.

There was a desire towards the end of Lent groups for a continuation of small groups in some form. There will be two types of group for people to join;

1. **READ & REFLECT Group** – This will be a continuation of the form of Rev. Tim’s Bible Study. It does not require any academic ability! We will simply be looking at the Word and what it tells us about Father Son and Holy Spirit and us and meditating and reflecting on it with some discussion for those who wish to share anything. (Probably Wed afternoon)
2. **LIFE Group** – This will be a different type of group which will involve a more relaxed style, more conversation and will be based around life issues such as forgiveness, handling emotions, doubt and anything else which relates directly to the ‘stuff’ we go through in life. It will have some (BRITISH!) video based teaching material for the first few weeks to get us started and then the group itself would discuss where to go from there. (Mon evening & Wed afternoon)

There will be one Read & Reflect group and two Life groups. Ideally 7 -10 in numbers. Each type of group will run FORTNIGHTLY on alternate weeks to each other to allow any brave souls who wish to attend both types of group to do so.

If you have never joined a church group before feel free to come for one or two sessions to try it out, there is NO PRESSURE to continue. Please come and have a chat if you have concerns or questions about what you may be getting in to 😊

**IF YOU WISH TO BE IN A GROUP PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY. The planned dates and times are as follows:**

**READ & REFLECT Group (Wed afternoons 1.30pm)**

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**LIFE GROUP (Wed afternoons 1.30pm)**

May 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup>

**LIFE GROUP (Mon evening my house at 7.00pm)**

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup>

God bless - Jo

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Christian Aid has more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. It tackles the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, they provide the necessary help without delay.

This year, Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world will again be a priority. The island has had to cope with relentless storms, earthquakes and hurricanes. The people are resilient and are constantly fighting to survive but each time Haiti is hit makes them weaker – people lose their homes and livelihoods. Each time it is getting harder and harder for them to survive.

This is just one example of the work undertaken by Christian Aid. By giving them your support the work can continue. For thousands of churches it's a vital part of their mission, demonstrating God's love for our neighbours.

If you have not already offered to support the House-to- House collecting and would be interested in helping please speak to Ruth Pringle (874127).

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am a Christian Aid Service will take place at St John's Church. You are invited for refreshments (from 10.15am) – joining those who have attended Zest. You would also be welcome to attend this new family style worship which starts at 9.30am.

## **COFFEE MORNING & PLANT SALE**



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

Plus sales tables – cakes, cards, books, white elephant etc.

**Entrance £1.50 includes refreshments**

## DIARY DATES

More information available on the Sunday Notices and Church Website

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** 7.30 pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Room 2

### Weekly

- Tuesdays** 9.30 am **Prayers in Room 1**  
**Wednesdays** 9.00 am **Ecumenical Prayers –**  
this month at St Mary's Church, Burley  
7.00 pm **Senior Choir Practice**  
**Thursdays** 6.30 pm **Vivace (Junior) Choir Practice**

### Fortnightly

The Wednesday Group and Friday Friendship Group meetings have stopped for the Summer

- Wednesdays** **Wednesday Group** (Ladies)  
For six weeks, starting 6<sup>th</sup> June the group meets outside the old post office at 7.00pm for a short, local walk. All welcome.
- Thursdays** 9.30 am **Walking Group** - normally meets at Kirklands  
See Sunday Notices for details

### Monthly

- CAMEO CLUB** 11.45 am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
**FRIDAY CLUB** 6 – 7.30 pm on 25<sup>th</sup>

## MENSTON METHODIST TENNIS CLUB

Junior coaching will commence on Monday 14 May with two sessions - at 5.30 and 6.15pm.

Membership enquiries to Jalna Jenkins (870871).



## SERVICES PLANNED FOR MAY

- 6th**      10.30 am    Preacher: **Revd Vicky Atkins**  
*including Holy Communion*
- 13th**     11.00 am    **Christian Aid Service at St John's Church**  
*Arrive 10.15 am onwards for refreshments*
- 6.00 pm**    **Circuit Service at Bramhope**  
*Dedication of Easter Offerings*
- 20th**     10.30 am    **Pentecost - All age Worship in the Hall led by:**  
**David Brown & David Peacock.**
- 27th**     10.30 am    **Trinity Sunday**  
Preacher: **Rev Lesley Taylor**

*Followed by the Annual Church Meeting in the Main Hall*

### **As explained in the last edition Revd Tim is on Sabbatical until August.**

This gift to our Ministers provides a period for reflection and renewal and has come at a very appropriate time for Tim. He has had a difficult time for some months following two Sinus operations plus the hospitalisation and recent death of his father, Rev John Perkins, whose funeral took place at Ashbourne Methodist Church in Derby on 20<sup>th</sup> April. We continue to hold Tim and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

During the coming months whilst things are a little different we will be well supported by Revd Lesley Taylor, our Lay Worker, Jo Dixon and Jalna Jenkins (Senior Steward).

We are so fortunate to have Jo working with us and she brings her own inspiration for spiritual growth. Her letters and articles in previous editions have been well received and following the well attended Lent Groups you will see that there will be further opportunity for groups to meet and discuss aspects of faith and daily life. Jo is usually in Cornerstone on two mornings each week. If you need support with a problem, have good news to share, or just to have a friendly chat she is very approachable!

Room 1 is being refurbished to provide a base for Jo, the Church library and a meeting area for small groups.

## **WEDNESDAY GROUP**

At the recent AGM of the Wednesday Group, the President, Jane Hughes, thanked all the Committee and Group members for an enjoyable and well attended programme of events and speakers.

Over the course of our last year, we have made donations to Water Aid £60, Hug on a Tray £112 (dedicated to helping haematology patients at St James's. Their initiative aims to provide home comforts such as free cups of tea and snacks)... and also £100 to Maggie Fund (a cancer fund supported by the 4 Mums who rowed the Atlantic). Many of our speakers also pass on their fees to a chosen charity. We also donated £350 to Church funds.

Our new season will commence in September and any ladies wishing to join us will be given a warm welcome.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

This is a personal plea for support in producing Sunday Notices and The Messenger. To date I have prepared weekly notices since December 2016 and also 38 monthly editions of the Messenger and my life has been taken over by deadline dates! Am sure you understand.

Whilst we have an impressive website and emailed family news, for which we owe Jalna much gratitude. I know there are many older members who do not have access to modern technology, therefore printed communication is still very valuable and easily accessed information about our activities and items of general interest. There are many copies picked up in Cornerstone.

If you could offer support in any way please have a word. The work involves planning content, word processing, design and printing. Perhaps we can create a small team who can work together using their appropriate talents. We may end up producing bimonthly issues but I personally feel this would be a retrograde step. Smaller, up to date copies are much easier to prepare and provide a changing image in our displays.

Margaret (Paine) - Editor

### **FRIENDS OF BEAMSLEY - Fashion Show**

You are invited to Addingham Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm for this fund raising evening organised by Harriets of Otley. The Beamsley Project provides accessible accommodation for individuals with disabilities, their families and groups with disabilities.



## BEREAVEMENT CARE

In 2002 a small group from Menston Methodist Church invited members from the Anglican and Catholic Churches in the village to meet with us to discuss providing a bereavement care service in Menston. Later, the Anglicans in Burley joined us. A training pack was purchased from Cruse, the national Bereavement Service, with the help of Churches Together and over the years training has taken place in the two villages.

Bereaved people, not necessarily from the churches, have expressed their appreciation of our help but the time has come when we are all older, the number of bereavement visitors are declining and no one is prepared to run further training courses, or to Chair the Group as Sue Kennedy, our current Chair has major health problems.

The decision to close the Service was therefore taken on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The funds (£367.90) were donated to Burley & Menston Churches Together who originally funded us. Copies of the booklet 'After the death of someone very close', published by Cruse have been distributed to each Church. We hope people will find it helpful and perhaps circulate it as appropriate.

Pastoral Visitors in our church have always played an important role in helping members through difficult times and I know this is valued and will continue. I am also conscious that some people have come to Cornerstone asking for help following bereavement and am anxious that they should not find our church unresponsive. If those running Cornerstone are aware of an individual's distress they may like to take their name and contact details and offer to make contact with me. I will then endeavour to put them in touch with appropriate help.

Margaret Christelow.

**We have received news of the deaths of two members who left the area some years ago and we extend our sympathies to the families of:**

**Margaret Rankin** who moved to be near her daughter, recently living at the Abbeyfield Silverdale House, died on 11<sup>th</sup> April – aged 93 yrs.

We have happy memories of Margaret and her husband, John, who passed away 8 years ago and was well known for his musical talents, particularly as a tenor in the choir and Conductor - succeeded by Eleanor.

**Alan Lumsdon**, husband of Josie, who also died in April.

# SUNDAY ROTAS

	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Organist/Reader</b>	<b>Door Stewards</b>
<b>6</b>	Judith Johns Jalna Jenkins	O) Mike Pratt R) Tim Kelly	Brian Robinson Joyce Pitts
<b>20</b>	Mick Dock Sue White	<i>In the Hall</i> R) David Peacock	Sue Saul Wendy Hallatt
<b>27</b>	Judith Johns Margaret Stansfield	O) Mike Pratt R) Judith Johns	Barbara Hobson Jean Hughes
	<b>Power Point</b>	<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Sun Club / Creche</b>
<b>6</b>	Paul Cree	David Walls	Julie, Hazel and Michelle
<b>20</b>	Paul Plummer	David Walls	<i>All age worship</i>
<b>27</b>	Krizzler Cree	David Copping	Sue, Sue and Michelle

Note:

There is no Service at our Church on 13<sup>th</sup> when we have a joint Christian Aid Service at 11.00 am at St Johns.



## CHURCH FLOWERS

**Donors:** Judith Johns; Margaret & Billy Hill; Gerald & Nancy Myers

**Arrangers:** Beryl Richardson; Jane Hughes; Sandra Harder

**Distributors:** Margaret Braithwaite & Maureen Hobson; The Sage Family;  
Val Clare & Janet Gaunt

## AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

If you are able to join the rota of helpers please look for spaces on the Rota (corridor notice board) and add your name, with a friend if possible.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Church Council Secretary	Julie Jennings	876455
<u>Team Leaders:</u>		
Snr Steward & Chair	Jalna Jenkins	870871
Children & Young People		
Church & Community	Rev Tim Perkins	864187
Cornerstone	David Brown	873875
Pastoral	Judith Johns	872892
Property & Finance	Margaret Paine	878572
Social Justice	Cathy Hemsley	877145
Worship, Learning & Spirituality	Vacancy - <i>new team</i>	
Treasurer / Envelope Scheme	David Brown	873875
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 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
<i>(children)</i>	Sue Brown	873875
<i>(vulnerable adults)</i>	Nicholas Hanbidge	884955
Sun Cub & Crèche	Sue Bolton	879861
Tennis Club	Jalna Jenkins	870871
Wednesday Group	Jane Hughes	875999
Walking Group	Bruce Chalmers	511571
Friday Friendship Group	Maureen Hobson	873573

# CORNERSTONE CAFÉ



is open from

**10.00 am - 1.30 pm**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

*(last orders 1.15pm)*

and

**10.00 am – 12.00 noon Saturdays**

The Cafe is normally closed on Bank Holiday Mondays

This is a busy community café run by volunteers who normally work on a two weekly rota and new helpers would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Judith Johns (872892) if you are interested.

**Food Safety training can be arranged (free of charge) for any volunteer willing to join the team of Supervisors.**