

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God and loving our neighbours

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THIS WEEK

Our services are at 10.30am unless otherwise notified.

Sun Club for young people meets on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays during term time.

Sunday 1 December : Advent Sunday

Roland Henney

Café Church

Monday 2 December

Table Tennis at 10am

Tuesday 3 December

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Wednesday 4 December

Memory Café 10am

The Beeches Christmas Coffee Morning 10am

Breathe 7.30pm

Thursday 5 December

Vivace Choir 6.30pm

Friday 6 December

Friday Friendship Group 2pm

Saturday 7 December

Menston Christmas Lights Switch-on 1pm to 5pm at Kirklands

(switch-on by Wilko Wilkes at 4.45pm)

Saturday 8 December : Toy Service

Rev Cameron Stirk

Holy Communion

NEW PLAN DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

Copies of the next Preaching Plan are available in the foyer.

TOY APPEAL

Our Toy Service is next Sunday 8 December. We are collecting new toys, games and craft materials for Bradford Refugee Action – unwrapped please. These can be brought to the service or dropped off at Cornerstone up until Saturday 7 December.

JUBILEE OUTREACH YORKSHIRE

We are again supporting Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire with monetary donations rather than shoe boxes. Donations should be put in an envelope marked 'JOY' & put in the collection plate or given to David Brown up until Sunday 8 December.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A big thank you to everyone who helped at and came to support our Christmas Fayre – despite the weather! So far we have raised £650 with some donations still to come.

REV WENDY WALKER

I am delighted to be able to announce that following a discernment conversation with the Circuit Invitations Committee, Rev Wendy Walker has accepted an invitation to a part-time appointment in the Circuit from 1 September 2025 as part of the Eastern Area Ministry Team and Lead Minister at Bramhope and Pool. The appointment is for 30% full-time equivalent which equates to 4 sessions per week. Rev Wendy will continue to live in her family home in Burley in Wharfedale.

I can also confirm that Rev Wendy has accepted an invitation to take up a short-term, part-time appointment to work alongside Rev Cameron with the congregations at Otley and Pool to help develop their community outreach work and to begin to develop a "New Places for New People Project" in Otley. This appointment will run from 1 January to 31 July 2025. The exact hours are still to be agreed and I will update you once everything is finalised. Please keep Rev Wendy and her family in your prayers as she settles into life and ministry in our Circuit.

Every blessing
Rev Tim

VIVACE YOUTH CHOIR

The Choir is busy rehearsing for Christmas and looks forward to taking part in the Carol Service on 22 December. They have been invited to sing at the Spindles Retirement Home on 5 December and at the Menston Lights Switch-on at Kirklands on 7 December. Two invitations to sing at Glen Rosa and Abbeyfield have been postponed until the New Year.

Happy Christmas from Vivace.

ADVENT GROUPS

Advent groups will meet on Tuesday afternoons in person at Otley Methodist Church or on Zoom at 7pm. Starting Tuesday 3 December for 3 sessions. To book a place or get the link contact Cameron: thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

CONNECT

Monday 2 December at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 December at 2.30pm

Both groups meet in Cornerstone

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

Michael's monthly lunchtime organ recitals on the 2nd Friday of the month from 1pm to 1.30pm (free entry):

Friday 13 December

MEMORY CAFÉ

Memory Café Christmas Party in Cornerstone on Wednesday 4 December from 10am to 12 noon. All those affected by memory loss, together with a family member, friend or carer are welcome to drop in at any time during the morning. Activities and support available.

BREATHE

Christmas Breathe on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm in Cornerstone.

Please come and bring a friend.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group for ladies meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm (£2 per meeting):

There will be no meeting on 4 December, but members are invited to the Carol Service on Friday 13 December with the Friday Friendship Group.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friday Friendship group meets fortnightly at 2pm in the main hall.

£2 contribution at each meeting, includes refreshments.

Friday 6 December – Andre Rieu and Orchestra

Friday 13 December – Carol Service

Contact Maureen Hobson for further information (01943 873573)

CAROL SERVICE AT THE BEECHES

Rev Cameron has been asked to lead a Carol Service at The Beeches on Friday 13 December at 1.45pm. If anyone wants to come along to swell the singing then feel free to do so.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF BEAMSLEY PROJECT

Saturday 7 December at **2.30pm** at Christchurch, Ilkley

Tickets £10 from Christchurch Café or tel 01756 710255

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

There is a new rota on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8 December at 10.30am : Toy Service

Sunday 22 December at 4pm : Carol Service

Tuesday 24 December at 4pm : Christingle Service

Wednesday 25 December

at 10.30am : Christmas Day Service

'BLUE SERVICE' ON ZOOM

Thursday 19 December at 7pm

For anyone feeling sad, grieving or down.

For Zoom link email: thetirks@tiscali.co.uk

CORNERSTONE

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

9.30am to 1.30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

Items for inclusion in the Church weekly notices and email should be given to Jalna (07814 518778) or emailed to: mennstonmethodist@btconnect.com by Thursday morning.