WELCOME TO 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 will resume in September.

Sunday 10 July

Local Arrangement Service in the hall led by
Jo Dixon & Sue White
Passionate Worship

Monday 11 July

Table Tennis at 10am

Tuesday 12 July

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Connect 2.30pm

Wednesday 13 July

Breathe 7.30pm

Sunday 17 August

Rev Cameron Stirk
Holy Communion in the hall

(The Baptism will now take place on 19 October)

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST SERVICES

10.45am United Service at Burley at 10.45am led by Rev Shannon DeLaureal.
6pm (note revised time) Welcome Service for Rev Annie Baker-Streevey &
Rev Wendy Walker at Yeadon. The service will be led by Rev Tim Perkins &
Rev Kerry Tankard.

NEW PREACHING PLAN: SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

Copies are available in the fover

PRAYERS FOR YOUNG MINDS: UPDATE

The front page in 4 August's Yorkshire Evening Post showed Leeds North West MP Katie White, with the banner headline, We're at crisis point. Young people's mental health issues are dominating her constituency surgeries. Speaking to a journalist she said the scale of the problem among teens is "horrendous" and unlike anything she had expected. Mrs White warned that urgent action is needed to improve access to support, cut waiting times, and tackle the root causes of the crisis. "My surgeries are full of young people - or parents on behalf of young people- who are struggling to access mental health provision. In response the Labour government has committed to recruiting 8,500 additional mental health professionals by the end of its first term. As at June, over 6,700 of these positions have been filled. Mrs White acknowledged there was still a lot to do to improve early intervention and to address the root causes.

We have made Mrs White, Shipley MP Anna Dixon, and Keighley and Ilkley MP Robbie Moore, aware of our concerns, and our Prayers for Young Minds project. Robbie Moore recently hosted a symposium on the subject for mental health professionals and community leaders. Perhaps you could consider writing to your MP to add your voice to the calls for urgent action.

Viv Pitts

SCHOOLS OUT @ CORNERSTONE

An exciting new addition is coming to Cornerstone. Starting on Friday 12
September, Cornerstone will be open on Friday afternoons from 3pm to
4.30pm as an after-school space for kids together with parents/carers to wind down at the end of the week and catch up. There will be snacks and Shmoo milkshakes on offer. This is in term-time only.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

There is a new rota for September, October and November on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you are able to help.

NORWOOD BANK HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS

Bramhope Methodist Church will be serving afternoon teas and home baking at Norwood on Monday 25 August from 12 noon to 4 pm, All welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

This informal group meets on a Tuesday morning at 9.30am in Room 1 to pray for people, events and situations locally and worldwide which are of concern.

SCOUT & GUIDE HUT APPEAL

A further £50.63 was donated at Sunday morning coffee during June and July.

Many thanks to all who continue to support this appeal.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Memory Café for those with memory loss, together with a family member, carer or friend, are welcome to the Memory Café in Cornerstone on Wednesday 3 September 2025 from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available. Drop in any time during the morning.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group will resume on Wednesday 3 September at 2pm in Cornerstone. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the moth. All ladies welcome. £2 per meeting.

BREATHE

Our next **Breathe** is on Wednesday 13 August at 7.30pm in Cornerstone. Time to ask questions, to share, hear testimony, be inspired by music, films and reflecting together. A safe space where you can bring along others' who are asking the bigger questions of life. Breathe is free and we love to welcome people exploring faith. This will be our Summer special and will be much more informal. A great opportunity to bring along a friend.

THE METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION

The Methodist Modern Art Collection is coming to the Bradford City of Culture this September. A large selection of artworks will be exhibited in 5 locations across linked with an art trail including Ben Rhydding Church And Woodhouse Grove School.

Exhibition dates: Sunday 14 September to 12 October **Opening Times:** Woodhouse Grove School: Tuesdays 6pm to 9pm / Saturdays

1pm to 6pm Sundays 1pm to 5pm

Ben Rhydding Church: Fridays 11am to 3pm / Saturdays 10am to 4pm / Sundays 2pm to 4pm

For more information please contact Vanessa Thorpe (07483292012) vjnjet@gmail.com (see poster on noticeboard)

CONNECT

The next CONNECT groups are:
Monday at 7.30pm (will resume in September)
Tuesday 12 August at 2.30pm

MEMORIES IN SLOW STITCH

On Friday 26 September from 10am to 4pm at Norwood Chapel, Lucy Stirk and Anne Wood are holding a 'Memories in Slow Stitch' day workshop. It doesn't matter if you can sew or not - this will be a quiet day of stitching and reflection. Bring your own lunch. Everything else will be provided. £35 to cover everything. To book a place contact Lucy Stirk on: lucystirk@gmail.com or 07910 238322. Please share with people who may be interested. Limited places. (see poster on noticeboard)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 22 November from 10a to 12 noon.

Please put the date in your diary.

SUN CLUB

Sun Club for young people will resume in September.

VIVACE

Vivace Youth Choir (aged 7+) meets in the church at 6.15pm during term time.

FRIDAY CLUB

Friday Club will be back on Friday 26 September at 6pm to 7.30pm. All 7 to 13 year olds are welcome.

FRIDAY LIVE

Friday Live (13 to 17 years) will also be back on Friday 26 September 7.30pm to 9pm.

We hope all our young people have a wonderful summer break.

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9.30am to 1.30pm (Closed Wednesday & Sunday)

Copies of the weekly email and Sunday notices can be found on the Weekly Notices page on our website: www.menstonmethodist.org.uk

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