

## **MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH**

*Loving God and loving our neighbours*

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### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday 12 May**

Deacon Liz Day

Christian Aid Sunday

Sun Club

#### **Monday 13 May**

Table Tennis 10am

#### **Tuesday 14 May**

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

#### **Wednesday 15 May**

Breathe 7.30pm

#### **Thursday 16 May**

Vivace 6.30pm

#### **Friday 17 May**

Friday Friendship Group 2pm

#### **Sunday 19 May**

Rev Cameron Stirk

Pentecost

Service in the main hall

3.30pm FaithFest at Christchurch, Ilkley

**Pastoral Charge of Menston Methodist Church during Rev Tim's Sabbatical:  
Rev Cameron Stirk 07981 072277 : thestirks@tiscali.co.uk**

**CHRISTIAN AID**

Christian Aid Week runs from 12 to 18 May. There are Gift Aid envelopes in the pews today and next Sunday. Alternatively, there will be a collecting box in Cornerstone or you can give online using our e-envelope: link available on our website and Facebook page

**PREACHING PLAN**

Copies of the June to August 2024 Preaching Plan are available in the foyer.

**THEMED PREACHING**

**JUSTICE-SEEKING CHURCH**

As a Circuit we are exploring what it means to be justice-seeking using Connexional resources for 'A Justice-seeking Church'. Starting on Sunday 26 May and running throughout June, there will be theme preaching throughout the Circuit. Look out for the six justice prayers we'll be using over these six weeks highlighting justice principles.

We will celebrate stories of countering injustice and challenge ourselves to be justice-seeking in all that we do.

**BREATHE**

The next Breathe is on Wednesday 15 May at 7.30pm in Cornerstone Cafe.

**FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Friday 17 May at 2pm

Contact Maureen Hobson for further information (01943 873573)

**WEDNESDAY GROUP**

The Wednesday Group meetings will resume in September.

**CONNECT GROUPS**

Monday 20 May at 7.30pm

Tuesday 21 May at 2.30pm

Both groups meet in Cornerstone (further information from Jo).

**MEMORY CAFÉ**

In Cornerstone from 10am to 12 noon on:

Wednesday 5 June

### **WALKING GROUP**

Walks will be held on the first Thursday of the month with walks of 5-6 miles. Meet behind Kirklands at 9.30am – a picnic lunch may be required. Further information from Bruce on 01943 511571.

### **GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**

Our General Church Meeting will take place following (a short) morning service on Sunday 16 June. The meeting will be chaired by Rev Cameron Stirk. Please make every effort to attend.

### **MORS BAG SESSION**

On Monday 17 June from 7pm to 9pm Lucy Stirk will be hosting a Mors Bag session at Otley Methodist Church. You are invited to come along and sew up shopping bags that can then be given out to avoid use of plastic bags. The pattern is relatively easy – so come along all sewers and help us make a difference for the planet. If you have a sewing machine – do bring it along. If you haven't no worries – you can help cut out and there may be a couple of machines spare. Please share with other sewers you know – and invite them along. Drinks and light eats will also be available. This is open to anyone.

### **CIRCUIT FAITHFEST**

Our Circuit Service for Pentecost will be held on Sunday 19 May at 3.30pm at Christchurch, Ilkley. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate one of our major festivals together and last year we had a great turnout at this event, but this year we are hoping for even more! The service will provide opportunity to engage in a number of different forms of worship in different parts of the building. It will include refreshments and will finish by 5.30pm. This will be suitable for children and families too and there are lots of different things to engage with and experience – it should be a really wonderful event. Our Chair of District Rev Kerry Tankard will also be with us for this afternoon offering input into the sessions and our worship. Do come along to this mini festival.

### **RECITAL BY THE KENWOOD REASBECK DUO**

**Bramhope Methodist Church**

**Friday 31 May at 3pm**

Elizabeth Kenwood (Oboe and Cor Anglais) and Peter Reasbeck (Piano/keyboard) will give a recital to include music by Handel, Granados and Morricone's 'Gabriel's Oboe on Friday 31 May at 3pm at Bramhope Methodist Church followed by refreshments.

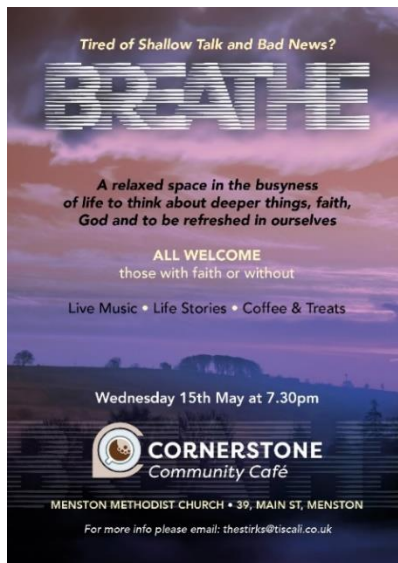
Tickets £10 each tel 0113 2673143 or pay on the door.

**PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE**  
**17 to 26 August 2024**  
*See noticeboard for details*

**MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER**  
**FOR CONISTON HOSTEL, YORKSHIRE DALES**  
**SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

£15 per person, with an option to sleepover at extra cost. People only interested in the afternoon tea are very welcome. Conistone Hostel, Conistone, Upper Wharfedale, BD23 5HS  
*See poster on noticeboard*

**CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm  
Saturday: 9.30am to 1.30pm (Closed Wednesday)



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