

**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 meets on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays during term time.

Saturday 15 December

Rev Kerry Tankard
(Chair of Yorkshire West Methodist District)
Service in the main hall

Monday 16 December

Table Tennis at 10am

Tuesday 17 December

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Wednesday 18 December

Choir rehearsal 7.30p,

Thursday 19 December

Vivace Choir 6.30pm
Blue Service on Zoom 7pm

Sunday 22 December

NO MORNING SERVICE AT MENSTON

4pm Carol Service

Followed by refreshments in the main hall

Sunday 29 December

NO SERVICE AS MENSTON

United Service at Burley at 10.45am

NEW PLAN DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

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

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Please do take a printed Christmas card for yourself and take some to give to friends, family & neighbours. It's great to publicise our Christmas services and people are often looking for something to attend in the run up to Christmas.

The cards are available in the foyer, at Sunday coffee and in Cornerstone.

TOY APPEAL

Thank you for bringing donations of toys and games for our Toy Appeal which have been delivered to Bradford Refugee Action for distribution to families in the area they support. They were very grateful to receive the gifts.

CHURCH CHOIR

There will be a Choir rehearsal on Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm in church. Will choir members please make every effort to attend.

CAROL SERVICE

Donations of mince pies (or stollen bites, etc) would be welcomed for the refreshments following the Carol Service on Sunday 22 December. These can be left in the top kitchen marked 'Carol Service'. Many thanks

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

People will be invited to make their own Christingles at the beginning of the Christingle Service on Tuesday 24 December, but we will still be pre-making some. Help required to do this on Monday 23 December from 2.30pm in Cornerstone – everything provided, no previous experience necessary!

Please let Jalna know if you are able to help.

VIVACE YOUTH CHOIR

The Choir is busy rehearsing for Christmas and looks forward to taking part in the Carol Service on 22 December. They sang 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.

MULTI-SITE CHURCHES PROPOSAL

At the last Circuit Meeting it was agreed to forward a proposal to form two multi-site churches (plus Christchurch LEP) to the local Church Councils for them to decide either to opt in to one of them or to remain as a Church with their own managing trustees. As part of this proposal, we also agreed to develop a roadshow presentation to enable as many people as possible – both managing trustees and church members – to find out more about the proposals before the Church Councils meet to vote on them.

In order not to rush the presentations, to enable the gathering of as much information as possible to inform the presentations and to avoid impacting upon our celebrations for Advent and Christmas, we have decided to move the presentations back to the New Year.

- Presentations will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 7.30pm at Christchurch, Ilkley

Thursday 9 January 2025 at 10.30am at Burley Methodist Church

Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.30pm via zoom

Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 10.30am at Yeadon Methodist Church

- All Church Councils will meet between the 20 January and the 14 February, where votes will be taken on the proposals.

Please can I encourage you to hold this process in your prayers as we seek the wisdom and guidance of God for the future life and mission of the Circuit.

Rev Tim

CONNECT

Monday 13 January at 7.30pm

Tuesday at 2.30pm tbc

Both groups meet in Cornerstone

WEDNESDAY GROUP

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

Wednesday 8 January 2025

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friday Friendship group meets fortnightly at 2pm in the main hall. £2 contribution at each meeting, includes refreshments.

Friday 3 January 2025

Contact Maureen Hobson for further information (01943 873573)

SCOUT & GUIDE HUT FUND RAISING

Over the last 7 weeks you have generously given £51.98 towards the Scout Hut Appeal. The overall total to date is £109,000 – so there is still a long way to go. Thank you for your continuing support.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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: thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

We are very grateful to Lucy Stirk (Rev Cameron's talented wife) for the beautiful Christmas window art in Cornerstone.

Christmas Eve	10am to 12 noon*
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	10am to 12 noon*
Saturday 28 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 December	10am to 12 noon*
New Year's Eve	10am to 12 noon*
New Year's Day	CLOSED

*Drinks & Toasted Teacakes only

We are also grateful to the Cornerstone volunteers who have offered to keep the Café open over the Christmas period.

**If you are on email and do not receive our weekly Church Family News
but would like to, please email:**

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and we will add you to the circulation list or speak to Jalna

*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.*