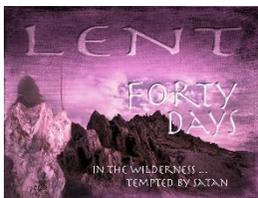


WELCOME TO MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God and loving our neighbours

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THIS WEEK

Our services are at 10.30am unless otherwise notified. Refreshments are served in the main hall after the service (& before on Café Church Sundays)

Sunday 22 February

1st Sunday in Lent

Rev Wendy Walker

Sun Club

Monday 23 February

Table Tennis 10am

Lent Group on Zoom 7pm

Tuesday 24 February

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Lent Group in Cornerstone 2pm

Wednesday 25 February

Worship on Wednesday (WOW) 7.30pm

Thursday 26 February

Vivace 6.15pm

Craftivism 7.30pm

Friday 27 February

Lent Take Time Meditation 9am (on Zoom)

Friday Friendship Group 2pm

Schools Out 3pm

Friday Club 6pm

Friday Live 7.30pm

Sunday 1 March

Café Church
2nd Sunday in Lent
Rev Cameron Stirk
Holy Communion

NEW PREACHING PLAN MARCH TO MAY

Copies of the new preaching plan from March to May are available in the church foyer.

PASTORAL

The funeral service for Ted Lupton will take place on Monday 23 February at 10am at Rawdon Crematorium and afterwards at The Menstone Club.

The funeral service for Elizabeth Forder (Jean Hughes' daughter) will take place on Thursday 26 February at 1pm. Please pray for Nicholas, Charlotte & Georgia Forder and Jean Hughes, following the death of Elizabeth.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Jo & Mark send heartfelt thanks for all the warm sentiments beautiful cards and very generous gifting from dear friends at Menston Methodist Church. We are so grateful and feel very loved and blessed! Thank you.

CHURCH CHOIR

Calling all singers! The choir will be singing at our Church Anniversary Service on Sunday 8 March. Please let Eleanor know if you will be available. A date for a practice tbc.

PANCAKE PARTY

Thanks to all who supported the Pancake Afternoon organised by Lucy and Cameron Stirk in Cornerstone last Tuesday. A wonderful amount of £420 was raised split between Homeless Hampers and WaterAid. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER FAYRE

Our Easter Fayre will take place on **Saturday 21 March** from 10am to 12 noon. Please put the date in your diary. Donations of new/unused gifts or household items, good condition/complete jigsaws and good condition recent paperback books can be left in the box in Cornerstone. Offers of help on the day to Jalna please.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

There is a new rota on the noticeboard for March to May. Please sign up if you can to help.

CRAFTIVISM

What is on your heart? What do you want to stand up for gently in our world? Why not join us for an evening of Craftivism - gentle protest through the use of craft? No particular skills required, just the desire to make a difference! In Cornerstone on **Thursday 26 February** 7.30pm to 9pm. Drinks and refreshments provided. For more details contact Lucy Stirk on lucystirk@gmail.com. There's no need to book - just turn up!

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY – WOW

Informal contemporary worship with live music on **Wednesday 25 February** at 7.30pm in Church. Please note there will be no refreshments.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

Michael Pratt's monthly organ music recitals will take place at 1pm on: **Friday 13 March, Friday 10 April**. Free entry (retiring collection)

LENT

Lent groups will be offered again this year led by Rev Cameron Stirk:
At 7pm on Zoom: Monday 23 February, Monday 2 March, Monday 9 March, Monday 16 March & Monday 23 March, or
At 2pm in Cornerstone: Tuesday 24 February, Tuesday 3 March, Tuesday 10 March, Tuesday 17 March & Tuesday 24 March.

The theme of the sessions will be: "Let go and be open..." Using the gospel readings for Lent we will think creatively about what God is saying to us for this Lent. If you have not tried a group before, we do encourage you to give it a go! **To join either of the groups let Cameron know on 01943 463258 or email thestirks@tioscali.co.uk for the Zoom link.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service prepared by the women of Nigeria drawn from Matthew 11 v 28-30 will take place on **Friday 6 March** at 2pm at Christchurch Ilkley.

BREATHE

The next Breathe will be on **Wednesday 11 March** at 7.30pm in Cornerstone.

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.

CONNECT GROUPS

The Monday and Tuesday Connect Groups will resume after Easter.

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 4 March 2026** from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available.

Drop in any time during the morning.

VIVACE

Vivace Youth Choir (aged 8+) meets in the church at 6.15pm during term time.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month and will next meet on **Wednesday 4 March 2026**. All ladies welcome. £2 per meeting.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Whilst the weather is cold, Friday Friendship Group will meet fortnightly for an hour from 2pm to 3pm in Cornerstone. £2 donation per meeting.

Future dates: **Friday 27 February, Friday 13 March.**

SUN CLUB

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

FRIDAY CLUB

The next Friday Club for 7 to 13 year olds will be on **Friday 27 February** from 6pm to 7.30pm.

FRIDAY LIVE

The next Friday Live for 13 to 17 year olds will be on **Friday 27 February** from 7.30pm to 9pm

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Saturday 9.30am to 12 noon

(Closed Wednesday & Sunday)

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.