

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 meets on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month during term time.

Sunday 30 November

10.30am UNITED SERVICE AT GUISELEY

Followed by The Great Advent Kick Off at 11.30am

3pm Service of Dedication & Transition at Otley Methodist Church

Monday 1 December

Table Tennis 10am

Advent Bible Study

(10am Guiseley / 2pm Yeadon)

Tuesday 2 December

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Ecumenical Advent Study Group

2.30pm (Cornerstone)

Wednesday 3 December

Memory Café 10am

The Beeches Christmas Coffee

Morning 10am

Wednesday Group 2pm

Wednesday continued

Breathe 7.30pm

Choir Practice 7.30pm

Thursday 4 December

Mary Greaves Funeral Service

10.15am

Vivace Youth Choir 6.15pm

Menston Leadership Team 7pm

Friday 5 December

St John's Ecumenical Advent Group

1pm (Parish Room)

Schools Out 3pm

Sunday 7 December

Café Church / Roland Henney / Toy Service

TOY SERVICE

Our Toy Service will take place on **Sunday 7 December**. We are collecting new toys, games & craft items for Bradford Refugee action. They would also welcome gifts of toiletries for adults. Donations can be left in the box in Cornerstone if you are unable to come on 7 December.

ST GEORGE'S CRYPT, LEEDS

Jubilee Action Yorkshire (JOY) is no longer in operation so monetary donations this year will go to St George's Crypt, Leeds to help the homeless. Cash donations should be put in a marked envelope and placed in the Sunday morning collection plate up until **Sunday 14 December**, or left in the office.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Church Christmas cards are now available. Do take one for yourself, others for people you know attached to our congregation, and others for neighbours, friends and family. The only way we can grow our congregation is by being invitational. Play your part this Christmas and invite someone along to one of our services using our Church Christmas card. Many thanks!

CAROL SERVICE

Donations of mince pies for the refreshments after the Carol Service on 14 December would be welcomed. These can be left in the kitchen marked 'Carol Service' or given to Steve or Julie.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Help required for making up the Christingles on **Tuesday 23 December** at 11am in the main hall. Offers of help to Jalna.

PASTORAL

The funeral service for Mary Greaves will take place at Church on **Thursday 4 December** at 10.15am, followed by the Committal at Ilkley Cemetery at 11.30am, and a reception at The Craiglands Hotel. Donations to Wheatfields.

BREATHE

The Christmas Breathe is on **Wednesday 3 December** at 7.30pm in Cornerstone. Breathe is free and we love to welcome people exploring faith.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

Michael's final lunchtime organ music recital this year will take place at 1pm on **Friday 12 December** with a seasonal programme. Free entry.

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE CAROL SERVICE

Will choir member and helpers please note that there will be two rehearsals for the Carol Service: **Wednesday 3 December and Wednesday 10 December at 7.30pm.** Please let Eleanor know if you are unable to attend on either of these dates. The Carol Service is on Sunday 14 December at 4pm.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & TRANSITION AT OTLEY METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday 30 November at 3pm at Otley Methodist Church. As Otley lets go of the ownership of its building and moves on in its ministry and life. This is a Circuit Service with Rev Dr Martyn Atkins preaching.

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.

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 December** from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available. Drop in any time during the morning.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER COFFEE MORNING ADDINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 10am to 11.30am

Addingham will be collecting foodstuffs for the Salvation Army during the morning of the Christmas Cracker event. The Salvation Army are desperate for "every-day" foodstuffs rather than Christmas treats.

Please do come along and support this event, enjoy the refreshments, socialise with your friends and enjoy a spot of Carol singing. Let's make it a great Christmas Cracker Coffee Morning. *See poster on noticeboard.*

ECUMENICAL ADVENT STUDY GROUP

Rev Cameron Stirk is leading an Advent Ecumenical study group for the Chevin Church in Cornerstone on **Tuesday 2, 9, 16 & 23 December** at 2.30pm. It would be good to have a strong Methodist turnout.

This study shall use the Methodist Church's 'Gifted' Christmas campaign.

St John's Menston will be running a house group at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 3, 10 & 17 December** and a Friday Group at 1pm in the Parish Room on **5, 12 & 19 December.** Both groups will be using "Don't be Afraid" - the joy of waiting in times of fear by Rev Rachel Mann. The groups will be run like a book club with reflection questions. All are welcome.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

In Advent, Rev Annie Baker-Sreevy is leading a series of Advent Bible studies under the theme of 'The Weary World Rejoices'. Open to anyone in the Chevin Church (or beyond) they will take place on **Monday 1, 8, 15 & 22 December at 10am at Guiseley Methodist Church Hall and at 2pm at Yeadon Methodist Church Hall**. All are welcome to either location.

ABBEEYFIELD THE BEECHES

Christmas Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 3 December** 10am to 12 noon.
Carols at the Beeches, led by Rev Cameron, **Monday 8 December** 1.30pm.

CONNECT GROUPS

Monday 8 December at 7.30pm (Room 1)
Tuesday at 2.30pm (Cornerstone) tbc

SATURDAY CORNERSTONE

Due to a shortage of volunteers able to work over lunchtime, Cornerstone will now close at 12noon on Saturdays (last orders 11.45am). The breakfast menu only will be served.

VIVACE

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

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Next meets on **Friday 12 December** at 2pm with a Carol Service and will be joined by members of the Wednesday Group.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

Wednesday 3 December at 2pm in Cornerstone. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. All ladies welcome. £2 per meeting.

SUN CLUB

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

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.*