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 money during term time.

Sunday 7 December : 2nd **Sunday in Advent** Roland Henney / Café Church / Toy Service

Monday 8 December

Table Tennis 10am
Advent Bible Study
(10am Guiseley / 2pm Yeadon)
Carols at The Beeches 1.30pm
Connect 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 December

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1) Ecumenical Advent Study Group 2.30pm (Cornerstone)

Wednesday 10 December

Choir Practice 7.15pm
St John's Ecumenical Advent
House Group 7.30pm

Thursday 11 December

Vivace Youth Choir 6.15pm Friday 12 December

Seasonal Organ Music Recital 1pm St John's Ecumenical Advent Group 1pm (Parish Room) Friday Friendship Group/ Wed

riday Friendship Group/ Wed Group Carol Service 2pm Schools Out 3pm

Sunday 14 December
3rd Sunday in Advent
4pm Carol Service
NO MORNING SERVICE AT
MENSTON

Sunday 21 December: 4th Sunday in Advent Michale Noble / Service in the main hall

TOY SERVICE

Our gifts of toys, games, craft items and toiletries will be going to Bradford Refugee Action.

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

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 give 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.

Please invite family & friends to our Christingle Service on **Wednesday 24 December at 4pm**. Christingles will be handed out, but please come early if you wish to make your own.

PASTORAL

We are saddened to learn of the recent death of Edith Daly. Her funeral service will be on Thursday 18 December at 3pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, daughter Claire and their family at this sad time.

Roger Bareham (former local preacher) has also recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are also with his family at this time.

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.

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 7 January 2026** from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available. Drop in any time during the morning.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT STUDY GROUP

Rev Cameron Stirk is leading an Advent Ecumenical study group for the Chevin Church in Cornerstone on **Tuesday 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 10 & 17 December** and a Friday Group at 1pm in the Parish Room on **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 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.

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 and will be joined by members of the Wednesday Group for a Carol Service.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

On Friday 12 December the Wednesday Group will join the Friday Friendship Group for a Carol Service at 2pm. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month and will resume after Christmas on Wednesday 7 January 2026. 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.

FRIDAY CLUB

The Friday Club Christmas Party for 7 to 13 year olds will take place on Friday 2 January from 4pm to 6pm

FRIDAY LIVE

Will be going to the Bradford Life Church Christmas Spectacular on Sunday 14

December at 1pm

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.