

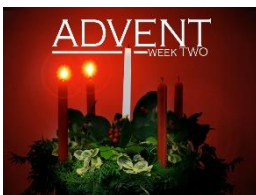
MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Sunday 8 December : Toy Service

Rev Cameron Stirk
Holy Communion
Sun Club

Monday 9 December

Table Tennis at 10am

Tuesday 10 December

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Connect 2.30pm

Thursday 12 December

Vivace Choir 6.30pm

Friday 13 December

Organ Recital 1pm

The Beeches Carol Service 1.45pm

Friday Friendship Group Carol Service 2pm

Saturday 15 December

Rev Kerry Tankard (Chair of Yorkshire West Methodist District)

Service in the main hall

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 will be given to Bradford Refugee Action.

JUBILEEE OUTREACH YORKSHIRE

Today is the last day for monetary donations for Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire. Donations should be put in an envelope marked 'JOY' & put in the collection plate or given to David Brown.

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 will be 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.

CONNECT

Monday 13 January at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 December at 2.30pm

Both groups meet in Cornerstone

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.

We had hoped that these roadshows would take place in the 2nd half of November. However, the Circuit Leadership Team has given more thought to the timescale for both the presentations and the meetings of Church Councils.

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.

We have identified the following timescale for the process of discernment to take place:

- A short invitational video is being shown in Churches on Sundays 1 and 8 December and to be available via the Circuit website for that fortnight. The video will detail the reasons for and timings of the presentations and will offer an opportunity for all church members to attend a presentation to find out more about the proposals.

- 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

ADVENT GROUPS

Advent groups will meet on Tuesday afternoons in person at Otley Methodist Church from 2pm to 3.15pm or on Zoom at 7pm to 8.15pm. On Tuesdays 3, 10 & 17 December. To book a place or get the link contact Cameron:

thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

Michael's monthly lunchtime organ recitals on the 2nd Friday of the month
from 1pm to 1.30pm (free entry):
Friday 13 December

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group for ladies meets on the first Wednesday of the month
at 2pm (£2 per meeting):
Members are invited to the Carol Service on Friday 13 December with the
Friday Friendship Group.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friday Friendship group meets fortnightly at 2pm in the main hall.
£2 contribution at each meeting, includes refreshments.
Friday 6 December – Andre Rieu and Orchestra
Friday 13 December – Carol Service
Contact Maureen Hobson for further information (01943 873573)

CAROL SERVICE AT THE BEECHES

Rev Cameron has been asked to lead a Carol Service at The Beeches on Friday
13 December at 1.45pm. If anyone wants to come along to swell the singing,
then feel free to do so.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

There is a new rota on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8 December at 10.30am : Toy Service
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

*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.*