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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 9 February

Rev Tim Perkins Café Church

Monday 10 February

Table Tennis at 10am Connect Group 7.30pm **Tuesday 11 February** Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1) Connect Group 2.30pm **Thursday 13 February** Vivace Youth Choir 6.30pm **Friday 14 February** Organ Recital 1pm

Friday Friendship Group 2pm

Sunday 16 February

Rev Cameron Stirk Holy Communion Sun Club

NEW PREACHING PLAN

Copies of the preaching plan for March to May are available in the foyer.

CHURCH GIVING

Please take time to read and prayerfully consider the enclosed letter from Rev Cameron and David Brown. Further copies are available in the foyer.

SAFEGUARDING – DBS CHECKS

A number of people need to renew their DBS (safeguarding check) in order to fulfil their roles in church working with children, young people or older adults. If that is you, please come along to Cornerstone on Tuesday
18 February between 3pm to 4.30pm where Cameron will have computer access and do the forms with you. All you need to bring is 3 pieces of identification (passport, driving license, marriage/birth certificate or official letters with your address on - within 3 months of date). We hope to get a number of these done through the afternoon to keep everyone safe. If this applies to you do try and make this a priority.

LENT & EASTER

- Ash Wednesday Service at Menston on Wednesday 5 March at 7pm.
- Easter Day short service of Holy Communion on Sunday 20 April at 9am followed by light breakfast in Cornerstone, then the 10.30am service.
- Lent Groups: Mondays on Zoom at 7pm 10 March to 14 April. Tuesdays in-person in Cornerstone at 2.30pm - 11 March to 15 April. To join either group let Cameron know 01943 463258

STONES IN THE WILDERNESS

Is a daily Lent and Holy Week Meditation and Contemplation devotional exercise which the Rev David Halstead has produced for a number of years. You need to be on email to take part. See poster on noticeboard.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Easter Fayer will take place on Saturday 12 April from 10am to 12 noon. Please put the date in your diary.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

Michael's monthly recitals of organ music resume on Friday 14 February at 1pm. Free admission (retiring collection). All welcome

CIRCUIT PRAYER PROJECT – PRAYERS FOR YOUNG MINDS

The December Circuit Meeting adopted a proposal that 2025 would be for us a year of prayer for children and young people, with particular focus on their mental wellbeing.

Each Sunday in every church a special prayer will be included in the intercessions. A team of prayer writers is being recruited to cover all 52 Sundays. Anyone wishing to contribute is warmly invited to contact Viv Pitts <u>vivienpitts69@gmail.com</u> Additionally it is hoped to produce a resource for prayers at home. In due course there will be a special page on the Circuit website where information and prayers can be found. We shall be including prayers for our Circuit Youth and Children's workers and their activities, and no doubt we shall all learn more about these during the year.

DOOR STEWARDS

There is a new rota for door stewards (welcomers) for February to May. Copies are available in the foyer, if you haven't received one yet (for those on the rota). Very many thanks to those who provide a friendly welcome to people attending our church services. If you would be interested in joining the next rota, please speak to Jalna.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

There is a new rota on the noticeboard in the corridor for March to May. Please sign up is you are able to help. We are delighted the Sue and Hilary took the plunge recently and joined the rota and did a great job.

BREATHE

Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm in Cornerstone.

Time to ask questions, to share, hear testimony, be inspired by music, films and being together. A safe space where you can bring along others who are asking the bigger questions of life. Breathe is free and we love to welcome people exploring faith.

FOREST CHURCH

There will be a Forest Church on Saturday 1 March at 3pm at The White House, Otley Chevin. Particularly suitable for families – please come dressed for the weather. Further information from Rev Cameron 01943 463 258

CONNECT

Monday 10 February at 7.30pm Tuesday 11 February at 2.30pm Both groups in Cornerstone with Rev Cameron

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. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group for ladies meets on the first Wednesday of the month

at 2pm (£2 per meeting): Wednesday 5 March Wednesday 2 April

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friday Friendship group meets fortnightly at 2pm in the main hall. £2 contribution at each meeting, includes refreshments. Friday 14 February : Outnumbered (video) Friday 28 February : Lunch out

MEMORY CAFÉ

Memory Café for those with memory loss are welcome to the Memory Café in Cornerstone on Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available. Please feel free to drop in any time during the morning.

FRIDAY CLUB

Friday Club for 7 to 13 year olds will meet on Friday 28 February from 6pm to 7.30pm.

FRIDAY LIVE

Friday Live for 13 to 17 year olds will meet on Friday 28 February from 7.30pm to 9pm.

SUN CLUB

Sun Club for young people meets in Cornerstone during morning service on the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} and 5^{th} Sundays of the month during term time.

VIVACE

Vivace Youth Choir (aged 7 and upwards) meets on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm during term time.

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.30pm (Closed Wednesday)