

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

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THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 April

Lindsey Hurst

Monday 22 April

Table Tennis 10am

Tuesday 23 April

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Easter Offering Service at Guiseley 2.15pm

Connect 7.30pm

Thursday 27 April

Vivace 6.30pm

Friday 26 April

Friday Club at the Farm 6pm

Friday Live 7.30pm

Sunday 28 April

Rev Tim Perkins

Holy Communion

Sun Club

This will be Tim's last service at Menston

SABBATICAL COVER & STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

You may be aware that from 1 September Rev Tim Perkins' role within our Circuit will be changing. Tim has been appointed as the Superintendent of the Skipton and Grassington Circuit (a 0.3fte role) in addition to his continuing role as Superintendent of the Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit. As a result, Tim will cease to express pastoral charge of Menston Methodist Church. This will pass to Rev Cameron Stirk. Tim will continue to express pastoral charge of Burley in Wharfedale Methodist Church.

Tim was due for his next sabbatical to take place during the connexional year 2024-25 but due to the changes in his role from Sept our District Chair and District Sabbaticals Group has agreed that Tim can bring his sabbatical forward a few months. Tim will therefore be on Sabbatical from May 1st. He will return to work on Monday 12 August. During Tim's sabbatical the following arrangements will be in place to cover his responsibilities:

Pastoral Charge of Menston Methodist Church:
Rev Cameron Stirk (07981 072277 : thestirks@tiscali.co.uk)

Pastoral Charge of Burley in Wharfedale Methodist Church:
Rev Shannon DeLaureal
(01943 430345 : shannon.delaureal@methodist.org.uk)

Acting Circuit Superintendent:

Rev Roger Smith (07743 533577 : roger.smith@methodist.org.uk)

Chair of Circuit Invitations Committee: Rev Cameron Stirk

Oversight of Local Preachers Meetings and Issues, and Circuit Plan Making:

Rev Roberta Topham (01943 607870 : rev.robertatopham@gmail.com)

Oversight of Circuit Lay Employment : Rev Roberta Topham

The next few months will also see the start of the stationing process for appointments from Sept 2025. This process will include the current invitations for Rev's Roger Smith and Roberta Topham. Please pray for Roger and Roberta and the Circuit Invitations Committee as they do their work to discern the next steps in ministry for both Roger and Roberta and for the Circuit. Please also pray for the Vacancy Committee at Christchurch as it works through the process of appointing a URC Minister to follow on from Roberta.

PASTORAL

Margaret Hill is very grateful for the prayers and concern whilst she has been in hospital. Thankfully she is now back home.

We continue to remember in our prayers those in need at this time and in particular those struggling with health problems.

CONNECT

Monday 20 May at 7.30pm

Tuesday 23 April at 2.30pm

Both groups meet in Cornerstone (further information from Jo).

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Meets fortnightly in the main hall at 2pm

Friday 3 May (outing)

WEDNESDAY GROUP

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the main hall at 2pm

Wednesday 1 May

MEMORY CAFÉ

Wednesday 1 May 10am to 12 noon

WALKING GROUP

Walks will be held on the first Thursday of the month (2 May) with walks of 5-6 miles. Meet behind Kirklands at 9.30am – a picnic lunch may be required.

Further information from Bruce on 01943 511571.

MENSTON SCOUT HUT

The Scouts & Guides are collecting 20ps and small change as part of the fundraising for a new Scout hut. There is a collecting bowl at coffee if you would like to help. To date we have raised £56. Many thanks.

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE

Will take place on Tuesday 23 April at 2.15pm at Guiseley Methodist Church led by Rev Cayte Norman using the theme Let Justice Roll.

CHILDREN'S WORKER APPOINTED

We are delighted to announce that the Circuit has appointed Hester Ayling as Children's Worker. She will be supporting children's activities in Bramhope, Guiseley and Yeadon as part of a ministry team with minister Roger Smith and activities organiser Jean Snaith.

Hester grew up in Addingham and now lives with her family in Yeadon. She has worked as a primary teacher and has lots of experience working with young children in church. She is a member at the Mosaic church in Leeds. Hester is looking forward to starting her new job on 15 April.

'GRAVE TALK'

A time to get together to talk about life, death, dying and funerals on Monday 29 April at 3pm in Christchurch Café led by Judy Dixon and Roberta Topham and the pastoral team. Helen Witham will also be there to answer practical questions about arranging a funeral -of any kind.

We shall be using materials from the Church of England, the URC and the website "Mortalitea" (which offers for those who want it, a guide to help plan ahead).

Everyone is welcome and there will be opportunity to share experiences for those who wish to. For more information please speak to Roberta.

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

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



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.