

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God and loving our neighbours

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THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 April

Rev Keith Reed
Sun Club

Monday 15 April

Table Tennis 10am
Connect 7.30pm

Tuesday 16 April

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)
Defibrillator Training 6.30pm

Wednesday 17 April

Breathe 7.30pm

Friday 19 April

Friday Friendship Group 2pm

Sunday 21 April

Lindsey Hurst
Service in the hall

**Copies of the next preaching plan from March to May 2024
are available in the foyer.**

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.

BREATHE

The next Breathe will be held in Cornerstone on Wednesday 17 April
at 7.30pm in Cornerstone

CONNECT

Monday 15 April 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 19 April : The Last of the Summer Wine (film)

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

We are looking for some volunteers to open up Cornerstone, serve tea & coffee and lock up afterwards. If a few people volunteer this may be just once every 2 to 3 months on a Wednesday morning. Please contact Jo Dixon if you are interested or would like more information. This might suit someone who already works in Cornerstone.

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Yorkshire Ambulance Service will run a training session on using the defibrillator on Tuesday 16 April at 6.3pm in Room 2. It will last about one hour and is free. **If you would like to attend please contact Charlotte on**

07714 043650 or email: willowhaye@btinternet.com

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.

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.



Menston *Memory Café* Cornerstone Café



Menston Methodist Church

Main Street, Menston, LS29 6NB

Free entry and complimentary refreshments

Drop in between 10am and 12pm

3rd April - Alzheimer's Society offering advice & support - including a light lunch provided by Cornerstone and Home Instead.

1st May - Scam Prevention & Awareness with Kay - followed by bingo!

5th June - Chair Aerobics with Home Instead.



Tired of Shallow Talk and Bad News?

BREATHE

A relaxed space in the busyness of life to think about deeper things, faith, God and to be refreshed in ourselves

ALL WELCOME
those with faith or without

Live Music • Life Stories • Coffee & Treats

Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm

CORNERSTONE
Community Café

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For more info please email: thestirks@iscali.co.uk or jodixonmethodistchurch@gmail.com

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 1.30pm (Closed Wednesday)