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 for young people will resume in September.

Sunday 17 August

Rev Cameron Stirk
Holy Communion in the hall
(The Baptism will now take place on 19 October)

Monday 18 August
Table Tennis at 10am

Tuesday 19 August

Prayer Time 9.30am (Room 1)

Sunday 24 August

Joan Bosomworth

Sunday 31 August

10.45am United Service at Burley at 10.45am led by Rev Shannon DeLaureal.

NO SERVICE AT MENSTON

6pm (note revised time) Welcome Service for Rev Annie Baker-Streevey & Rev Wendy Walker at Yeadon. The service will be led by Rev Tim Perkins & Rev Kerry Tankard.

NEW PREACHING PLAN: SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

Copies are available in the foyer

SCHOOLS OUT @ CORNERSTONE

An exciting new addition is coming to Cornerstone. Starting on Friday 12 September, Cornerstone will be open on Friday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm as an after-school space for kids together with parents/carers to wind down at the end of the week and catch up. There will be snacks and Shmoo milkshakes on offer. This is in term-time only.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

There is a new rota for September, October and November on the noticeboard. Please sign up if you are able to help.

NORWOOD BANK HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS

Bramhope Methodist Church will be serving afternoon teas and home baking at Norwood on Monday 25 August from 12 noon to 4 pm. All welcome.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC RECITALS

Michael's monthly recitals will resume on Friday 10 October from 1pm to 1.30pm. Free entry with retiring collection. These will also be held on the 2nd Friday of the month in November, December, February, March & April.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP: ALPHA CHALLENGE!

Those who came last Sunday were blessed to have shared in the service led by Jo Dixon & Sue White, with Liz (piano & vocals), together with Claire & Freya (Alpha Alumni) who gave testimonies to the power of attending an Alpha course in the safe environment of Cornerstone and the changes it is making to their lives.

The use of Cornerstone for Alpha and Breathe has become an important tool in drawing non-church going people to explore the Christian faith. Jo will be running a new Alpha course starting in January 2026 and we have been challenged to spread the word and tell everyone we know about it. The most unlikely people often say 'yes' and sign up. So remember to drop it into your conversations with friends and neighbours - you never know who might just be waiting for that nudge!

WEDNESDAY GROUP

The Wednesday Group will resume on Wednesday 3 September at 2pm in Cornerstone. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the moth. All ladies welcome. £2 per meeting.

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.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Will meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 2pm in the main hall for social afternoons - music, videos, games, quizzes, etc, in discussion with members - starting on Friday 12 September. £2 per meeting.

JOB OPPORTUNITY MISSIONAL WELLBEING PIONEER (NPNP OTLEY)

See poster on noticeboard for details – closing date 1 September 2025.

KATHERINE HODSON PRAYER MEETING UPDATE MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7pm ON ZOOM

Katherine Hodson (daughter of members at Otley, Keith & Christine Hodson) is serving overseas with a Christian charity as part of her commitment to God. She is hosting an update for her work through a prayer meeting on Monday 8 September at 7pm. If anyone wants the Zoom link to join in this time of news sharing and prayer, please contact Cameron on thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

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 3 September 2025 from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments, activities and support available. Drop in any time during the morning.

FOREST CHURCH

We are meeting at 3pm on Saturday 13 September at the White House on Otley Chevin (access for cars off Birdcage Walk, then Johnny Lane and up the drive where there is car parking available). The track is narrow and unmarked, but people are allowed to drive up and when you get to the opened green gate (on right) keep going up the track even though it says 'No authorised access'. Forest Church is an outdoors expression of worship, community, exploration and learning. It's suitable particularly for families and there is always an element of discovery in the natural world. Do dress for the weather. We sing, pray, play games, find things, make things and have delicious refreshments! It's all free. Our theme this session is 'Wow! what an amazing world!' Do come along or signpost those families you know locally to come along and share in the fun. For more information contact Cameron on:

01943 463258 or 07981 072277 or thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

THE METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION

Exhibition dates: Sunday 14 September to 12 October

Opening Times: Woodhouse Grove School: Tuesdays 6pm to 9pm / Saturdays

1pm to 6pm Sundays 1pm to 5pm

Ben Rhydding Church: Fridays 11am to 3pm / Saturdays 10am to 4pm /

Sundays 2pm to 4pm

For more information please contact Vanessa Thorpe (07483292012) vinjet@gmail.com (see poster on noticeboard)

CONNECT

The next CONNECT groups are:
Monday 22 September at 7.30pm (Room 1)
Tuesday 9 September at 2.30pm (Cornerstone)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 22 November from 10a to 12 noon.

Please put the date in your diary.

SUN CLUB

Sun Club for young people will resume in September.

VIVACE

Vivace Youth Choir (aged 7+) meets in the church at 6.15pm during term time.

FRIDAY CLUB

Friday Club will be back on Friday 26 September at 6pm to 7.30pm.

All 7 to 13 year olds are welcome.

FRIDAY LIVE

Friday Live (13 to 17 years) will also be back on Friday 26 September 7.30pm to 9pm.

We hope all our young people have a wonderful summer break.

CORNERSTONE OPENING HOURS

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

Copies of the weekly email and Sunday notices can be found on the Weekly Notices page on our website: www.menstonmethodist.org.uk

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.