

**MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Sadly, we no longer have this opportunity to share with you information about activities at our Church as these have been closed indefinitely to protect everyone during the Coronavirus pandemic.

If you have been used to looking at this section of our website we plan to continue for the time being, if only to provide news which may be of interest whilst you are feeling isolated from friends and usual activities.

**The front page of our website will be regularly updated with important information and spiritual support – ways of worshipping at home etc.**

**NEWS OF A BEREAVEMENT**

Please keep Janet Gaunt and her family, Kevin, Steve and Jane, in your thoughts and prayers following the death of her husband Ken. They hope to hold a Thanksgiving Service for his life later in the Summer.

Janet is a member of our Church choir and we are aware that the loss of companionship and joy of singing is a further loss. She can be assured that there will be support from Church in an appropriate way.

**CHURCH FINANCES**

Your continued financial support is really important at this time. It may seem a small thing in the grand scheme right now, but it does matter that you maintain your giving, as long as you are financially able. This is a great time to re-examine giving by direct debit or standing order. Even the healthiest congregations can find themselves in a financial hole after just a few Sundays of missed offerings. Many of our external lettings which bring vital income into the Church have already cancelled bookings. So please speak to Rev Tim or David Brown our Treasurer to find out how you can best make your payments. Even if the building is empty, bills and salaries need to be paid; what's more, you're helping your church maintain mission commitments to the community in a time when that commitment is more important than ever. Our churches will be encouraged to increase the size of their Benevolent Fund in order to be able to provide financial assistance to those in need.

Telephone contact : Rev Tim Perkins      01943 864187  
   David Brown              01943 873875

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

If you are in the practice of donating through the collection bins at Church we may be able to provide an opportunity to continue and an update will be provided on the front page of our website. Donations are needed more than ever with shortages in the supermarkets as a result of panic buying. The current list is: tinned meat, long life fruit juice, tinned spaghetti, cereals, tinned fruit, rice pudding.

At the moment your gifts are supporting Leeds North and West Foodbank.

**PASTORAL CARE**

Jo Dixon, our Lay Pastor, and Deacon Liz Day will be continuing to offer their support. This may be a telephone conversation or a home visit. Please do not feel that you are coping alone, particularly if you have no family support at the present time. We would also encourage you to extend your care to church family members and neighbours who are feeling vulnerable and isolated. Just a telephone call helps.

There contact numbers are:

Jo      01943 873245

Liz     01943 831625

**THE CHURCH MISSION**

**Loving God and Loving our Neighbours**

Our calling is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ  
and to live as his followers.

We do this through worship, learning and caring,  
service, and evangelism.