

MENSTON METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY NOTICES 16th March - updated 24th March

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.

From this update the weekly Notices will be discontinued until such time as our lives and activities return to normal.

The front page of our website will be regularly updated with important information and spiritual support – ways of worshipping at home etc. You can also find us on Menston Methodist Facebook.

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 appropriate ways.

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 and we will miss important income from lettings and Cornerstone Cafe. So please speak to Rev Tim or David Brown our Treasurer to find out how you can make your payments (Not cash please). 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 this 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. Thank you

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

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As we are now required to close the Church premises until further notice, sadly, there can be no facility to drop off your food donations. Hopefully the current situation will increase rather than reduce our regular support.

If you have contributed food donations for Leeds North & West using the bins at Church you are encouraged to change to financial contributions for the time being, using the following

Account number: 20357911

Sort code: 60-83-01

If you prefer to make a donation by cheque please make this payable to Leeds North and West Foodbank and post to: LN&WFB, 62a Burley Road, Leeds, LS3 1JX

Until such time as we resume our Sunday Worship and can make financial contributions to the Ilkley & Otley Foodbanks (donations for after Service refreshments) perhaps you could support using the collecting points at local Supermarkets.

PASTORAL CARE

Jo Dixon, our Lay Pastor, and Deacon Liz Day will be continuing their support and able to have telephone conversations, either to support you or to respond if you feel someone else is in need. Please do not feel that you are coping alone. There will also be a growing network of care involving members of the church family.

Contact numbers:

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.