

### Haworth Mini-Market

For more than 30 years the congregation at Haworth has held "mini markets" as a service to the community & to raise funds. The next will be on **Easter Monday** from 10.30am. A particular feature are hot lunches at reasonable prices & there are usually several stalls. As the congregation is very small it is no longer possible to run many stalls but other churches are more than welcome to put on a stall for their own funds. As many appear to be struggling to pay the circuit share this may be a way to help. Although not in the centre of the village we are on the tourist trail. Contact Hazel on 646038 if you would like a stall.

### Oakworth Spring Market

Saturday 11th April  
10.00-1.00 Stalls, Coffee, Meat & Potato Pie and Pea Lunch. Please ring 01535 215784 to book your lunch.

### Connecting Disciples

Monday 27th April 10-4 at Oxford Place, Leeds. A resource day event for all people in the Methodist Church. Main speaker: Roger Walton. To book a place please register with Sian Henderson: 01904 786275  
yorkhullsecretary@btinternet.com

### Easter Poem

Emerging life  
No longer hidden  
Hard cold earth fractured  
As green tips splinter through  
  
Yellow flashes  
purple candles lighten  
Dark brown soil shifted  
Easing spring fresh bursts  
  
Minds alerted to hope  
Darkness has done  
It's care and duty  
Dispelled for a while  
  
Obscurity was needed  
To protect nurture  
But now sounds  
Of Spring break forth

So it is with Easter

Death abolished  
Life eternal in love  
Flourishes at God's hand

**Ruth Crompton, Easter 2015**

**Many thanks** to the Eldwick folk who organised the Circuit Quiz which was held at Bingley on 21st March. It was a fun evening with some challenging questions. The refreshments were much appreciated.

Please submit any items for the May newsletter by Monday April 20th.

Send items by email to [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto:news@airedalemethodists.org) or phone 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road Silsden, Keighley BD20 0BN

Gerald Crompton, Editor

**Thursday April 9th 2pm** at Silsden Methodist Church. Family Film Fun with Easter Egg Hunt (a free event).

**Friday April 24th 7pm** at Silsden Methodist Church. Cobbydale Screens present a film night.

### Tour de Yorkshire

We have another cycle race to prepare for!

The Tour de Yorkshire is, surprisingly, coming through the Airedale Circuit but in the opposite direction to the Tour de France and on a different route. It will be coming through Oxenhope, Haworth, Oakworth, Crosshills and Silsden, although not directly past all the churches.

On the morning of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May there will be 2 amateur races riding through with potentially thousands of riders on open roads. The main race will be coming through the circuit around 3-3.30pm and there will be rolling road closures.



### Easter Day 5th April 6.00am

Sunrise Service at Farnhill Pinnacle

### Sunday 26th April

3pm at Cullingworth Methodist Church

Easter Offering dedication service.

All are warmly invited to attend.

What are we doing in Silsden?

Our morning worship will be an hour early, at 9.30am, with Rev Ruth Crompton. Following that we will be showing the races on the big screen, serving food all day (including Yorkshire Puddings!) and there will be a few stalls and children's activities.

There will be Yorkshire flags decorating the town and some activities near the band stand. Yorkshire roses and decorated bikes will adorn the church both inside and out.

Look forward to seeing some of you there

Eileen and William Jowitt

## Chaplaincy is:

Present, pastoral and prophetic  
Away from church buildings  
Rooted in God's mission  
Reflecting God's caring heart  
A response to the Holy Spirit's promptings  
Sent and authorised by the Church  
Conversations on the move  
A ministry of careful listening

## Oakworth Panto success

Humpty has fallen off his wall for the final time and the lessons he learned from being granted so much power simply by wishing for anything he wanted have been shared with almost 1200 people in our audiences. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the fantastic success of another pantomime - which raised over £4,000 for the ongoing work of the church.

As a Circuit we are offering the Methodist Course 'Chaplaincy Everywhere' to anyone interested in learning more about chaplaincy in their towns, communities and workplaces.

Saturday April 25th at Keighley Shared Church 9.30am for 9.45 start - 2.30pm bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

Further details can be obtained from Deacon Claire on 01535 431291  
clairegill1@hotmail.com



If you are keen and want to peruse the course at your leisure you can download the whole course from: [www.methodist.org.uk/mission/chaplaincy/the-chaplaincy-everywhere-course](http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/chaplaincy/the-chaplaincy-everywhere-course)

### The Proms on the Farm Team invite you to two events:

**Saturday 18th April 7.00pm**  
at Silsden Methodist Church.

A Magical Evening of live entertainment with songs from the shows, classical and folk music, featuring local artists.

**Friday 8th May 8.30pm** at Sunny Bank Social Club, Silsden. A Grand Charity event featuring the Big Bang playing live music from the 60s.

Admission to each event is £6. Tickets from Twiggs Newsagents or pay on the door.

Proceeds for Manorlands Hospice (Sue Ryder Care) and Silsden Methodist Church.

**Saturday 9th May 7.30pm** at Ilkley Baptist Church. Concert by the Hall Royd Brass Band in aid of the Beamsley Project. More info from Eileen Jowitt.

## Flower Festival

Bingley Methodist Church is holding a Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday (29/30/31 August) with a theme of poetry. There will be flowers to admire, art work to scrutinize, food to eat, objects and articles to view and more.

At 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 August we are having a Songs of Praise Service in celebration of the Flower Festival and need the Circuit's help. In between the singing of the hymns we are hoping to have readings of favourite poems.

As many of you from the Circuit do join us at the Festival we are asking if any of you would like to read your favourite poem at the service and maybe say why it is your favourite (but this bit is not compulsory).

At this time it is just something to be thinking about, but we will be asking again.

## Libraries

After the success of the library link at Cullingworth Methodist Church, it is now hoped that Lees, Haworth and Oxenhope will also be able to provide some form of library service in the near future to replace the loss of the Mobile library service. This is a real opportunity to reach out to our communities and provide something practical and pastoral. To this end if there are any budding librarians out there across the circuit who might be willing to offer some time to this scheme Claire would love to hear from you. We are also hoping to offer a Jigsaw exchange service so if anyone has any unwanted Jigsaws (hopefully with all the pieces) Claire will gladly take them off your hands and find them a good home.