

## Roger Walton elected as Methodist President for 2016/17

The Methodist Conference has elected the Revd Dr Roger Walton to be President of the Conference in 2016/17, and Ms Rachel Lampard to be Vice-President. Both will start their year of office when the Conference meets in London on 2 July 2016. For ten years Roger was the Director of the Open Learning Centre, and for eleven years the Director of the Wesley Study Centre in Durham. He is currently the Chair of the West

Yorkshire Methodist District and the Methodist representative to the General Synod of the Church of England. "This is a wonderful gift from the Church and I am deeply honoured," said Roger. "I owe so much to the Methodist people and have learned the way of Jesus in this church. I hope to encourage us to continue to be a learning, loving and outward looking community for transformation of the world."

## Diary Dates

**Saturday 1** 7pm at Ilkley Road Methodist Church. Yorkshire Day Celebrations including the Great Yorkshire Quiz (teams of four or join up on the night), Yorkshire Pudding, Yorkshire Parkin, Yorkshire Poems, Yorkshire Songs. Tickets £2 including supper, from Craven Towler, Gordon Dean, Kath Hargreaves or Christine Scott or buy on the night.

**Tuesday 11** Kath Neal (of Marsh Methodist Church) invites you to her 23rd Annual Coffee Day + Bring & Buy at Sowdens Farm Cottage, Dimples Lane, Haworth, BD22 8QS. 10.30am - 4.30pm and 6.30pm - 9.00pm Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac. All proceeds to Manorlands.

**Sunday 30** Open house and garden at Intake Bungalow, Park Lane, Cowling from 2pm - 4.30pm(ish). Bring and buy, raffle. Suggested donation £3 (or a couple for £5). Tell your friends and bring them along. Proceeds for work at St Andrews Church.

**Monday 31** Bank Holiday mini market at Haworth Methodist Church, starts at 10.30am.

**Ruth and Gerald invite you** to our Manse Open Day (55 Woodside Road Silsden BD20 0BN). August 6th 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm. Come and share with us. Refreshments served, bring and buy stall. All proceeds will go to The Welcome Project in Keighley. Thanks for your support, we will be open come rain or shine!

## Flower Festival - Bingley Methodist Church

As you can see in the adjacent advert, we at Bingley are holding a Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

As part of the weekend we are having an Evening Service on the Sunday which will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise' with, hopefully, readings of favourite poems by friends in the Circuit.

If you feel you could choose and read a poem and maybe tell us why it is special to you, would you please get in touch with Joyce Dykes at [joyce@nabjoy.plus.com](mailto:joyce@nabjoy.plus.com) or ring her on 01274 552024 before Wednesday 19 August. We hope you will take part in helping us celebrate this event.



**Bingley Methodist Church**  
Herbert Street, off Mornington Road  
[www.bingleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bingleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

# Flower Festival

## "Poetic Inspirations"

**Saturday 29 August** - 10 am to 4 pm  
**Sunday 30 August** - 12 noon to 6 pm  
Bank Holiday **Monday 31 August** - 10 am to 4pm

 *Hot lunches served on Saturday and Monday*  
*Cold food on Sunday*

Exhibitions

Refreshments and Stalls

**Sunday Services:**  
10.30 am Morning Worship  
6.00 pm Songs of Praise

**Entry Free!**

## WOMEN'S CONVENTION

COME AND ENJOY A DAY OF DRAMA, SONGS, POETRY  
ETC WITH THE THEME "BUILDING BRIDGES"

Saturday 19th September 10am-3pm

ST. ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH, COWLING

SPEAKERS:

REVD RUTH CROMPTON, REVD ROSEMARY NASH,  
REVD BARBARA WALLS & MRS CARLEEN RICHARDSON

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP BY 31st August to

ANNE PEARSON 635612 or ADELAIDE KANU 635140

## Concert at Ilkley Road Methodist Church

Saturday 19th September 7.30pm

**Airedale Male Voice Choir**

Tickets will be available at £6 each

from 01535 607433

### Action for Children Store Collection at Morrisons

There were 7 churches involved in the recent store collection, and the sum raised was £371.75. Grateful thanks to those who collected and to those who gave.

Judith & Maurice Baren

**There will be a concert** by the renowned accordionist, Thom Hardaker at St Andrew's, Cowling, on Friday 18th September at 7pm. Colne Ladies' Choir will also perform. Price £8 (Concessions £6) to include refreshments in the interval. For more information and tickets (please book in advance if possible) contact Anne Pearson 01535 635612 [apearson840@gmail.com](mailto:apearson840@gmail.com) or Edna Smith 01535 632487 [e.smith641@btinternet.com](mailto:e.smith641@btinternet.com). Posters will follow.

**On September 25th** there will be a Macmillan coffee morning at Cowling.

COMING THIS AUTUMN

### Mission Shaped Introduction

A 6 week course about faith, mission and outreach.

Beginning in October

Are you interested in reaching out into our communities?

Then this course is for you and your church.

Watch this space for more details

**The request here** is copied from the Facebook page for **ArtServe**, an organisation which promotes and supports the use of creative arts in Christian worship:

Here is a request for the stitchers among our membership. Touchstone is a project doing interfaith work with women in Bradford and beyond. The project have recently acquired premises formerly lived in by the Dewhurst family who the stitchers among you may recognise as a name producing cotton reels and threads particularly the old wooden reels and bobbins. I have information from Barbara Glasson from the Touchstone Project as follows:

As part of our fundraising efforts we want to collect as many of these old cotton reels as we can - with or without thread! We would like to collect and auction a whole set of the D numbers! Can you rummage through your sewing boxes and see what lurks there? It would be brilliant if you could! And it would be truly brilliant if we can return the textile heritage to its former home (The Touchstone community is learning to weave!) The address is 32 Merton Road, Bradford - the more reels we receive the happier we will be!

If you are able to help with this please send the reels direct to Touchstone at the address above. Do mention Artserve when you send your bobbins so that they know we are supporting their project. Thank you and happy hunting.

Please submit any items for the September newsletter by Monday August 17th to Gerald Crompton (Editor) [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto:news@airedalemethodists.org) or phone 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road, Silsden, Keighley BD20 0BN. If you would be like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to the Editor.