

On behalf of myself and the family of the late Rev'd Jacky Hale, we would like to express our deepest thanks to the people of the Airedale Circuit for their expressions of love, friendship and prayers for us all during the last 7 months. We would also like to say thank you for all the cards, gifts of flowers and personal visits during that testing period. It was good to have such a large turnout for Jacky's Thanksgiving Service on 6th January and we truly valued the support given on a very sad but uplifting afternoon. Best wishes and grateful thanks

Frank Hale

**The District initiative "The Story of Light"** aims to inspire the churches in its circuits to grow in their confidence to share their faith stories with others.

In the Airedale Circuit, the leadership team has a vision of our faith stories reaching out into the communities in which our churches are situated. We want our churches to "shine that little bit brighter" ... raising awareness of who and where we are..... reminding our communities that we are **their** church ..... showing our care and commitment to the communities we serve....

To do this we are "showering" our communities with gifts, positive messages, love and prayer. Following on from the magnets that were distributed during Advent, we will be asking each church to deliver small packets of seeds to the houses and businesses closest to their place of worship at the beginning of Lent.

We pray that these small gestures might build in momentum; perhaps culminating in a church community event to which **all** are invited. We pray that in this way we might begin a "season of return" piquing people's interest as to what church is all about.

There will be more detailed information coming to churches very soon but we ask that you begin to pray about this initiative (if you're not doing so already) and be ready to respond with enthusiasm when the seeds arrive!

Let's be salt in our communities..... bringing out the "God-flavours" .....

Let's be light in our communities..... illuminating the "God-colours" .....

## Diary Dates

The diary looks sparse this month but all churches are engaged in Church Councils and so the Circuit whilst busy in a local way is quieter in another!

**9 Feb** 7.30pm Local Preachers at Bingley

**12 Feb** Racial Justice Sunday

**26 Feb** Church Action on Poverty Sunday

**27 Feb** Fairtrade Fortnight begins

**28 Feb** 7.30pm Circuit Leadership Meeting

**1 Mar** Ash Wednesday

**4 Mar** 9.30- 1.30 Launch of JPIT North

**14 Mar** 7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Exley Head

## Interested in Public Issues?

The Joint Public Issues Team will launch JPIT Yorkshire on Saturday March 4th. It takes place at the Civic Hall in Leeds as part of a conference asking 'What hope for us? Recovering confidence in the North'. See more details on the below websites, where you can register for free, or ask Deacon Jackie or Rev Ruth about it.

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/about/what-is-jpit/>

<https://www.facebook.com/JPITYorkshire/about/>

**At Bingley Methodist Church, Herbert Street Bingley BD16 4JU**  
by popular request!  
**A Concert of Light**  
Music by  
**Windstrument Clarinet Choir**  
Sunday February 12th  
3.30pm  
Followed by tea and cakes  
Free entry, donations to Missions

**Circuit Leadership Team**

# Annual Quiz

At Bingley Methodist Church

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Starting at 6.00 pm.

Tickets £6.00 including  
a fish and chip supper.

Teams of 6 people. Scratch teams can be arranged on the evening for those additional people who would like to participate, but places must be booked in advance for catering purposes.

Places must be booked by contacting:

John Wyborn 01274567784 or  
johnnewyborn@hotmail.com by 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note non-attendees who have booked a supper will be billed.

## Dying to Live

### Making and growing disciples

#### in the countryside

22nd-24th May

Hayes Conference Centre

Swanwick Derbyshire

A gathering for church planters and those pioneering fresh expressions of church in the countryside, facilitated by the national rural Fresh Expressions hub. Join us for 48 hours of storytelling, prayer and learning, wrestling with the issues of growing disciples in the countryside, with others who are doing it too. For further details see [www.freshexpressions.org.uk](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk)

*Three of us went two years ago and it was very inspirational. I will be going again this year - and can offer a max of 4 places in my car, so transport costs will be covered.*

For more information, please contact Deacon Maggie  
[deaconmaggiep@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmaggiep@gmail.com)

Please submit any items for the March newsletter by Monday 27th February to Gerald Crompton (Editor) [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto:news@airedalemethodists.org) or 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road, Silsden Keighley BD20 0BN. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to Gerald.

## 31st Oakworth Methodist Pantomime



# Sinbad the Sailor



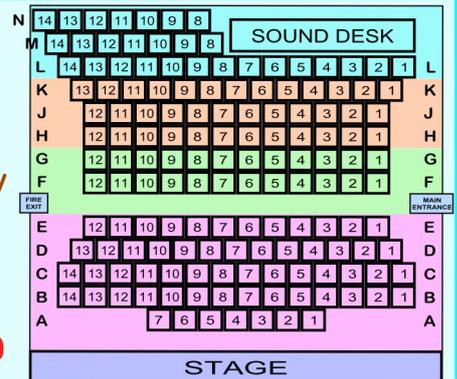
**7pm Evening Shows:** Saturday 18th Feb, Monday 20th Feb  
Tuesday 21st Feb, Wednesday 22nd Feb  
Friday 24th Feb & Saturday 25th Feb

**2pm Matinees:** on both Saturdays

## Seating Plan

Seats individually  
ticketed

**Adults £7.00**  
**Seniors £6.00**  
**Children £5.00**



Book online at [www.OakworthMethodists.org](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org)  
or ring Janet Armstrong ☎01535 642625

**Don't delay - matinees + final show already sold out**

## Date for your Diary

Crosshills Methodist Church will be holding their annual Christian Aid Quiz on Saturday May 13th at 6.30pm, doors open at 6pm. Please let Diane know 01535 633139 if you are coming and how many. We look forward to seeing you all again.

## Theology everywhere

Every Monday since July 2016, a new article reflecting relevant issues through a theological lens has been uploaded to [www.theologyeverywhere.org](http://www.theologyeverywhere.org) These easy-to-read blogs by different contributors from across the Connexion, offer light and accessible theological reflections for people to begin their week.