

Mike Carey, a member of Silsden Methodist Church, has received an award in the Queen's New Year's Honours list. Mike, a retired headmaster, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for voluntary service to the community in Silsden.



Another year gone and a new one just begun.

What will be the good things you will carry forward into 2016 and what will be those things you will be glad to leave behind? Every year life is made up with a mixture of good and bad with joys and sorrows. Some years lean towards joy whilst other years sadness may lay heavy. Some people will be entering into a new year without the companionship of a good friend alongside them and leaving behind the last year, whilst marked with great sadness, can feel a little bit like leaving them behind. This coming year we have our son's wedding to look forward

to but in general none of us know what the complete year will be like. I have always thought this to be a good thing in general. Not being able to see into the future enables us to live full lives in the present. If we are always looking backwards to better times or forward to new opportunities we are never fully in the present moment. God, I believe, wants us to be fully in the moment with him and to trust the future to him. For faith tells us that as we walk with God we can be made strong, even in the most difficult circumstances. So, this year, let go of past hurts and live in the moment, knowing the future is secure in God. Trust him in everything and let God Be. *Revd Ruth*

Diary Dates

7 2-3pm at Silsden - Goldies UK

14 7.30pm Circuit Treasurers' Meeting

Venue tba

18 7.30pm at Silsden - Youth Consultation Meeting for all those involved in youth work

18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

25 7.30pm at Silsden – Circuit Property Group meeting. Items to Rev Ruth please by 25/01

Growing Rural Churches

St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate, 10am - 3.15pm, Sat 16th January

The aim of the conference is to show ministers and church members of all denominations some of the diverse ways that other rural churches have grown - and discuss the principles behind their growth - to aid in thinking through what might work in your context. Besides presentations and seminars there will be opportunity to discuss ideas with the presenters and with specialists who can help get new things started.

Morning Presentations: Four presentations: two on the principles of rural church growth and two practical and successful examples (in a Market Town and in a Dales village).

Lunch and Conference exhibition: Fresh Expressions; Arthur Rank Centre; Cornerstone Bookshop, etc.. and time to talk.

Two Afternoon Sessions: Two sets of four Seminars to choose from: discussing the four morning presentations in more depth, introducing three other successful examples of church growth in rural villages and towns, and looking at mission shaping your church.

Post-conference Consultation: After the conference close at 3.15, speakers will be available for one-to-one consultations until 4pm, if necessary.

MORE DETAILS: www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org/content/growing-rural-churches

Book direct via: Carol Stenner: 0113 200 0545 or carol.stenner@westyorkshiredales.anglican.org Free lunch is provided for those who pre-book!

Deacon Maggie Patchett is running one of the afternoon seminars. Contact Maggie if you would like a lift or help with other transport matters – mpatchett@googlemail.com. Make sure you book directly to ensure you get the free lunch!



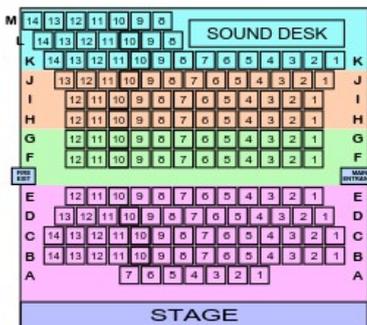
7pm Saturday 13th Feb, Monday 15th Feb
 Evening Tuesday 16th Feb, Wednesday 17th Feb
 Shows: Friday 19th Feb & Saturday 20th Feb
 2pm Matinees: on both Saturdays

Seats individually ticketed
 (as in most theatres)

The earlier you book, the
 better your choice!

Tickets available January

Adults £7.00
 Senior Citizens £6.00
 Children £5.00



Book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org
 or call at Church on Saturdays in January 11.00-4.00
 or ring: ☎ 01535 642625, mob: 07925 257344
 or email: tickets@OakworthMethodists.org

It's strange.
 This shift in time frame
 Nothing alters
 Just the ticking of the clock
 The hands moving
 Past midnight
 Indicate a New Year.

It is easy to hang
 All hope
 Transformation on
 This moment

This year will be different
 We leave all the past ills
 To start again
 Everything new again

Or so we suppose

Have our attitudes
 Our resolve
 The situation
 Really changed?

This shift in time
 Still holds the past
 It is up to us
 Whether we choose to
 Allow
 Anxiety, pain, hurt
 To harbour in us

In this new time frame
 Perhaps we can begin again
 Shaped by the past year
 Remoulded by
 Events gone by

Determined to learn
 Move ahead
 Celebrate the moment
 Rather than curse
 The hour.

The change in the year
 Is for us to hold
 To nurture
 Use for
 The good of all.

Written on the eve of 2015,

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