

**Jacky Hale**

It was with great sadness that we circulated the news of Rev Jacky Hale's death just before Christmas. Jacky served for 8 years in this area and was also District Synod Secretary. She made many friends during her time with us, many of them attended The Service of Thanksgiving for her life, held at Helmsley where she was Superintendent Minister at the time of her death. Our thoughts are with Frank her husband and their families.

**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.

**Dear Friends,**

Here we are now in 2017 after what I hope was a good Christmas and New Year for you all. Each of our churches will be holding Covenant Services in the next few weeks and if there is anything that marks us out as Methodists I would like to say that it is this powerful service which holds within it the Covenant Prayer. The prayer in many respects is quite simple and yet in its simplicity there is immense challenge and also it is rewarding when we experience it within a dynamic relationship with our creator. The prayer is also a gift that Methodism brings to the wider Christian world and I know a number of churches from other denominations who have embraced it, Beverley Minster in East Yorkshire being one of them. As you say this prayer this year may it be for you a renewing of your relationship with God who walks with you into the year ahead.  
Blessings, *Ruth*

**January Diary**

- 9 Awesome Kids** for ages 7-11. 6.30-8pm at Silsden Methodist Church
- 10 Circuit Leadership Team Meeting** Please pass any agenda items to Revd Ruth
- 14 District Ministries Panel** for those candidating for ministry
- 18-25** Octave of Pray for Christian Unity
- 23 Awesome Kids** at Silsden Methodist Church
- 24 Homelessness Sunday**
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day**

**Circuit Carol Service**

“Being home in West Yorkshire this week also meant that I could preach at the Circuit Carol Service in Airedale. It was superb worship with poetry, drama, music, carols from around the world and great Methodist singing”  
The above is a quote from The President of The Methodist Conference Rev Dr Roger Walton...says it all except his words to us were inspirational. Thanks to Oakworth for hosting and to all those who came along or took part.



The **Methodist Church**

**Creating Safer Space:  
Foundation Module (not the  
refresher module)**

Safeguarding awareness training session for workers with children & young people, vulnerable adults, stewards, local preachers, worship leaders, pastoral workers and anyone else who is interested.



**Please book in advance.**

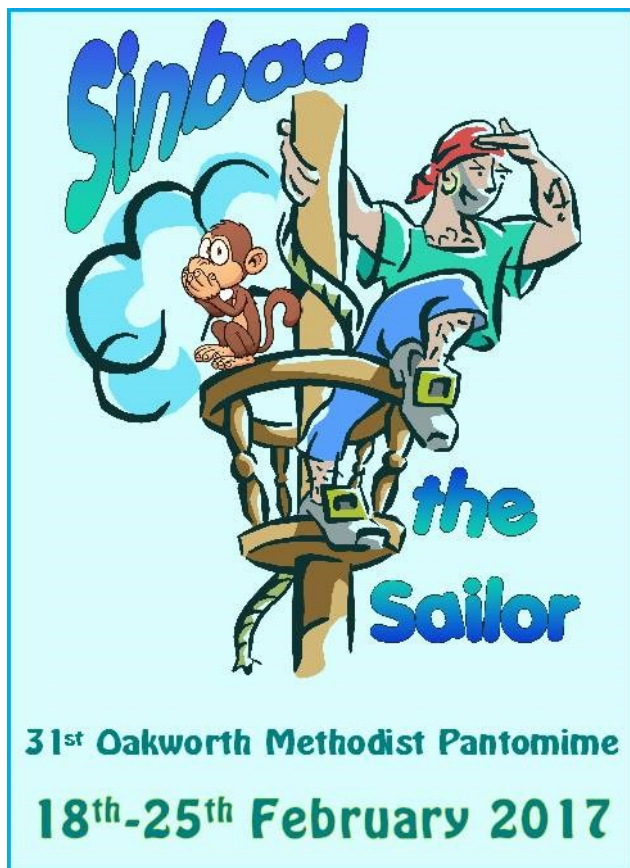
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> January  
2017**

**9.30am – 12.30**  
at  
**LEES METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**To book a place, please contact:**

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### Plough Sunday - 15th Jan. 3.30pm at Ripon Cathedral

This rapidly growing annual event draws together about 300 civic leaders, senior members of the rural community, farmers and landowners, Young Farmers Club members, and rural ministers (ecumenical) to celebrate the rural year. A different YFC “Brings in the Plough” each year to request the Bishop’s blessing for the agricultural year. The guest speaker this year is Poul Christensen—President of the national Young Farmers’ Clubs. The Service will be accompanied by the Ripon Cathedral Choir and there will be Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic ministers from the Dales taking part—including Deacon Maggie.

From 2.30 there is an exhibition of rural charities, sword-dancing (non-liturgical!) and a free hot sandwich and cake lunch.... and Ripon Farm Services always exhibit one or two of their latest tractors on the Cathedral forecourt.

A great event to invite local farmers and landowners to - lots of networking opportunities.

Book your panto tickets now at  
[www.OakworthMethodists.org/Panto2017](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org/Panto2017)

### Friends of Malham Chapel

On Sunday 20th November 2016 the Friends of Malham Chapel (FoMC) held their inaugural meeting at the Chapel.

A development group has been appointed to move forward the vision for Malham Chapel, which is to provide an all-age and all-weather space with full access possible for those with disabilities. To improve the aspect at the front of the building to showcase it’s stunning setting and allow passing tourists a glimpse of the interior of the chapel to encourage them to take a look inside. Finally, at the centre of the floor, a pictorial representation of Malhamdale as a focus for prayer and conversation.

Moving forward we envisage possible roles for FoMC in these areas:

Prayer – a network of folk holding the place and people in prayer, and offering the work as a subject for prayer in their fellowships.

Presence – a number of people willing to spend time offering welcome at the Chapel, particularly at times of high visitor numbers e.g. The Safari, The Show and Bank Holiday weekends.

Publicity – the possibility of finding people both to produce and to distribute publicity materials and stories, including the good use of social media (e.g. a FoMC Facebook page).

Skills – the identification of skills needed in the development of the work, and the potential for finding people with these skills from a wider pool than the local community.

If you would like to join us in this exciting new venture, or would simply like to know more about the Friends of Malham Chapel please contact Nick Blundell on 01274 416506 or [friendsofmalhamchapel@aol.co.uk](mailto:friendsofmalhamchapel@aol.co.uk).

Thank you, Nick Blundell, District Mission Enabling Officer

**Please submit any items for the February newsletter** by Monday 23d January 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.