

Circuit Consultation

Wednesday 3 June 7pm
At Silsden Methodist.
Interested In How Faith Affects Us As We Age?
Revd Graham Hawley will be leading an evening workshop on Spirituality of Ageing. This is suitable for all who are involved in pastoral care or have an interest in the subject.

Sunday 7 June 3pm
Circuit Mission Afternoon at St Peter's Crosshills. Deacon Maggie Patchett will speak about Belize, followed by a 'Summer Tea'.

Sunday 14 June
10.30am at St. Peter's Crosshills, The 39th Anniversary service to be led by Revd Dr Roger Walton, Chair of the West Yorkshire Methodist District. The Youth Group, "Friends Are Us", will be doing a short sketch. Guides and Brownies and Mums have also been invited. Everyone very welcome. Service followed by a buffet lunch, at £6 per head.

Wednesday 17 June
7.30pm at Silsden

we will be holding our Circuit Consultation meeting. Now I know that many folks don't always get this concept of "Circuit" and I guess if you are reading the Circuit Newsletter you will not be one of them as you obviously have an interest in Circuit matters. But I urge you, perhaps in conversations at your church coffee mornings, to rebirth this gift that is so much a part of our Methodist Heritage. Circuits exist not purely as a means of governance but as a means of being family. I believe we should think of the Circuit as being a family of churches, each with their own personality and with their own gifts which all contribute to the family of churches. In any family each person plays their part to make up the whole; the young help the old, the wisdom of age advises the youth and so on; so it should be with the Circuit. It is so easy to become self-centred - What is in it for "my" church? - rather than looking at the broader picture of

what is best for Methodism in this locality. So at our Circuit Consultation we are going to look at the broader picture. Over the past few months the leadership thinking has been along the lines that one model of ministry doesn't fit all (just like in a family we have common traits but different approaches) so we invite you to come along and explore the variety of ways and types of ministry already at play and what might be possible for the future. These are exciting times within the Western Church and indeed within Methodism, we need to be risk takers for God and playing safe is not an option. Are you up for the challenge? Please come along and share your views and ideas, but be prepared - staying as we are is not on the agenda...it can't be an option. God may be unchanging but his people are always moving on.

Revd Ruth Crompton
Superintendent Minister

Diary Dates

14 Methodist Homes Sunday

15-21 Refugee Week

20 World Refugee Day

25-26 Methodist Conference - Ministerial Session

27 June - 2 July Methodist Conference - Representative Session

Saturday 27 starting at 3pm Revd Nigel Ogley will lead a pilgrimage round Cowling visiting current and former sites of worship.

28 Conference Sunday

Tuesday 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

Saturday 4 July

"Releasing the Rural Church for Mission" 10am-3.15pm at Wharfedale Upper School, Threshfield. More details from Deacon Maggie Patchett

**Lees Methodist Church Flower Festival -
"Our Village - Lees & Cross Roads"**

Friday 12th June 7.00pm

Opening and talk by well known local historian
Ian Dewhirst

Tickets £5 including tea and biscuits

Saturday 13th June

View displays 10-12noon and 2-4pm

Sunday 14th June

Morning Worship at 10.30am led by
Rev John Hudson (Former Superintendent Minister)
View displays 2-4pm

Contact Maurice Baren 01535 643100
for tickets and further info

CIRCUIT WALKS

Saturday 6th June Cullingworth Methodist Church

Saturday 20th June Venue TBC

*(Note change of date due to clash with
Cowling Anniversary walk)*

Saturday 11th July St Andrews, Cowling

12:30pm with packed lunches

or join us at 1pm for the walks

Estimated walking time: 1:15 to 1:30 hrs

Any questions please contact

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or our phone numbers are on the plan.

Summer Party at Cullingworth

from 2.15 Tues June 16th

Bring and buy

Entertainment by Roger Hartley

Afternoon Tea

Donations for tea.

All proceeds for the Blenheim Project in Bradford

Grand dePARTY in Silsden

Silsden is turning orange and growing decorated 2ft tulips during July and as part of Silsden's Grand dePARTY. Come and have a look at the decorated tulips in church as well as in the shop windows. There are about 80 tulips around town and in church. Silsden Church is open for coffee Tues to Fri 9.30am - 12noon and 1st Sat of the month. More details Eileen Jowitt 01535 657256

Our circuit's **Easter Offering dedication service** was held at Cullingworth on 26 April, led by Revd Rosemary Nash. All of the money collected in the envelopes goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain. We were privileged to hear from Deacon Maggie Patchett how this Fund supported her work as a Mission Partner in Belize 2007-2013. We learned lots of fascinating facts about Belize.

So far, the total collected in the envelopes is £1,295.64. with a further sum (amount unfinalized) to be added.

Christian Aid Week in Haworth was again boosted by a pop-up shop based in Sonia's Smile in Main Street for six days. The temporary shop sold second-hand clothes, books and bric-a-brac etc. and was very busy during the 1940s weekend.

Organised by Churches Together, it had volunteers from the various local churches including the Methodists. It raised £2,000.

Please submit any items for the July newsletter by Monday June 15th to Gerald Crompton (Editor) 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.
