

ANNUAL QUIZ A reminder that the Annual Quiz, to which all the Circuit are invited, will be on Saturday 21st March 2015 at Bingley Methodist Church, starting at 6.00pm. Tickets cost £5, including a hot supper (gluten free and vegetarian diets can be catered for).

Whilst we invite you to bring teams of 6 people, further scratch teams can be arranged on the night so don't be put off, but places must be booked in advance for catering purposes.

Please book by contacting John Wyborn on 01274 567784 or by email johnnewyborn@hotmail.com by Tuesday 17th March.

Welcome to the second edition of our new-style monthly news sheet. Many thanks for all the encouraging comments about the first edition. Thanks also to anyone who has contributed material for this edition.

Sending the newsletter by email to contacts for each church and anyone else wishing to receive it seems to have been successful. Please let me know if there are any problems.

So again, please circulate as widely as you are able. Print as many copies (either colour or black and white) as necessary to give to anyone interested, display on noticeboards, add to your church websites etc. Please pick out items for your congregational notices as appropriate.

If you would like to receive a copy by email direct from me then send a request to me at news@airedalemethodists.org

In the body of the email I will include the text of the newsletter for those unable to open attachments.

The news sheet will also be available to download from the circuit website www.airedalemethodists.org

For any church unable to access an electronic copy I will post out a physical copy if required.

Please submit any items for the April edition by Sunday March 15th.

Send items by email to news@airedalemethodists.org or phone 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road Silsden, Keighley BD20 0BN

Please let me have any feedback on what you would like the content to be and how readable/available the news sheet is to you.

Gerald Crompton, Editor

Circuit Meeting March 12th at Bingley. Please come along and share the good news from your church.

Local Preachers Meeting March 25th at Silsden

Spring Fair at Marsh on March 28th 2pm. This is usually a great family event so please come along.

From Pharaoh to Freedom March 28th at Holy Trinity, Cowling. See last month's newsletter for details or tel 01535 632611.

'Crucifixion'

Ilkley Road Methodist Church Choir, Riddlesden

The choir will perform Stainer's Cantata 'Crucifixion' on Good Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm, with Steven Robinson (conductor) and Sylvia Singleton (organist). The soloists will be Alan Parkinson (tenor) and David Bainbridge (baritone). Do please come along and support them in this act of worship.

Big Sing success

The first Big Sing to have been held in the Circuit for a few years drew a large crowd from around the Circuit to Silsden on Saturday 21st February.

A worship band formed specially for the event led the congregation in modern worship songs.

Three people from different churches across the Circuit bravely shared their testimony. Each one equally inspiring yet different but all filled with the love of God.

At the end people were able to chat over a pie and peas supper,



extending the time of fellowship together.

It has been suggested we hold more Big Sings, perhaps varying the style. If you have any views on venues or ideas of format please share them with any

member of the Circuit Leadership Team.

Many thanks to all who contributed to making the evening a success.

Lent Groups around the Circuit

Silsden	Sunday 6-7.30pm
Cowling	Monday 2pm
Cullingworth	Wednesday 2pm
Crosshills	Wednesday 7.30
Bingley	Thursday 7-9
Long Lee	Thursday 2pm
Haworth	Sunday 6pm At Baptists
Oxenhope	Wednesday 2.30-4pm

Circuit Holy Week Services

Please come along and support all these Circuit services.

Monday March 30th Bingley Methodist 7.30pm
led by Revd Rosemary Nash

Tuesday March 31st Lees Methodist 2pm
led by Deacon Claire Gill

Wednesday April 1st Farnhill Methodist 7.30pm
led by Deacon Maggie Patchett

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services in home churches

Circuit Walks

It is hoped to resume circuit walks after Easter.

We have received feedback that some people found Saturday mornings difficult because of coffee mornings and other competing events.

We have therefore decided to give Saturday afternoon walks a try.

if you are able to lead a walk please contact Graham Iliff or Peter Howarth by email graham.iliff@hotmail.com phowarth@oakworthmethodists.org or via the circuit office.

Otherwise please look out for details of forthcoming walks and do join us soon.

Saturday April 18th 7.30pm at Silsden Methodist Church. An evening of light entertainment presented by the Proms on the Farm team. See the April newsletter for more details.

Praying through Lent

Pray for the Church, afflicted and oppressed,
for all who suffer for the gospel's sake,
that Christ may show us how to serve them best
in that one Kingdom Satan cannot shake.
But how much more than us they have to give,
who by their dying show us how to live!

Pray for Christ's dissidents, who daily wait,
as Jesus waited in the olive grove,
the unjust trial, the pre-determined fate,
the world's contempt for reconciling love.

Shall all they won for us, at such a cost,
be by our negligence or weakness lost?

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The verses above are the first two verses from 556 in Hymns & Psalms or 711 in Singing the Faith.

Maurice Baren suggested these verses, bearing in mind the world situation, particularly thinking of the Jordanian airman and the Coptic Christians.

They also make a fitting prayer for Lent.



The Holm Hub

The first joint Church Council between Haworth, Oxenhope, Lees and Marsh Methodist Churches at the top end of The Worth Valley took place on the evening of February 25th. It was a meeting full of hope and excitement as together they explored the possible mission and outreach of the four churches working collectively together. The photo is part of the worship which held the meeting together at each end of our time

together. The churches explored the possibility of developing a community garden, a possible retreat centre and a network of community libraries.

Clarinet Concert at Bingley

A lovely afternoon was had by all at the Concert given by the Windstruments Clarinet Choir on Sunday 8 February. We had a full house and all enjoyed the music and the tea and cakes afterwards. It was lovely to see friends from around the Circuit supporting us.

Susan and Pam would like to thank everyone for their support in this fundraiser for Missions. We couldn't have done it without the Choir who are all busy people but gave their time to entertain us, the helpers who baked, set up the tables and chairs and served the tea and cakes. Also a huge thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you all. The event raised £288.00 for Mission Funds.