

**Reflection on the West Yorkshire District  
Youth Weekend away at Carlton Lodge in Thirsk  
by 6 youth from Steeton Youth Club**

**Steeton Methodist Church** are holding a Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday **6th May**

10am-12noon. Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Raffle. Entrance £2 includes Coffee, Tea & Biscuits.

Wednesday **14th June**

7pm Jewellery and Clothes evening given by Catherine. Proceeds for Window Fund.

Coffee, tea and cake. Entrance £3.

**Crosshills Methodist Church** will be holding their annual Christian Aid Quiz on Saturday **13th May** 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.

**Silsden Christian Aid Committee** are holding various fundraising events including a Christian Aid Coffee Morning/ Craft Event at Silsden Methodist Church on Saturday **13th May** 9.30am-2pm. Cafe refreshments available, light lunches and Been Busy Crafts demonstrations with items for sale.

The weekend was 'well rad!!' which means it was awesome!! We were all in the same bedroom (apart from Sarah who went in with the older ones) and our 2 leaders were next door (the 2 Joannes).

It was great for us to have choices of PGL activities before we went, and the final choices were as follows - outdoor challenge course and catapult building - which Jo Stokes' team won by catapulting the tennis ball the furthest and making the best one. Raft building using wood, rope and floating bales - in any design we wanted as a group - was great fun, although the water was freezing when we fell in!!

We then went inside and had different games and challenges on the climbing wall, and opportunities to climb to the top, with someone holding the rope. At one point Jo Dolman was holding the rope through the security hoop when Paul came down the wall, Jo was lifted off the floor - this made us all laugh!!

We enjoyed having responsibilities and choices of sandwiches at lunch time, the food was great all weekend.

We had a list that we had to sign up for 3 choices of workshops where we learnt about manifestos, self-esteem activities especially designing bags with happy and sad times, and then played a board game on mental health questions.

It was 'well rad' that we met new friends, had freedom to play games, chilling time and watching a film and chose on the Sunday what prayer stations we wanted to do as well as worship songs - even though only 2 of us go to church regularly it was great to have the opportunity for this and it was relaxed. Jo Dolman and Laura led it together - Jo read the Bible passage on doubting Thomas and Laura did the rest.

The stations were colouring, making stuff out of playdough, writing questions to God and putting down what we wanted to leave behind or pray for.

We would love to do more of this and to meet up regularly. Thank you for helping us to go on this 'well rad' weekend.

**Zoe, Sarah, Erin, Lisa, Jemma, and Adriana (Steeton)**

**Diary Dates**

**Saturday 6th May** District Synod at Bingley

**Sunday 7th May** Vocations Sunday

**Tuesday 9th May** 7.30pm Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' meeting at Exley Head

**Sunday 14th May 6pm** Christian Aid Circuit Service at Silsden, led by Rev David McAloon

**Monday 15th May** Circuit Property Meeting (Sub-group). Any items to William Jowitt please.

**Tuesday 16th May** Circuit Leadership Meeting (Any items to be considered by the team either to Rev Ruth Crompton or Graham Iliff)

**Sunday 21st May** Aldersgate Sunday

**Wednesday 24th May** Wesley Day

**Wednesday 24th May** District Policy Committee

**Thursday 25th May 7.30pm** Circuit Ascension Day and Wesley Day Service at Eastburn led by Rev Nigel Ogley

**Thursday 24th May** District Stationing Review Meeting

**Sunday 11th June 4pm** at Keighley Shared Church. Easter Offering Service. All welcome.

The annual ecumenical  
Lambing Service will be on  
**Sunday May 21st at 7pm**

at Wenningside Farm, Keasden, LA2 8ET  
(6 miles from Settle just off the A65).

The preacher this year will be

**Rev David Emison,**

previous Superintendent of the Skipton and  
Grassington Circuit

as well as a past Cumbria District Chair.

Refreshments served following the service on the Farm.

**All are welcome!**

### **A prayer for the General Election**

For those who are campaigning for political office, that in serving our communities and national life - truth, justice, peace and wellbeing might become priorities for all.

For those for whom the results could mean significant change – that they might find grace and wisdom for the way ahead.

That those with leadership and influence will act wisely and in the interests of all people - seeking stability and justice for our world.

That as Christian citizens in society, regardless of whether we currently face the prospect with relish or trepidation, we will have wisdom and courage to seek God's Kingdom and pursue his purpose in the emerging political landscape.

For those whose Christian identity has inspired them to serve in public life – that they might act as faithful followers of Jesus in every circumstance they face.

*Adapted from election prayers from the Joint Public Issues Team*

**Please submit any items for the June newsletter** by Monday 22nd May to Gerald Crompton (Editor)  
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.

**'Holiday at Home' is  
coming again this year !!!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

10am – 3:30pm

**Venue: St. Peter's Methodist  
Church,  
Cross Hills**

**Reminisce about past decades:  
40s, 50s and 60's**

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Arranged through the  
Methodist Churches  
in Eastburn, Cowling, and Cross Hills.

**All are most welcome to attend.**

**Silsden Methodist Church** is very grateful for the cheque they have received from the Co-op, for the donations made through the Co-op Membership Loyalty Card Scheme. It is



planned to use the money for the work of the Church with those who have dementia and their carers.