

LEES METHODIST CHURCH MEETING POINT

1.45 FOR 2.00 pm All welcome

May 14th Christian Aid speaker

May 28th "Words, Words, Words" Deacon Jackie Fowler

DIARY DATES

Oakworth Methodist Church— 14/15 June at 7 pm Cabaret Night

St Peter's, Crosshills — Holiday at Home 4/6/10 July

Bingley Methodist Church "The Knitted Bible" 18—23 July

IMPORTANT—CHANGE OF DATE FOR EASTER OFFERING SERVICE

Please note that The Easter Offering Service will now be at Lees Methodist Church on Saturday 4th May at 3pm and not at stated on the Plan .

STEETON METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING for CHRISTIAN AID

SATURDAY 11TH MAY

10 am to 12 noon

Raffle and Cake Stall

Admission £2



All proceeds to Christian Aid

I love a good story... my idea of the perfect holiday would be somewhere warm (not too hot), easy access to food and drink, possibly a pool but definitely a pile of books and undisturbed time to read them all.

People listen to stories in a completely different way in which they listen to a speech or a debate or a sermon. Stories capture our imaginations; they can transport us to different times, places and situations and allow us to see things we might have missed.

It's no wonder then that Jesus told stories. I have yet to meet a Christian who doesn't have a favourite parable which is precious to them and their journey.

But of course, we all have our own personal stories... how we got to be where we are ... what has made us into the people we are today.... our ups and downs along the way... the times when we have felt close to God and the times we've doubted he even exists.

Our stories are unique and important and yet, so often, we are scared to share them. "Oh my life isn't very interesting." "Nothing's ever happened to me." "I didn't have a conversion experience." "I'm just ordinary." "No-one would want to hear about me."

For me, it's true, my life story would not make an action-packed Hollywood Movie.... it wouldn't even make a gentle romantic comedy.... and certainly not a thriller or an arty film....

But when I dare to tell bits of it to others, they nearly always see things that I have missed; times when God has been at work, times when I've been braver than I thought I had been, times when what I've experienced might resonate with their situation... and that often helps both the listener and me to learn something about God.

So I dare you.... no, I double dare you.... share something of your story with someone else and you may discover it's more exciting than you thought.

Susanne Platt

3Generate children and youth assembly bookings are being taken if you are aged 11-18s and would like to come to Southport Pontins, on the weekend of 22-24th November 2019, £120 each and meet others your age and learn in a fun way about God through activities, crafts, ted talks sessions, chilling out, etc etc. Please get in touch with Jo Dolman as soon as possible on jo.dolman@airedalemethodists.org Also if you are over 18 and would like to volunteer at this event please again be in touch with me as soon as possible.

EVENTS IN MAY AT A GLANCE

Friday 3rd May - Friday night Youth Club for 11-16 year olds. 6.00 pm—7.30 pm at Silsden.

Saturday 4th May— Easter Officing Service at Lees Church

Sunday 5th May - West Lane Methodist Church Sunday School Anniversary

Tuesday 7 May — GIFT Circuit Youth Fellowship Group for Ages 11+ at Steeton

Saturday 11 May—Coffee morning at Steeton Methodist Church 10 am to 12 for Christian Aid

Saturday 11 May— Coffee morning at Silsden Methodist Church 9.30—12 for Christian Aid.

Sunday 12 May— Circuit Youth led Service at Steeton at 6 pm. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12—19 MAY

Saturday 18 May— Quiz at St. James' Church, Silsden at 7 pm with musical entertainment in aid of Christian Aid

Sunday 19 May—Big breakfast at Silsden Methodist Church at 9 am for Christian Aid and afternoon tea at St. James' from 3—5 pm

Tuesday 21 May - Tea, Toast and Toddle for all pre-school age including babies. 09..15 to 10.15 at Steeton.

Thursday 30 May Circuit Ascension Day service at Eastburn at 7.30 pm led by Rev. Nigel Ogley.

West Lane Methodist Church, Haworth are celebrating the 188th Sunday School Anniversary on May 5th, Services are at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm when our Minister, Rev. David McAloon will lead worship with Mr. Chris Quinlan on the organ. Please support us if you able. Light refreshments will be served after each service. We look forward to seeing you.

Re:Generate: Rural Ministries Day Conference, St John's Church, Sharow, Ripon, 11th May 2019

Perhaps now more than ever before, our country needs the church at its best. Unfortunately, sometimes churches are not serving as effectively as they could. A church split, a failed leader, changing economics, stretched resources or an ageing congregation; there are many reasons for rural churches to be struggling and in decline.

Rural Ministries does not believe that God has finished with His church in the countryside; indeed we see many encouraging signs of growth. If you are a church leader or a member of the congregation with a heart for mission and think that your church has great potential to impact your community, but lacks the resources, then you need to attend our Regional Conference 'Re:Generate', in Sharow, nr Ripon on the 11th May 2019.

Tickets £20. Full details and tickets on the [Rural Ministries website](#).

The Knitted Bible

33 scenes of beautifully crafted characters and animals. Bringing the Bible stories to life. Made by St George's United Reformed Church, Harlepool, will be available to view at Bingley Methodist Church., Herbert Street, Off Mornington Road BD16 4JU

Thursday 18th July, to Tuesday 23rd July

Viewing times, 10am to 4pm daily

Sunday 21st July, Church open

For Viewing 1pm to 4pm.

Further details in next month's newsletter

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th - 19th May in SILSDEN

After last year's success raising money for Christian Aid, there will once again be various fundraising events, rather than house to house collections in Silsden. Please help to make this another successful year by coming and supporting.

All offers of help, donations of cakes etc. much appreciated.

Sat 11th May C.A. Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church, 9.30am -12.

Sat 18th May C.A. Quiz Night at St James, 7pm. Musical entertainment by Silsden Singers, refreshments included.

Tickets £5 (children £3)

Sun 19th May C.A. Big Breakfast at the Methodist Church, 9am (last orders 9.30) and **C.A. Afternoon Tea** at St James, 3pm - 5pm.

MISSION POSSIBLE CABARET NIGHT with MINI-MEAL



**Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June from 7.00 pm
on the new stage at Oakworth Methodist Church**

Cabaret Acts will include:
Past & Present Pantomime Cast
Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
KYDZ Keighley Youth Theatre
Showkids Dance & Performing Arts

There will be live music as
you enjoy your mini-meal
in between the Cabaret Acts
See Church website for
more details

BOOKING is FREE
on-line: www.OakworthMethodists.org
or contact David on 01535 215784
DONATIONS on the night towards
Mission Possible Appeal

Please send items for the June newsletter by Thursday 23rd May to Penny Moon, Circuit Administrator office@airedalemethodists.org or 01535 653842 or post to 80 Kirkgate, Silsden Keighley BD20 OPA. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to Penny.