

The small congregation at Haworth is continuing with its informal twice-a-month Thursday morning coffee and praise at 10.30am. Anyone from across the circuit is welcome to join us for a short time of chat and tea or coffee followed by worship with a difference on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The November times of fellowship are the 5th with Deacon Claire Gill and the 19th with Rev Ruth Crompton. No doubt some of you visit Haworth to travel the railway or follow the tourist trail to Main Street or the Bronte Parsonage, or even go for a walk on the moors. Instead of patronising the expensive cafes why not join us for free? We don't even take a collection on these days! God's love costs nothing and we'd love to share it.

Deacon Maggie Patchett was received as a fully-accredited Methodist Local Preacher in a service held on October 4th at St Andrew's Church, Skipton.

Dear Friends,

I doubt whether those who signed the Armistice in 1918, in a railway carriage in a French forest, could possibly have imagined the development of such a significant annual and global act of remembrance.

After all, the colossal loss of life led many to believe that the Great War would be the war to end them all. But sadly we didn't listen. Tragically history has kept on repeating itself. Once again we gather to remember not just those who died in that war but in all other conflicts since.

In my experience, these occasions go beyond remembering the generous sacrifice of our armed forces. Our own mortality is captured by them, those we have loved and let go are recognised, the dashed hopes and shattered dreams we once entertained are recalled.

So the two minute silence we share is about more than the horrors of war and the ultimate price for freedom. This pause in a hectic world is a symbol of our spiritual need to be still; the formal silence, a prompt to the memory which helps us

mourn our losses; and the poppy we wear, among other things, an acknowledgement of the limitations of human existence.

And there is more to us than remembrance. We are creatures of hope who long to hear the music of the future. We understand that simply to recall the past is not necessarily to deal with it. Things need to change. The world is still not free of tyrants and despots, our lives are still broken and we ache for the day when God's new day will dawn. So we reach out beyond our finite horizons to connect with the God whose everlasting Kingdom of justice and peace will come.

We, whose days are like the momentary splendour of a flower, are invited to know the God who is the eternal home of all those who trust Him. As we enter this season of remembrance I suggest you use the words of a hymn written by Fred Kaan as a prayer for the world—

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
How hate and war diminish humankind
(Singing the Faith 698).

In Christ,

Revd Rosemary Nash

Diary Dates

Thursday 12 2pm Farnhill Church members meet in the Institute for a new discussion group "Let's talk about...." Open to all

Sunday 15 3pm Circuit discussion around Christian family values at Keighley Shared Church

Thursday 19 Circuit Leadership Team Meeting (items for discussion to Revd Ruth)

Friday 20 7pm Social Evening at Marsh - quiz & games for the whole family

Saturday 21 10 for 10.15am-12.30pm Quiet Day at Oxenhope, open to all

Wednesday 25 Local Preachers' Meeting at Silsden - Please note change of venue in order to accommodate Wi-Fi for our new plan making

Thursday 26 2-3pm Goldies UK at Silsden Methodist. Come and sing your heart out to old favourites

Sunday 29 Launch of Christmas Arts Festival at Silsden Methodist — open on weekday mornings during Advent

CIRCUIT ADVENT QUIET MORNING

WAITING WITH LONGING, IN HOPE

10 for 10.15am – 12.30pm SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

OXENHOPE METHODIST CHURCH

Feeling pressured as Christmas draws near?

Does your list of 'things to do' get you down?

Do you ever feel that in all the rush you have somehow missed out on the real meaning of Christmas?

Here's an opportunity to 'take time out' and explore the deeper meaning of Christmas through guided meditation, music, poetry, art and clay.

The morning will be spent mostly in silence with a variety of optional 'activities'. Tea/coffee will be available throughout.

Look forward to seeing you there. Rev Sandie Exley-Watts

Dear Friends,

One of the aspects of Methodism that I value is how all decisions are made at conference level where lay and ordained share and discuss on our behalf. On occasions the conference defers items of significance back to Districts and Circuits for further conversation and consideration.

This summer the Methodist Conference has invited Circuits to discuss Marriage and Relationships to help inform the conversation at the 2016 Conference in London.

Essentially the Conference will discuss:

1. whether the 1992 Conference Statement 'A Christian Understanding of Family Life, the Single Person and Marriage' should be updated.
2. whether to revisit the question of embarking upon a process of revising the Methodist Church's definition of marriage.

In order to have an informed discussion on these questions at Conference, we need to let them know our thoughts.

The report to conference last year encouraged districts, circuits and churches to explore recent changes in legalisation on marriage, the history of marriage, cohabitation, the welcoming of same sex couples in church, and homophobia, and to facilitate this conversation. This is the conversation to which you are invited on **Nov 15th at Keighley Shared Church beginning at 3pm culminating in a service at 6pm.** We hope that our conversations will be led by Rev Barbara Glasson.

May I encourage you to attend the afternoon and in your preparation read the report which can be found on the internet at

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/1682989/conf-2015-51-Marriage-and-Relationships-Task-Group.pdf>

If you are not able to obtain the report please speak to your minister who will happily supply you with a copy

Revd Ruth Crompton

St Andrew's Cowling. Anniversary Weekend

On Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November St Andrew's will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church. All welcome to join us for our anniversary programme as follows:

28th November

Doors open at 2.30 pm for display of photos and memorabilia.

3 p.m. slide shows showing history of churches before 1965 and events at St Andrew's 1965 - 2015

5.30 pm supper

7 pm concert by Jonathan and Charlotte Crossley

Tickets on sale for concert - £6 per head

Donations for slide shows and meal

Please indicate numbers coming to meal for catering

29th November

Anniversary Service 10,30 am

Rev Ruth Parry

Former minister of this circuit who lived in Cowling for some time and candidated from here.

All welcome

Farnhill Church building closure on Oct 11th

Revd Ruth Crompton, present minister of Farnhill, conducted the service together with Revd Alan Raine and Revd Ken Beardsley, both of them previous ministers. The chapel was full with people travelling from far and wide to share in the occasion. Organist Mr John Taylor had made a CD of organ music as a memento, which for a small donation, people could take away, proceeds of which went to The Forget Me Not Charity. Farnhill members have over the past 8 years supported the work of The Gambian Schools Trust and a local member of the charity Linda Gunn received a cheque for £200 from the Methodists bringing the grand total to £4,500 raised by this small yet faithful community. Whilst the chapel building may have closed the members will continue to meet twice a month in Farnhill Institute just across the road from the Chapel. They will meet every second Saturday for a coffee morning, proceeds of which will continue to go to The Gambian Schools Trust, and the Thursday prior to the Coffee Morning for a new venture called "Let's talk about..." A discussion group that will meet about everyday events and activities and share their thoughts in the light of faith. This is open for anyone to come along to and the first meeting will be on November 12th at 2pm.

SWING JIVE LINDY HOP

THE PROMS ON THE FARM TEAM PRESENT

A NOSTALGIC EVENING OF

MUSIC FROM THE 40's AND 50's

SPINNING THE DISCS WILL BE

COMPANY 'B'

PLUS — SINGING LIVE — THE FABULOUS

KITTY LAMAR

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER
2000hrs (8:00p.m.)

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AND
SILSDEN METHODIST CHURCH

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QUICK STEP VALETA FOXTROT

Oakworth Methodist Church



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

We had a brilliant Launch Event last month - with good representation from Church, Community Groups and others who called in to encourage us. The Evening with Ian Dewhirst and Tea at the Ritz were also well supported and enjoyed by all.

As a result, donations, promises and gift aid for the Appeal in just two weeks totalled a staggering **£16,637 !!** - bringing the total amount raised so far to **£139,816** towards the **£260,000** target. We are absolutely delighted.

You will be welcome at any of these November events at Oakworth Methodist Church

Enquiries to David on: ☎ 01535 215784
or David@OakworthMethodists.org

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 7th November 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Lots of stalls to buy from
Get your Christmas presents!

Have a Coffee and a chat

Stay for Meat & Potato
Pie and Pea Lunch.

Please ring David to book lunch



Share fellowship as you spend!

Proceeds for
Church Funds

Wednesday Club Singalong Evening with David & Linda Gunn



Please let Val or Mike have requests for favourite songs
All Welcome! Proceeds for the Mission Possible Appeal

Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a
Fashion Show by

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill

Friday 20th November 7.30 pm

Tickets available from
Ladies' Group members
Price £4 - ☎ 642610

Proceeds for
Parkinson's UK
and Church Funds

A PRAYER FOR OUR CIRCUIT

As we enter into the stationing process for the next year we pray for all involved. We ask that God's wisdom and discernment may guide all concerned from The Stationing Team at Connexional level, to the Circuit leadership team. We remember in our prayers those ministers on the move both in this Circuit and beyond. May they know the love of God and the support of the Circuit surrounding them as they journey through the next stages of their ministry.

The Blenheim Project Celebration Party to mark the end of the Project was held on Saturday Oct 3rd. It was held at St Barnabas Village Hall Heaton. Everyone was invited and welcome to come. My goodness what a party for many came. People who had worked in the project, staff with over 35 years of work and caring for women and children who had lived at Blenheim, and many who had been part of the caring and sharing, giving voluntary time and money to help resources in housing and many ways.

It was a privilege to see so many people, and so many of the women and children who had been helped to find a home and move on in their life with the care plus love to the children. At speech time we heard many stories, they were told with thankfulness, laughter and fun.

One young lady came forward almost at the end and she asked could she speak? In her opening words she told of how she had come "In the Night" to Blenheim. Her father had once again come home very drunk, and both mother and daughter were very distressed. However someone had told her to go to Blenheim and seek help, so they had already got ready to leave the house and went to the project. They found care and after years of abuse they were given help and care. The girl was encouraged back to school, for she had run away, her extra help there moved her on to Bradford Girls Grammar and on to University - now she works in 'Parliament'. She wanted to say thank you to all who had helped re-settle them, and her mother had also come to the meeting today.

What a testament for that girl to give, and we all thanked God for the many who had come to offer thanks, for lives encouraged and finding new lives. Many stories could be told.

Our past chairman came - Kathleen Richardson. She had heard of the closing and said she must be there, so came on a 'day-return'. When she came into the meeting she recognised the girl who works in the 'Westminster House' and went to speak to her.

What a wonderful day to be there in this meeting. Often we may feel how God is at work in our lives, and maybe we never know, but at times we rejoice together, and thank God for the way in which he uses our work and prayers, when we work with Him offering love and prayers to His people. This day will be long remembered, may we be encouraged to work for the Kingdom of God

Amen, Sister Jean and others

Please submit any items for the December newsletter by Monday November 23rd 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 Gerald