

**Events at Steeton**

**Methodist Church** to raise money for church funds: **Fashion Show**  
**Fri. 18th November**

7pm Tickets £5 available from Julie and Joanne's and the Beauty Nest.

**Concert by Airedale Male Voice Choir**

**Sat. 19th November**  
7.30pm tickets £6 to include refreshments, from Lena Robinson 01535 653435, also Julie and Joanne's.

**St. Andrews' Methodist Church, Cowling Presents Keighley Vocal Union**

performing Alan Bullard's 'A LIGHT IN THE STABLE'  
A Cantata for Christmas. Sat 26th Nov. 7.30 pm Tickets £6 including Tea & Mince Pie. Tickets available on 01535 635101 or any Church member.

**Harry Gratton & Amy Garcia** are doing a 50 mile tandem ride from Pudsey to Bradford in aid of BBC Children in Need. On Fri 18th Nov. they will pass through Silsden at approx 1.45pm. Silsden Methodist Church will be open from 1.15pm for refreshments.

**Hello everyone, my name is Christopher Holmes** but please call me Chris. I have been appointed as a full time church worker in the Airedale Circuit and am starting on Monday November 14th. My work will mainly involve supporting, encouraging and enabling the church at Cross Hills, and working with Rev. Rosemary Nash at Oakworth, Cullingworth and Steeton.

My wife Heather and I thank God for much needed energy and patience in finding a house. We are now living in Keighley and are very happy here, especially with the view! We have two grown up daughters, Beth who is now married and living near Warrington, and Jess, who is in her final year at the Guildhall School of Music in London.

Now about the photos! Around this time in 1966 I was born at what is now the Airedale Hospital. My father, Ralph Holmes, was, at the time, minister in Cullingworth, living at what was then the manse with his wife Mavis, and his sons. As you can see I haven't changed a bit! Sadly Dad passed away in



2002 but Mavis, my mother is still preaching and serving as a steward in what is now the East Lincolnshire Circuit.

I am looking forward to working with you all in this beautiful part of the world. I have a sense of having come full circle, or even of coming home. It is truly amazing what God can engineer to affirm my calling to work for Him!

**Silsden Methodist Church have many boards and some banners** which depict the Christmas theme. These could be used again this Christmas. They can be viewed on the Silsden Methodist website. Would your church like to borrow them? You are more than welcome to decorate your church with them, thereby saving you valuable time, energy and money this Christmas.

Please contact Gill Coe via the editor.

**November Diary**

**13 Remembrance Sunday**

**14-20 Exhibition at Keighley Shared Church. Women Weaving Wisdom** from

Touchstone in Bradford. Church will be open 11am-3pm every day for you to enjoy the rugs.

**27 Advent Sunday**

**28-29 Stationing Matching Group 2**— possibly followed by visits— the Airedale Circuit still has two presbyteral vacancies for 2017

Please book this date in your diaries:

**Wednesday 21st December 7pm at Oakworth Methodist Church —Circuit Carol Service with Revd Dr Roger Walton, President of the Methodist Conference.**

Please come and support this service.

**Every Tuesday Oakworth Methodist Church have a lunch club** for the over 60s.

There are between 25-30 diners each week. There are two teams of volunteers who help alternate Tuesdays, who prepare, serve, clear and wash up. We are in need of a volunteer to help on one of the teams. If anyone feels they could offer about 4 hours from 9.30am to 1.30pm once a fortnight we would be very grateful. Please contact Dorothy Robinson via [www.oakworthmethodists.org](http://www.oakworthmethodists.org)

## Silsden Methodist Church

### 'Christmas in a Box'

#### 'What Christmas means to me'

Throughout Advent and Christmas there will be a display of boxes in Church decorated by Church members. Please call in to have a look at the Christmas boxes during:-

Coffee mornings **Tuesday - Friday 9.30am-12 noon**

**Silsden Christmas Market 27th November 12noon-4.00pm (light refreshments)**

Coffee, Cake and Camaraderie **3rd December 9.30am-11.30am**



### **Co-op Local Community Fund – giving back to members and their communities.**

Have you heard that Co-op members now get 1% of everything they spend on Co-op products to give to a local cause that matters to them? Activities associated with at least two of the Airedale Circuit churches are already benefitting from this fund, each having received more than £600 so far.

The Co-op in Silsden has nominated Silsden Methodist Church as one of their charities for the next 6 months. The church is raising money to help provide training and carry out an audit so that they will be a Dementia Friendly Church for the local community. They would also like to develop a Memory Café for Silsden people affected by dementia.

KYDZ—Keighley's Youth Theatre, which meets at Oakworth Methodist Church, will be receiving a contribution from Oakworth Co-op, toward putting on performances for the benefit of their acting members and the local community.

So if you have a Co-op card and haven't yet registered, you might wish to do so in order that your 1% spend on Co-op goods will go to your preferred choice of local fund.

You can now apply to be one of these causes for the next round of funding, running from March to September 2017.

### **The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released a statement in response to the recent Presidential election in the US. They offer this prayer:**

*God of truth and justice,*

*We give you thanks for the peoples of the United States Of America;*

*and pray for Donald Trump, the Senate and Congress at a time of change and transition.*

*Grant to its leaders,*

*vision, wisdom and compassion.*

*To its people,*

*listening ears, generous hearts and a spirit of unity,*

*to the world,*

*a compelling vision of your kingdom that excites our imagination,*

*deepens our love,*

*and inspires us to build in every place communities of welcome that cast out division.*

*In Christ's name, Amen*

You can see the full statement at <http://methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/news-releases/us-elections>

**Please submit any items for the December newsletter** by Monday 21st November to Gerald Crompton (Editor) [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto: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.