

Friday 8th December Christmas Concert with Gerry and the Hatricks Big Band and Christmas Music. 7.30pm at Eldwick Memorial Hall. Entry by ticket only: Adults £7.50 (includes tea/coffee and mince pie). Tickets available from the Eldwick Church Cafe, Eldwick Post Office and the Card Emporium, Bingley. In aid of the Eldwick Church Building Fund.

Action for Children Store Collections On the 5th October 14 of us, representing 6 churches collected at Morrisons and raised £294.39. Thank you to all who helped and those who gave. On **Friday 8th December** we have the opportunity to collect at Sainsburys. It would be really good to have a few additional collectors for this day. Do please volunteer by contacting Maurice or Judith Baren on 01535 643100 or mauricebaren@gmail.com Just one hour would be really welcome!

We will remember them...
Of course we will
We will remember
Lest we forget
To forget is to risk everything
Freedom,
Peace
Life itself
And yet we do
Because we still
Violate
Hate
Death wins
So this year
We will remember them...
To forget is too costly.

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Walk with me – A Circuit Prayer Pilgrimage

The theme of this year's President and Vice President of The Methodist Conference is connected with pilgrimage. The definition, which I like, to truly express what it means is "a religious journey" or "holy expedition." In January The Airedale Circuit is beginning a year of Prayer Pilgrimage of its own. This will involve all our churches and we hope that you as an individual will feel able to become involved. Everyone who attends our churches will each receive a letter of explanation about the events taking place but our year will be launched on December 9th when our Chair of The Yorkshire West Methodist District Rev Dr Roger Walton will be leading us in some reflections along with sharing with us over a meal. The event will be free but we will need to know numbers in advance so as there is enough food for everyone. Please sign the sheet on your church notice board. So please put the date Sat. December 9th, the time 4.30-7pm and the venue Silsden Methodist in your diary. It promises to be a great event and a grand start to our year of pilgrimage. *Ruth Crompton*



November Diary Dates

Sun 12th 6pm Silsden's Annual Memorial Service - If you would like to come and light a candle for a loved one and remember them please feel free to come to this act of worship. We will be joined by The Cobbydale Singers who will be taking part in the service.

Tue 14th 7.30pm Preachers & Worship Leaders meeting at Cullingworth

Wed 15th Safeguarding awareness training session: Refresher Module 2.30pm-4.30pm at Keighley Shared Church Hall

Sun 19th 6pm Taize style worship at Silsden

Wed 22th Ladies Evening at Steeton Methodist. Jewellery and Clothes Sale given by Catherine. Start Time 7pm Entrance £3 including Tea/Coffee and Cake. Pay at the Door. Proceeds for The Window Fund.

The latest total for Maurice Baren's Head Shave is about £15,250, including Gift Aid. Now £8,000 for Action for Children; and enough for End Polio Now to have at least 105,000 doses



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Grace McAloon shares her experience of being a 3Generate rep.

Being born in to a Methodist family, I have grown up being involved in Methodism, not just locally, but Connexionally and when I was old enough I started attending the last few MAYC weekends and then briefly attending the first few years of 3Generate. After a few years break – where I didn't think it was for me, I went to 3Generate again with a group from my church in Newcastle and it was there at 3Generate 2014 where my life changed forever.

For the past 3 years I have been a Methodist youth rep – voted in by the young people at 3Generate. We work with the Youth President and represent the young people at different events throughout the year. Each rep gets voted to a certain post, but lots of other opportunities are also available for us to be part of - there is a lot of publicity about the voting in of the Youth President but not so much about the reps – being a Rep isn't a paid role but I believe they are a vital part of the makeup of how the process of 3Generate and being a voice for the young people is managed. In 2014 I was voted in to be Conference rep and in 2015 I became BYC – British Youth Council rep. However now I am 24, I am officially too old and my rep journey will come to an end this month at 3Generate 2017.

As I reflect upon my time as rep, I really believe this experience has changed the way I look at Methodism and how it works – it has made me really understand how we are a Connexional church, I have made friends from all over the world and it has grounded my belief in Methodism. One of the most important things for me is that this experience has reminded me that there are a lot of young Methodists all over the country and we are all there for each other. As well as attending Methodist Conference as a rep, speaking there and being part of the worship and being involved in British Youth Council which has included attending many events in the Houses of Parliament and speaking to MPs on certain issues, I have been able to speak about 3Generate and my role to different synods, church councils, circuit meetings and larger youth events. Being a bit of a Methodist geek one of my highlights is being interviewed and featured in the Methodist Recorder and my prayer being published in the Prayer Handbook a couple of years ago. We also meet as a group of reps 3 times a year to discuss important issues which includes different parts of 3Generate.

3Generate is the national gathering for young people with lots of changes happening. On Friday 24th November around 1000 young people between 8 and 23 and their leaders will arrive at Pontins Southport for a weekend full of worship, seminars, fun and games all centred around being young Christians, being young Methodists – decisions are also made at these events, such as what will be taken back to conference, what the young people want from church and the election of the Youth President and the Rep Roles. It is a mega crazy but amazingly fun weekend which young people will remember for years and years to come.

Even though I am now approaching the end of my time as rep with great sadness, I will always look at these years with joy that I know I made a difference, I know that we represented the voices of the young people of the Methodist Church when so often these voices get missed and we stood up and shouted from the rooftops our faith and our beliefs. I feel so privileged to be part of the most amazing group of people and know I have made friends for life.

So, as we go through the coming weeks and the countdown to 3Generate, could I please ask for your prayers as a group of young people go from this Circuit to the event and for all the young people and leaders and volunteers from all over our Connexion who meet with each other and meet with God at the spectacular event and that everything runs as smoothly as possible. **Grace McAloon**

Please submit any items for the December newsletter by Monday 20th November 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.