

**Diary Dates for September**

**1 Proms on the Farm proudly presents The Tewit Silver Band** in concert 7.00pm at Silsden Methodist Church. Conductor Martin Hall with guest soloist Sarah Halstead. Tickets £6.50 available from the church or from Twiggs Newsagents

**8 Yorkshire West Methodist Synod** at Woodhouse Grove School.

**9 Circuit Service** 6pm at Lees, preacher Revd David McAloon, music led by the Circuit Band

**12 Circuit Leadership Team Meeting**

**14 Bakery Demonstration** with Baker Mike. 7pm at Cononley Village Institute. See overleaf for details

**15 Opening of the new Touchstone Centre** in Bradford

**19 Local Preachers' Meeting** 7.30pm at Haworth

**22 Circuit Quiet Day** at Steeton led by Revd Ruth Gee. See overleaf for details.

**23 Stuart Townend Concert** at Keighley Shared Church. See details overleaf

**26 September Circuit Meeting** 7.30pm venue to be confirmed (not at Cross Hills as previously advertised).



Inviting all dads, grandads, uncles and their children/grandchildren, nieces and nephews to come and have fun together at **Who Let The Dads Out?**

At Silsden Methodist Church on Sat. 15th September 10-11.30am. More details from Jo Dolman, Youth, Children and Family Worker Jo.dolman@airedalemethodists.org or 07904 883491

**Christian Aid Fundraiser at St Andrew's Cowling** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am-2pm. Come and join us for refreshments, a raffle and a cake stall all to raise money for Christian Aid. There will also be a soup lunch available and New2u will be open for you to browse and grab a bargain! It would be lovely to see our circuit friends and all for a great cause.

**Big Sing at Cullingworth** Saturday 6th October 6.30pm at Cullingworth Methodist Church. This one off Big Sing will follow the style which used to be popular around the churches in the Worth Valley Circuit, including a pie and pea supper. No charge, but donations welcome. For catering purposes, please could churches give a rough idea of numbers attending by Sunday 30th Sept.

**Reflect— Methodist Spirituality, Northern Retreat** 'Water from our own Wells' at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. Leader: Henry Morgan (the Annunciation Trust) Tues 16th–Thurs 18th October. Cost £200. Still vacancies - Book now! Contact Rev Sandie ExleyWatts sandie@exleywatts.me.uk 01924 840219

**Letter from Chris Holmes**

Dear friends, it is with both sadness and anticipation that I leave you for a new challenge in my ministry. My two years here have given me a grounding in the work of a church leader which will stand me in good stead as I take up the post of Lay Pastor in the Bolton Circuit. I will have charge of two churches, St.John's Horwich and Chew Moor whose current minister has recently retired. The friendships I have made here will no doubt continue, and the joy and encouragement that have come out of times of fellowship have been heart-warming and affirming of my ministry. Whilst there have been difficult times, which have been good learning opportunities, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed working among you.

At a time of uncertainty for the established church, where dwindling memberships are a cause for concern, it is important to remember the words of James in his letter;

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.” (James 5:7-8)

As you continue to support each other, also remember the command to love one another found in the Gospel of John;

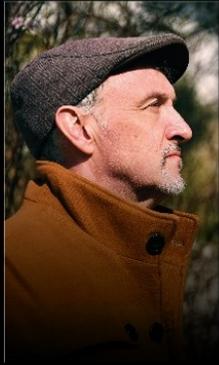
“By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)

I have seen first-hand how you show love for each other, and urge you to remember that we are Christ's body here on Earth; each of us has a valid part to play without which the body could not function. It is both humbling and exciting to think that we are entrusted with Christ's mission to bring the Gospel to all people, and to worship God the Father, and Jesus our Saviour.

Thank you for the love and understanding you have shown Heather and me in our time here. As we often say to each other at the end of worship services and prayer meetings; as Paul signs off his second letter to the Corinthian church;

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

God bless us all. *Chris Holmes*



# STUART TOWNEND AND BAND THE COURAGE TOUR 2018

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**An evening with Stuart Townend at Keighley Shared Church**

Stuart Townend is one of today's leading worship songwriters. Churches around the world sing his hymns including "In Christ alone", "How deep the Father's love" and "The power of the cross".

**Start Time: 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)**

**Tickets: £15 Adults, £12 Concessions**

**Online: [www.airedalemethodists.org](http://www.airedalemethodists.org)**

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**Saturday 22nd September**

**10am-3pm**

**at Steeton Methodist Church**



## "Resting in Prayer"

## A Circuit Quiet Day

**led by Revd Ruth Gee**

President of the Methodist Conference 2013-2014

This is a free event but please let us know of your attendance by email to the Local Preachers' Secretary Janet Clark [janmclark0210@gmail.com](mailto:janmclark0210@gmail.com) or phone 01535 655744. Please book by September 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest

## Harvest Creations

**Silsden Methodist Church**

**'Let your light shine'**

in aid of

'All you Can' Harvest 2018 Appeal and Silsden Methodist Church



**Saturday 6th October**

9.30am-3.30pm *Coffee Morning, Harvest Displays, Stalls, Art Exhibition, Refreshments*

6.30pm *Hot Meal and Entertainment*

**Sunday 7th October**

10.45am *Family Harvest Worship led by Rev Ruth Crompton*

12.30am-3.30pm *Harvest Displays, Refreshments*

6.00pm *Praise Worship led by Rev Ruth Crompton*  
also a Sunflower competition

*Donations of tins and dried food for the Salvation Army Food Bank gratefully received over the weekend*

# Baker Mike



**CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE  
Friday, 14th September**

## Bakery Demonstration

with Baker Mike

An Evening with the famous local Baker Mike... watch and sample FIVE Demonstration Bakes, whilst enjoying a glass of wine and take home the recipes to try!

**at 7.00pm**

**Tickets: £7.50 available from Cononley Post Office or Tel: (01535) 633956**

All proceeds in aid of St John's United Church Redevelopment Fund

Please submit any items for the October newsletter by Monday 24th September 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.