

Diary Dates

Thursday 3 7.30pm
Circuit Meeting at Marsh Methodist Church. This is an extra meeting re stationing of staff. NB change of venue from that shown on circuit plan

Saturday 12 West Yorkshire District Synod in the Settle Circuit, 11am-4pm at Queen Elizabeth School, Kirby Lonsdale

Tuesday 15 Local Preachers' Meeting 7.30pm at Steeton

Saturday 19 Concert at Ilkley Road Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Airedale Male Voice Choir. Tickets £6 each from 01535 607433

Friday 25 World's Biggest Coffee Morning – see overleaf for venues and times

Sunday 27 Circuit Evening Service 6pm at Ilkley Road. Please come and share in the Accreditation Service for Patricia Henny as a Local Preacher

Tuesday 29 7.30pm
Circuit Meeting at Cross Hills

Friday 2 October 7pm
Quiz and Karaoke night to be held by St Andrew's at Cowling Village Hall. For tickets please contact Philip Boocock on 01535 633314

Mission Shaped Introduction

Rediscover mission and re-imagine church

Our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace, but how does the church respond to this change? Are new ways of being church possible? If so, what might they look like?

mission shaped intro helps people to reconnect with the communities they are called to serve and to re-imagine the forms of church that are needed for the 21st century. It takes you on a creative and reflective journey looking at the need for new ways of being church.

This is an Ecumenical initiative, featuring six 90 minute sessions which include creative activities, film clips, presentations, discussions, worship and prayer.

- To run at Hetton Methodist Chapel for 6 weeks on Tuesday Afternoons starting 6th Oct at 2:00pm
- to run at Newby Methodist Church for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings starting 6th Oct at 7:30pm
- to run at Silsden Methodist Church for 6 weeks on Thursday evenings starting 8th Oct at 7:30pm.

If you can't make one of the weeks at your nearest venue, feel free to come along to one of the others.

Session facilitators include:

Bishop James Bell

Nick Blundell: W Yorks District Mission Enabling Officer

Andy Ryland: Diocesan Rural Officer

Karin Shaw: Diocesan Fresh Expressions Officer

Maggie Patchett: W Yorks District Rural Outreach Project

Please contact Deacon Maggie Patchett if you are interested in attending at any of the venues:
deaconmaggiep@gmail.com 07753 110388

For more information go to
<https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedintro>

Ruth and Gerald thank everyone who supported The Manse Open Day on August 6th. £391.90 was raised for The Welcome Project in Keighley.

Friday 18th September
7pm at St Andrew's, Cowling, concert with renowned accordionist Thom Hardaker supported by Colne Ladies Choir. Tickets £8 (concessions £6) to include refreshments in the interval. Book in advance if possible. Contact Anne Pearson 01535 635612 apearson840@gmail.com or Edna Smith 01535 632487 e.smith641@btinternet.com

Saturday 19th Sept.
10am-3pm at St Andrew's Cowling - Women's Convention "BUILDING BRIDGES"
Come to listen to speakers, enjoy activities and fellowship and put questions to a panel: Revd Ruth Crompton, Revd Rosemary Nash, Revd Barbara Walls & Mrs Carleen Richardson will all contribute. Lunch will be provided. No set charge but donations invited towards lunch. Contact Mrs Anne Pearson 01535 635612 or Mrs Adelaide Kanu 01535 635140 for more details or to reserve a place. Please let us know if you are coming for catering.



Our **Mission Possible Appeal Launch Event** is on

Saturday 3rd October 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

FREE Coffee and Cakes!

See the latest plans for the exciting
Mission Possible Building Extension Project

Look round the Static Displays showing what
many of the groups who use our premises do

Donations to the **Mission Possible Appeal Fund** or
promises to give over the next two years welcome

Sign up to the **Mission Possible £10 Challenge**

- we give you a £10 float to use
- to buy materials to make goods to sell
- or to launch your own fundraising event
- you return the float with the funds you raise

Do come and support us

The village of **Haworth** is best known as the home of the Bronte writers & the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. But Haworth has another claim to fame dating back a century before the Brontes. Without the Rev William Grimshaw, known by the Wesley brothers as The Apostle of the North, there may well be no Airedale circuit today. Grimshaw was the curate at the village parish church in the 1740s, an evangelical at a time when Anglican clergy neglected their people & their church. He encouraged the Methodists, a house group who met in his kitchen at Sowden`s Farm & went on to become effectively the first superintendent minister of a vast circuit known as the Haworth Round which stretched as far as Whitehaven in Cumbria. In 1758 he caused the first Methodist preaching house to be built in Haworth. This year marks the 260th anniversary of the formation of the first Methodist group, a heritage of which the faithful Haworth folk are understandably proud. They have offered to lead guided walks around Grimshaw sites or to give talks about Grimshaw but so far have had no takers. The offers are still there. Ring 01535 661475 for information.

Please submit any items for the October newsletter by Monday September 14th 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 the Editor.

A letter from Sister Jean Stephenson regarding the Blenheim Project: Over the past 38 years a lot has been achieved with the project, but sadly this last week August 6th a meeting was called to make very big decisions, for Bradford Council had decided they would no longer be able to support financially, due to the cuts in funding from Central Government, and that for us to tender to the set agreement laid down, we could not compete with others. Therefore the Trustees recommendation, that because of our size and resources we cannot compete to tender. Also it would mean to contradict our pledge and commitment to our service users plus issues of safeguarding which we have held under the new provision to be unsuitable.

I would like to say thank you to the people in our Circuit through Network who have given and shared in many ways this splendid project. Furniture, household goods, food for harvest, toys for children at Christmas and coffee mornings to raise money through the collecting boxes. All so generously and wonderfully given and one could go on.

The staff have worked hard and credit must be given for all that they have done, both in the house and resettling women and children in suitable accommodation even though they have taken pay cuts, this is devastating to them. We want to praise them for the pressure they have been under caring for women experiencing domestic violence and homelessness.

We pray that this will not mean more homelessness.

Thanks to Myra Jennings and the trustees who have felt the pain regarding closure with the Bradford District Council.

If anyone wishes to ask further questions please contact Revd Sandie Exley-Watts or Sister Jean.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 25th September

- ⇒ At Cross Hills Methodist Church 10.00-12.00 with coffee, cake and biscuits
- ⇒ At St Andrew's, Cowling 10.00-12.00 in the Bancroft Room, with coffee and stalls
- ⇒ At Thornfield, Station Road, Haworth 10.00-11.30 run by West Lane Church

All welcome at any of the above