

OAKWORTH



METHODIST CHURCH

Golden Jubilee Year



June 2010 Newsletter



Jubilee Candlelight Cabaret enjoyed by all - see page 12

*After Jesus had finished speaking, one of the guests said,
"The greatest blessing of all is to be at the banquet
in God's kingdom!"*

Luke 14:15

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

Since the last Newsletter we have celebrated the Christian festivals of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. We have also remembered the needs of others, and how we might help make a better world, by joining with other churches throughout the land in raising money during Christian Aid Week.

Here at Oakworth the special "Golden Jubilee" events have continued on Sundays in worship and at other times socially. It has been a splendid programme involving many people and we are most grateful to the organisers. The celebrations culminate on the weekend of 12/13 June at the Flower Festival and Service of Thanksgiving.

In the Church Year we now move through a long period called "Ordinary Time" which takes us right through to Advent Sunday (28 November).

During this period, sometimes counted as "Sundays after Trinity", our focus is on the life of the Church, our responsibilities as Christian disciples in our present age and our work as a Church in seeking to further the Kingdom of God in our own locality. In the American Methodist Church this long period is divided into two and the latter part is called "Kingdomtide" which seems to me to be a good idea.

OAKWORTH MANOR

The moving of the time of the monthly services from 6pm to 3pm seems to have gone down well. There will be a short meeting for all helpers on the rota from Christ Church and ourselves on Wednesday 23 June, 7.00 pm in the Methodist Church Lounge.

NEW WORSHIPPERS

We are delighted to welcome into the worshipping life of our congregation Rev David & Mrs Sybil Cooke and Bridget Pearmain (membership transfer from Leeds).

As the summer months progress we will hopefully enjoy some warmer weather to that which we have been accustomed to. I'm sure we will all welcome sunshine! I often think of the sun as a "picture parable", speaking of God's love reaching out to his world and all the people in it.

When there is no sunshine we might recall these words made famous during World War 2:

"I believe in the sun, even if it does not shine.

I believe in love, even if I do not feel it.

I believe in God, even if I do not see him"

Peace & Love,

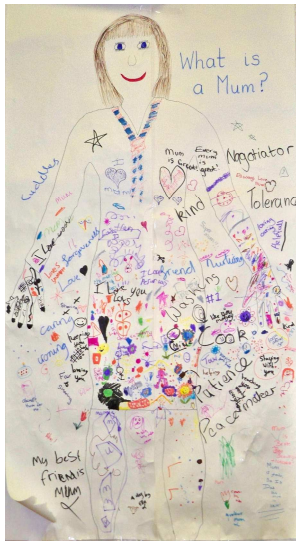


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Mothering Sunday



Grand Auction

Thank you to all who provided goods to sell at the March Auction and to those who came along to share in the fun as Richard Atkins took the bids to sell it all away. We attracted a good crowd of punters but, sadly, had less to auction than in previous years. Nevertheless, £270 was raised for church funds.



Bell Ringers

Yeadon Bell Ringers entertained the Ladies' Group with a variety of tunes at their March Meeting. Some of the ladies then had a go!



Pantomime Party



And a good time was had by all!

Don't forget to order your Puss in Boots DVD from David - only £7.50

Peter is hoping to be able to run the DVDs off this month and deliver them before the Summer Hols!



Next Pantomime: 19-26 Feb 2011

Cinderella

Spring Market

A big thank you to everyone for your support at the Spring Market. It was too early for the plants but we had a lovely morning with a good crowd and raised £710 for church funds.



Community Stars



Congratulations again to David and Ruth on this well deserved award. They are pictured with Sean O'Hare who nominated them.

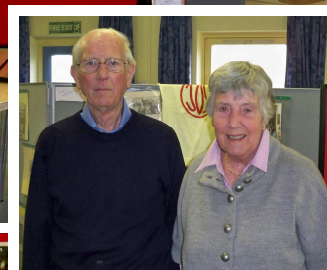
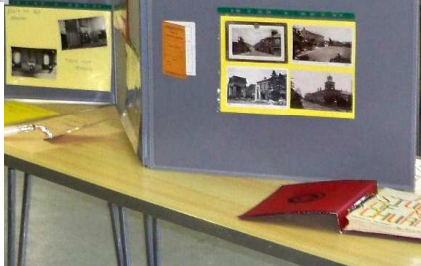
The citation reads: "Along with their son, this couple have

organised the Oakworth Methodist Pantomime for 31 years, involved in every aspect of it from the writing and set design to its promotion. They encourage and inspire young people, boosting confidence and self esteem, and are described as 'a very gentle and humble couple of great worth'."

Maundy Thursday



Golden Jubilee Exhibition and



Church Anniversary Weekend



*Discipleship -
Following Jesus -
A Journey of
Discovery*



Fashion Show

The church was packed for Firth's Fashion Show hosted by our Ladies' Group in April. The models, including Sandra Dickinson, showcased a wide variety of outfits, all very much appreciated by the audience. The event raised a staggering £741, which enabled the Ladies' Group to donate £500 to RNLI - their chosen charity this year.



Word Search - Jesus Saves

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days and God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at their keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent email. They sent out email with attachments. They downloaded. They made cards. They did every known job. But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went off!" Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate.

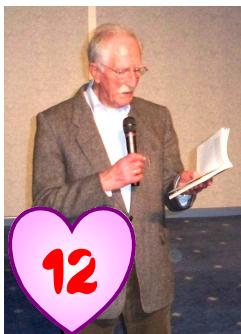
"Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?"

God shrugged and said, "Jesus saves".

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Find all the blue words from the passage above in the grid opposite and then read the message hidden in the unused letters!

Candlelight Cabaret & Mini Meal





Candlelight Cabaret



The Candlelight Cabaret went really well – over 120 people enjoyed the Mini Meal and 8 cabaret acts and all were very impressed with their excellent evening out. The seven course meal was prepared by church members and served by a team of young people from many of the groups taking part in the cabaret. The tables were beautifully decorated and the meal was eaten in candlelight.

The cabaret included Guides/Brownies/Rainbows (singing), Scouts/Cubs (sketches), Oakworth Ladies' Group (singing), Oakworth Morris Men (dancing) (formed at the first Candlelight Cabaret in 1980), 3rd Age Singing for Pleasure Group (monologue and singing), KYDZ Keighley Youth Theatre (2 Eurovision Song routines), a monologue from MC John Shires and the act everyone was talking about, the pantomime senior dancers who wowed the audience with three routines: "Cabaret", "Don't Rain on my Parade" and "Twist and Shout"!

There was no charge for this event but donations to the Jubilee Fund over the weekend came to over £720.

It was wonderful to witness all the groups who use our premises getting to know each other and working together really well as the evenings progressed. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were full of praise for the whole event. It was a privilege to be part of it!

Sunday School Anniversary



It was great to welcome Rev Alistair Sharp back to lead our Sunday School Anniversary Praise Service. His very positive message was refreshing and reassuring and he used our multi-media facilities to great effect - until the projector took offence to something he said! Peter tried in vain to clear the on-screen warning!!



Good News

Congratulations

To Sharon and Richard Webb on the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Sophia on Monday 17th May - picture opposite - and to Phillippa and David Pinder on the birth of a son, Nathan Elliott on Saturday 22nd May - picture below. We pray God's blessing on all of you.



Church Garden

The Rhododendrons Arnold Sharp planted continue to look beautiful at this time of year. Work in the garden continues and I wish to thank all who help. Maureen Dyson has taken over care of the pots and troughs. Margaret Nolan is a great help, as are all who join us for the *Garden Gang* sessions. Elizabeth Emmott kindly paid for Steve Thorpe to do the heavy spring pruning for us.

The Cubs continue to plant up their troughs along the front of church and we have had offers of sweeping and tidying from Scouts and Brownies. Shaun O'Hare and the Cubs have worked to improve the back of church, Playgroup have flagged an area for outdoor activities and we now have compost bins! What a lot of effort by many people - *many hands make light work!* Areas of grass killed in readiness for new planting look worse just now but will look much better in the future! Many thanks. *Kath Batty.*



Christian Aid

Many thanks for your support to Christian Aid through the Gift Envelopes last month - you raised a brilliant £100 for the appeal.

Situation Vacant

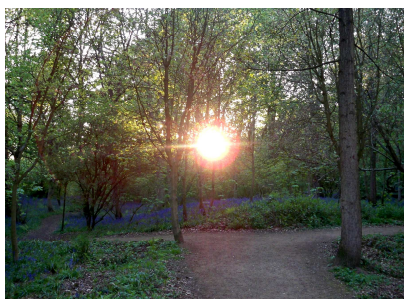
We still need a Church Council Secretary! Have you the skill to take notes of meetings (three per year)? Please speak with John Hudson if you can help. Thank you.

Wednesday Club



The April meal at The Grouse went down superbly - especially the ice cream volcano, chosen by two couples! We also had a lovely May evening walk through the carpets of bluebells in Middleton Woods at Ilkley - they were outstanding this year. Then there was more pub food at Addingham!

Check the diary for our Summer activities and join us - we have a great time together.



Special Events



Village Gala Saturday 3rd July

2.00 pm: Procession leaves Lane Ends

2.30 pm: Entertainment in Victoria Road
Playing Field (includes children's sports)

Please see Ruth if you can help
in the Refreshment Tent



Pantomime Praise Service

Sunday 18th July 10.30 am

All Age Worship

Featuring excerpts from the Pantomime,
our Youth Praise Band and Songbirds

Barbecue

Sunday 18th July
from 1.00 pm

Milner Bank, Newsholme



Keighley Youth Theatre KYDZ

Present: "Flying the Flag"

A comedy set in the Eurovision Song
Contest with classic Eurovision songs

Thursday and Friday

22 + 23 July 7.30 pm

☎ 01535 219705 for tickets



Sunday Worship & Young People



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Jun** 6 10.30 am Rev John Hudson
13 10.30 am Rev Ruth Parry - **Jubilee Flower Festival Weekend**
Celebration of Baptism All Age Worship Service
4.00 pm Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for Jubilee Year
20 10.30 am Rev John Hudson - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
27 10.30 am Mrs Elizabeth Caissie
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Jul** 4 10.30 am Rev Michael Chapman
11 10.30 am Rev John Hudson - **Holy Communion**
18 10.30 am Louise, David, Helen + Young People -
All Age Pantomime Praise Service
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
25 10.30 am Miss Doth Lund
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Aug** 1 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter
8 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**
15 10.30 am Rev Marcus Pattern - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
22 10.30 am Mrs Kathleen Miller
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
29 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart
6.00 pm United Holy Communion Service - Christ Church
- Sep** 19 10.30 am Rev Jacky Hale - **Back to Church Sunday**
Harvest Festival All Age Worship Service

Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am

All Children and Young People are welcome - (Holiday from 25th July)

Creche facilities are available when required



Details of Circuit Events and Services can be found
in the Circuit News section of this Newsletter

Diary Dates



Tuesdays 11.30 am Senior Citizens' Pre-lunch Fellowship
 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 20th July for Summer break - re-opens 7th September)

JUNE 2010

Tue 1 7.30 pm Jubilee Committee - 217 Fell Lane, Keighley
 Wed 2 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
 Thu 3 - Sat 5 On The Move - Church Green, Keighley
 Sat 5 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Cowling
 Wed 9 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Pitch & Putt - Aireville Park, Skipton
 Sat 12 10.00-4.00 **Jubilee Flower Festival - see advert on back page**
 Sun 13 2.00-4.00 **Jubilee Flower Festival + Service - see advert**
 Tue 15 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting/Consultation - Cullingworth
 Wed 23 7.00 pm Meeting for Oakworth Manor Volunteers - Lounge

JULY 2010

Sat 3 2.00 pm **Village Gala - Victoria Road Playing Field**
 Sat 3 6.30 pm Big Sing + Pie & Pea Supper - Ilkley Road, Riddlesden
 Wed 7 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
 Wed 14 1.00-3.00 Wednesday Club Evening Walk - Church to Lower Scholes
 Sat 17 12.30 pm **Wedding - Annmarie Bailey to James Brown - in church**
 Sun 18 1.00 pm **Barbecue - Milner Bank, Newsholme**
 Thu 22 7.30 pm **Keighley Youth Theatre KYDZ Summer Show - in church**
 Fri 23 7.30 pm **Keighley Youth Theatre KYDZ Summer Show - in church**
 Sat 31 4.00-6.00 Farewell Event for Rev Alf Waite - Haworth

AUGUST 2010

Wed 4 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
 Sat 7 1.00 pm **Wedding - Emma Armstrong to Matthew Stubbs - at Undercliffe**
 Wed 18 7.30 pm Wednesday Club Surprise Evening - Milner Bank
Information for September Newsletter to David this week please
 Sat 28 2.30 pm **Wedding - Joy Howarth to David King - in church**

SEPTEMBER 2010

Wed 1 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
 Thu 2 7.30 pm **Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Neville Richardson**
 Sat 11 all day **Circuit Walk - Worth Valley "Railway Children" Walk**
 Sun 12 all day Haworth Off-Road Marathon
 Wed 15 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - 2 Owls Nest, Far Low Bank

Further details and information can be found on our
Website: www.OakworthMethodists.org



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday 12th + 13th June

Celebrations

*Arrangements by
Church members
& other groups* *To be opened at 10.00 am
on the Saturday by
Rev Margaret Christopher*

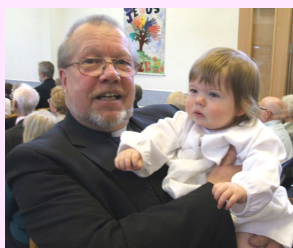
*Open for viewing Saturday 10.00-4.00
morning coffee or afternoon cream teas
Sunday 2.00-4.00 with refreshments*



Plant Stall

*Service of Praise & Thanksgiving Sunday 4.00 pm
led by Rev John Hudson*

Celebration of Baptism



Sunday 13th June 10.30 am

A Celebratory All Age Worship Service
- for all who have been baptised -
especially those at our church

**Rev Ruth Parry leads the Service
in the midst of the flowers!**



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