



June 2012 Newsletter



Lizzie, Sam, Joe, Paul, Eleanor and some of the puppets prepare to lead the singing at the Sunday School Anniversary Praise Service last month.

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

In the days of King David, when the Temple was being built, David calls all the people together to give thanks for all the gifts of skills and time, as well as jewels and precious metals which made it all possible. All was meant to give glory to God, so David prays:



'Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours ... In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now O God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.' 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

As some of you know, I have just had a 'girls' long weekend visiting Paris with my daughters. We had a great time visiting art galleries, taking a boat trip on the Seine and enjoying long leisurely meals.

But in and through all that, I hope something else was happening – the creating of good memories which we will share and will be a common strength in our relationship now they are grown up. They have some sad and difficult memories of family life when they were younger. I can't take those memories away, but I hope newer memories will put them in perspective, and remind my daughters that I have always loved them.

Our families and friends are often among the greatest gifts that God gives us - and maybe, one of the greatest gifts we can give them in return, is making special time for them when we can give them our full attention. By doing so, we may find that we are sharing in God's reconciling love for them. This naturally leads to prayer; holding them before God and praising God for his good gifts. For as King David goes on to say:

'Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand ... Praise the Lord your God.' 1 Chronicles 29:14b,20



Shalom
Sandie

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Annual General Church Meeting

What kind of people does Christ call us to be?

This question set the theme for the evening in our devotions and then remained at the back of our thoughts through the business of the meeting.

A number of exciting opportunities were discussed, including the Church weekend away in Scarborough in September, Jubilee Celebrations in June, Special Services at various times, the local Olympic Torch event.

We heard a very positive report from "Crossing the Bridge", our Sunday evening Youth Fellowship group - more of that on the back page of this Newsletter.

Details were shared of the latest Emmaus Group sessions entitled 'If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat' - dates are in the diary.

Grateful thanks were expressed to our Stewards and helpers, as well as all the other key personnel who work to maintain the mission of this church.

After confirming the Church Council decision to wait until October before discussing the building plans any further, by which time the full feasibility study will have been completed, Sandie asked us to break into small groups to discuss a couple of questions to help us begin to think about what we are here for. She offers the following thoughts as a way forward from this.

Developing our vision of what we are here for ...

Do you have a clear idea of where this church is 'going'? Are we just keeping pace with our existing commitments and activities or do we feel we have a clear vision of which direction God might be calling us to now? Probably, our answers would be mixed. To help us with these questions and others we might have been considering, such as a possible building scheme, Sandie is offering four sessions called the 'Square Mile' which helps us focus on our calling to be salt and light in our community.

The four sessions use a combination of:

- Thought provoking discussion questions
- In depth Bible study
- Interviews with leading thinkers and activists (on DVD)
- Inspiring stories from around the UK

giving us the opportunity and equipping us to develop a clearer vision of living out our calling and planning together to take action.

These sessions are for anyone who is keen to contribute to the growing life and witness of this church. *Provisional dates* are:

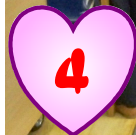
Thursdays 21st June, 28th June, 12th July, 19th July at 7.30 pm.

Please let Sandie know if you might be interested:

☎ 01535 602669 or sandie@exleywatts.me.uk



Mothers' Day Parade Service



Spring Market



Sunday School Anniversary

This Prayer Bear has been blessed by its presence in our worship service at Oakworth Methodist Church; it has heard hymns, songs, Scripture and prayers, including prayers for you. It brings prayers of love, peace, joy and hope that our church family extends to you today and always."



Prayer bracelets and Prayer Bears both featured in our Sunday School Anniversary Service. The teddy bears all have tags round their necks with the words printed above and they will remain in church until you take one out to someone who is ill or sad and would value our prayers. They will help you explain why we care. If you have a spare teddy, why not bring it to church to join the others so that there are always plenty in stock for you to take out in time of need.





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CIRCUIT NEWS

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Airedale Methodist Circuit will welcome all and serve all in the name of Christ, by increasing an awareness of God and declaring His love.

From: Rev Ruth Parry

Dear Friends,

This will be the last contribution I will write for the Circuit Newsletter and so I want to begin by thanking you all for the friendship and support that you have given to me and to John over the years. We will be sad to leave the "Airedale family", we have spent many happy years living and working in various parts of the Circuit. We are sure we are leaving you in good and caring hands and we look forward to the challenges of a new situation. We are beginning to sort out our cupboards and decide what will be coming with us and what will not! Some will be thrown away - some might be of use to others and so it will go to be recycled! It's good to think that things we no longer need can often be used to help others.

I write this letter shortly after the Circuit consultation on the future and the leadership team want to say a big thank you for being so positive. We recognise there are fears but were delighted that, on the whole, each fear was accompanied by the sentiment that "we will give it a try". There was a clear recognition that things are going to be different and that change is inevitable and can be very exciting.

Two things came out of the meeting. The first was that it became clear there was some confusion about the roles of a Presbyter and a Deacon, and the second was about the use of talents and gifts.

The Methodist Church has two orders of ministry: presbyteral and diaconal. The two orders are equal in status yet with differences in focus, style and

character. What follows is very simplistic - there was a report to Conference in 2002 entitled 'What is a Presbyterian', followed in 2004 by one called 'What is a Deacon' - they both run to several pages, so to sum them up in a few lines does both a disservice!

The main difference between them is that a Presbyterian's ordination allows them to take a Communion service. Traditionally Deacons have taken a more pastoral role (e.g. visiting the sick, etc.) where Presbyterians have taken a more preaching and teaching role. This distinction is still valid but there are presbyterians who have a pastoral ministry and Deacons who have a teaching orientated ministry, although not all Deacons preach. Deacons have a specific project they are assigned to or are responsible for a particular area of work in the Circuit. Each ministry is of equal status, they are just different.

Methodists also like to talk about the 'Priesthood of all believers' and firmly believe that whilst some individuals are called out for an ordained ministry in the Church (eg. Presbyterians and Deacons) every Methodist has a ministry to perform within the Church. A ministry in this sense is a task to do what God wants that person to perform. That brings me to the second point - the use of our talents and gifts.

Someone said to me after the meeting "one thing we need in the Circuit is a 'shopping' service (as in the latest M&S advert where we are encouraged to take an old garment in for recycling when we buy a new one!) We do not always know what gifts members of the Circuit have and how there might be people willing to do something for other congregations in return for some offer of help for their own Church. For example - one Church might struggle to get someone to look after finances but have some very practical people; another Church might have a very competent treasurer but has no-one who can do a minor repair to the property. If we knew who those people were we could arrange a talent swap and everyone would gain.

We live in changing but exciting times - as I said at the meeting. God never called anyone to stay where they are or to go back to what they had been. God's call is ALWAYS to change. As I prepare to change location and move to a different place I will continue to pray for you all as you prepare for changes and I am sure that God will bless you as you walk with Him into an exciting but different future.

Ruth.

WORSHIP

LOCAL PREACHERS

On Sunday 11th March, at Oakworth Methodist Church, Louise Makin was received as a fully accredited Local Preacher in a lively service which included several of the young people from that Church.

Also during the service Maurice Baren was presented with a certificate to mark 40 years of service as a Local Preacher.

ST. PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH, CROSS HILLS

They are holding their Church Anniversary on the weekend of the 9th & 10th June. On the Saturday evening at 7.00 pm there will be a concert by Silsden Town band. Tickets are £5, including refreshments. On the Sunday at 10.30 am Rev Jacky Hale will lead their Anniversary Service. All are very welcome on both days.

On Saturday 7th July at 7.00 pm there will be a concert by The Wesley Singers, from Leeds. Tickets are £5, including refreshments.

Tickets for either concert can be bought at the door, or pre-booked on 01535 634106.

REV. CHARLOTTE COMMON'S FAREWELL SERVICE

This service will be held at Keighley Shared Church on Monday 16th July at 7.30 pm. Charlotte is hoping to include some elements of the traditions of the people of Mauritius, among whom she is going to work. Do come along and share in this special occasion.

SHOPPERS' SERVICES

Just a gentle reminder that at Silsden and at Keighley Shared Church there are Shoppers' services at 10.30 am each Friday morning. You will be most welcome at either church - why not give it a try, they only last for 20 minutes! Its also another opportunity for another coffee!

SERVICE

NETWORK SUMMER PARTY

The Annual Summer Party will once again be held at Cullingworth Methodist Church on 19th June from 2.15 pm. There will be entertainment by the 'Vocal Aires', Bring & Buy stalls and afternoon teas. The proceeds are for the Blenheim Project. All Welcome.

THE 40s WEEKEND IN HAWORTH - 19th & 20th MAY

Saturday - the NAAFI Cafe will be open from 10.30 am when hot and cold wartime style food will be served. There will be various stalls.

At 7.30 pm Planet Rabbit Productions will present 'Blitz Bride', a nostalgic comedy, in one act, by Claire Spratt.

On the Sunday from 1.00 - 4.00 pm there will be a 40s tea dance with DJ Major Swing.

HAWORTH - ONCE AGAIN SERVING THE TOURISTS, AND FRIENDS FROM THE CIRCUIT

August Bank Holiday Monday from 10.30am Traditional mini-market, hot & cold food at reasonable prices, various stalls. All welcome.

LEARNING AND CARING

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION - THE FUTURE by Ruth Parry to Airedale Circuit Meeting - March 2012

In the report 'Contemporary Discipleship - A Discipleship Movement Shaped for Mission' the General Secretary of the Methodist Church, Martyn Atkins, points out that 'being shaped is not always comfortable but that we must stop doing some things so that we can do other things better' - he points out that change is exciting and challenging, but can also be uncomfortable and unsettling.

Becoming a new Circuit was an opportunity for some of that to happen - we decided to give some space - some freedom from committees and meetings as we tried to discern which direction God wanted the Airedale Circuit to go. So, two years on, where are we?

One of the questions people are asking in this Circuit is 'who will be our Minister?' Maybe the time has come to think through what we mean by that. What we need to be asking more urgently is 'What is our Mission?' and 'How do we share ALL our gifts.' One of the great things about the Methodist Church - one that sets us apart from many other denominations is our doctrine of 'The Priesthood of all Believers' - it means we are ALL ministers together - lay and ordained and our ministry is the Mission of God and that is hard work.

"Methodism began as a movement - a movement that in obedience to God, wanted to make a difference in the world in the lives of individuals and communities." *Martyn Atkins*

John Wesley said "Go not to those who need you but to those who need you most". We need to work out who needs us most and if we are really honest about that I suspect it won't be those we have traditionally expected to minister to.

We need to work out what OUR Mission is, where the energy of the Holy Spirit is. We need some buildings as bases - but we have too many. If we are not engaging with those around us we are not doing the work we are called to. We might have hundreds of people crossing our thresholds each week - but if we are not engaging with them in a gospel way we are not being church - we are a letting agency. It's often easier to start a new thing than to maintain or renovate something that exists and we expend a lot of energy maintaining and renovating. Is the maintenance of some of our buildings akin to maintaining telephone boxes in an age of mobile phones?

Jesus never promised that the work we are called to would be easy but He did promise that He would be with us whilst we do it. Maybe we haven't worked hard enough to make this Circuit work - and by WE - I mean every single person who is a part of the Church is called to a part of God's mission.

So what questions do we have to address in Airedale at this time?

Well - first of all money. We are grateful to Clare Dewhirst - our finances are not good but we know where we are! BUT - it is at least two years since Clare

said she wanted to give up being treasurer. It is unfair that she is still in the post. If we think of the Circuit as a family we should help each other.

The first call on the money of each congregation is the Circuit assessment - the strong should help the weak, but that means being honest with each other about what we have - reserves, apart from the statutory 'six months in hand', are part of what we have to share. Charity law does not allow us to keep significantly more in the bank than the statutory amount.

For various reasons, the teams we tried to set up (Mission and Ministry and Learning and Development) haven't worked - there are several reasons for this. The responsibility for this does not lay at the feet of those charged with their advent! Some churches and people engaged but not many - maybe we need different teams to look at strategy and management - that might be a better way forward. What I do know is that it is everyone's responsibility.

From September the staff team will look very different. It's exciting to think of such a mixture - a presbyter in Rosemary Nash, a deacon in Claire Gill and a probationer in Saidu Kanu. Deacons do not work like presbyters and although Claire has said she is happy to have pastoral charge of a couple of small churches her focus in the Circuit will be different. Saidu is a probationer minister - probationer ministers are still ministers in training and as such are supposed to have a 0.75 workload and also require supervision. Jacky and Sandy will still be here, Claire Voss returns from maternity leave in the middle of April, but she will be returning to work half-time and the Circuit Meeting approved the appointment of Tanya as a part time worker in the Circuit should she have her call to ordination affirmed by Connexion - most of you will know that happened so Tanya will be working in the Circuit as she trains.

We are losing two Circuit Stewards, Debbie and Darrell, who have seen the Circuit through times of change and we are grateful to them - we still have Graham, Janet and Ron left but need others to maintain the strength of the team. We are working on what being a team means.

I quoted a phrase from the film 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' - which becomes an underlying attitude during the film - 'it will be alright in the end, so if it's not alright, it's not the end.' At 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' the hopes and dreams of youth (the Hotel's visionary manager) stand in juxtaposition to the regrets and fears of old age - how true this is of the world we live in - and of the Church.

Within the story this isn't just a glib saying, neither is it a fatalistic call to sit back and let life take its course. We are reminded that we cannot choose what happens to us, but we can choose how we respond. It reminded me that as Christians we have a great deal of hope regarding the future, BUT, we can't just sit back and wait for it, we have to make the most of whatever comes my way. Every moment, every challenge, even every mistake, is an opportunity to do something great, and move onto something even greater.

For the Airedale Circuit 'It will be alright in the end' but just at the moment it's not - but then - it's not the end - is it?

SERVICE

SERVING GOD - THE CIRCUIT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Can you offer to serve as a Circuit Steward, Circuit Treasurer, or help in some other way? Have a word with your minister if you can help.

JUBILEE & OLYMPICS - IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN SILSDEN!

Saturday 2nd June - Jubilee Coffee, Cakes & Cameraderie
9.30 am Stalls, Bacon sandwiches; 1.00 pm Cream teas served till 4.00 pm
Silsden Town Band on the lawn.

Saturday 11th August Olympics BBQ 5.30 pm Anyone wishing to attend please phone Eileen Jowitt (01535 657256) or Joyce Hartley (01535 568600)

Each week there is Chatterbox Coffee on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9.30 am - 12.00 noon - serving coffee, tea, hot chocolate, fruit juice, toasted teacakes, crumpets or scones.

Friday Coffee from 9.30-11.30 am.

COFFEE MORNINGS AT LEES METHODIST CHURCH

There is a Coffee Morning, each one with a different theme, on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00-11.30 am.

On 2nd June we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; on 7th July it's Wimbledon, and on 4th August the 'Olympics in Yorkshire'.

You will be most welcome - they are very popular events!

BINGLEY METHODIST CHURCH - SPRING FLING

On Saturday 19th May from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Meat & Potato Pie lunches served from 11.30 am. Stalls will include books, cakes, crafts, tins, bottles and jars, and there will also be a raffle. Cold food available all day, along with delicious desserts. All the proceeds for Christian Aid's Sierra Leone Maternal Health project.

CLAIRE VOSS - Children's Worker

Claire is now back with us - great - but only working part-time.

YORKSHIRE 10K RUNS, RUN, RUN, RUN.....

If the Olympics, or running the race inspire you, why not join our team and run 1,2, or 3 of the Yorkshire 10K runs?

3rd June in Hull, 8th July in Leeds, 5th August in York.

Sign up at www.forallevents.co.uk/fun-for-all and let Steph Jenner know you've done so and what, if anything, you're being sponsored for. More than Gold t-shirts will be available for you to run in if you wish at £6, please let her know your size at stephanie@sjenner.plus.com

DIARY DATES

- 19th May Bingley Spring Fling 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
19/20 May 40s weekend at Haworth - see other pages for details
2nd June Jubilee Olympics at Silsden from 9.30 am
Coffee Morning at Lees 10.00-11.30 am 'Queen's Diamond Jubilee'
5th June Jubilee Walk (bring your own tea) @ Cullingworth 2.00 pm
9th June St Peter's Cross Hills Church Anniversary weekend
7.00 pm Concert by Silsden Town Band Tickets £5.
10th June Anniversary Service led by Rev Jacky Hale
19th June Network Summer party at Cullingworth from 2.15 pm
7th July Lees Coffee Morning 10-11.30 am 'Wimbledon'
St Peter's Cross Hills 7.00 pm Concert by The Wesley Singers
Admission £5.00
16th July 7.30 pm Rev Charlotte Common's farewell Service -
at Keighley Shared Church
4th August Lees Coffee Morning 10.00-11.30 am 'Olympics in Yorkshire'
11th August Olympics BBQ @ Silsden

LEARNING TOGETHER

Anatole France, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature wrote:
"90% of education is encouragement."

Therefore let us encourage each other and seek a way forward.

SPONSORED HEAD SHAVE

Maurice Baren, our Editor and Local Preacher, reaches 75 in September and is once again prepared to have his head shaved for charity. His chosen charities are Action for Children, SOS Sahel, and Yorkshire Cancer Research

If you would like to sponsor him, please complete the cut off slip below (to gain gift aid) and send cheques, made payable to Keighley Rotary Club Charity Account to 4 Branwell Drive, Haworth BD22 8HG.

Full Name.....Address.....Amt.....
Post Code.....

Gift Aid declaration - I wish to Gift Aid my sponsorship to the Rotary Club of Keighley (Reg Charity 514420)

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and that I have paid tax equivalent to the sum being reclaimed under this donation.

Gift Aid Yes/No (please circle)

(The tax refund will be divided equally between the charities)

Word Search - A verbal wound

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

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

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News Snippets

A date for your diary!

Coffee morning at Church
Saturday 22nd September
Organised by Helen Hudson & family
to raise money for Bexley Wing,
St James' Hospital, Leeds
where she has had treatment.
Lots of stalls and activities
More information to follow!.

Don't forget to order your DVD of
Robinson Crusoe - only £8.

Peter has almost completed the
master copy so we will be running
off and delivering the copies shortly

Snow White

Our next pantomime:
16-23 February 2013

Don't miss it!

David has already started
work on the script - looking good!



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has responded to recent appeals / events:

- £45 was given in the Easter Offering envelopes for World Mission funds.
- Those with Mission in Britain boxes raised £55 for those funds.
- The Ladies' Group donated £200 to Down Syndrome and £200 to church funds from their fundraising efforts.
- The Spring Market was not as well supported this year but those who came enjoyed the fellowship, stalls, coffee and lunch and we still managed to raise £630. A big thank you to all who worked to make this possible. See photos on page 5.

Wednesday Club

We started the new season in April with a meal at *The Grouse* and this proved to be a very popular evening! The food and fellowship was, as always, enjoyed by all.

Sadly, the sun failed to shine for us on the Bluebell Walk in May, as you can see below. Nevertheless, we braved the rain to trudge round Middleton Woods at Ilkley and then retired to *The Sailor* at Addingham for refreshments.



Special Events & Services



QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY
IN HOLDEN PARK, OAKWORTH
SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012
1.00 PM - 4.00 PM
MUSIC GAMES FUN



ON THE MOVE

"On the Move" is an outreach project promoted by the churches of Keighley

Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th June
12.00-2.00 pm

on Church Green, Keighley.

Free burgers and hot dogs are given away in a context of Christian worship

Village Gala **Saturday 7th 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



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Pantomime Praise Service **Sunday 8th July 10.30 am** **All Age Worship**

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

Special Events



Keighley Youth Theatre KYDZ

present: "Drama Queens"

A light hearted play with songs about two drama groups who come to blows while making a movie

Friday 13 / Saturday 14 July 7.30 pm

Tickets £5/£4 from ☎ 01535 219705

Cream Teas

Sunday 15th July
from 2.00 to 5.00 pm

Lower Scholes, Pickles Hill

Enjoy the view, the garden
and the hospitality



Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a Concert given by *Airedale Male Voice Choir*



Saturday 21st July at 7.30 pm



Barbecue

Sunday 22nd July
from 1.00 pm

Milner Bank, Newsholme



Sunday Worship & Young People



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Jun** 3 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
10 10.30 am Miss Kathryn Whitaker - **All Age Worship**
17 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - at Christ Church
- 24 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Jul** 1 10.30 am Mr David Miller
8 10.30 am Louise Makin, David, Judith, Helen + Young People
- **All Age Pantomime Praise Service**
15 10.30 am Rev Peter Mott
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - at Christ Church
- Mon 16** 7.30 pm Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Charlotte Common
- at Keighley Shared Church
- 22 10.30 am Mrs Janet Clark - **Trial Service**
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- 29 10.30 am Deacon Ray Fox
6.00 pm Rev John Rogers -
United Holy Communion Service - at Christ Church
- Aug** 5 10.30 am Miss Doth Lund
6.00 pm Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Ruth Parry
- at Bingley Methodist Church
- 12 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
19 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - at Christ Church
- 26 10.30 am Rev Nigel Ogley
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor

Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am

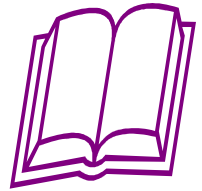
Closed for Summer Holidays 22 July - 26 August

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 Pre-lunch Fellowship (alternate weeks)
 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 5th June for Queen's Diamond Jubilee and from 17th July for Summer)

JUNE 2012

Sat 2 1.00 pm **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park**
 Wed 6 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge
 Thu 7 - Sat 9 'On the Move' - Church Green, Keighley
 Wed 13 7.30 pm Emmaus Group - led by Sandie at the Manse
 Tue 19 7.30 pm Circuit Consultation
 Wed 20 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Walk - Skipton area + Bizzie Lizzies
 Wed 27 7.30 pm Emmaus Group - led by Sandie at the Manse

JULY 2012

Wed 4 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge
 Sat 7 2.00 pm **Village Gala - Victoria Road Playing Field**
 Wed 11 7.30 pm Emmaus Group - led by Sandie at the Manse
 Fri 13 - Sat 14 KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show - 'Drama Queens'
 Sun 15 2.00 pm **Cream Teas - Lower Scholes, Pickles Hill**
 Wed 18 7.00 pm Wednesday Club - Garden Visit
 Wed 18 7.30 pm Emmaus Group - led by Sandie at the Manse
 Sat 21 7.30 pm **Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert - in church**
 Sun 22 1.00 pm **Barbecue - Milner Bank, Newsholme**

AUGUST 2012

Wed 22 7.00 pm Wednesday Club - Surprise Evening - Milner Bank
Information for September Newsletter to David by this week please

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sat 1 All day Keighley Show - Marley
 Sat 1 7.00 pm **Circuit Welcome Service for three new Ministers**
 Wed 4 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge
 Sat 8 10.00 am District Synod - South Bradford Circuit
 Sun 9 All day **Yorkshireman Off-Road Marathon - Haworth**
 Sun 16 10.30 am **Harvest Festival All-Age Worship**
 Wed 19 7.00 pm Wednesday Club - Film Evening + Faith Supper - in church
 Sat 22 10.00-12.00 **Coffee Morning + Stalls - for Bexley Wing, St James Hospital**
 Sat 22 2.30 pm Circuit JMA Beetle Drive - Keighley Shared Church
 Fri 28 - Sun 30 Church Weekend Away - in Scarborough

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



Crossing the Bridge



Update

A year ago we started 'Crossing the Bridge', an open ecumenical Youth Fellowship for Oakworth.



The aim was to provide a link to keep in touch with young people who had been in Sunday school and had moved on. The young people themselves were keen for something to allow them to continue to explore their faith but do not feel Sunday morning worship appropriate for their needs.

A handful of young people have met regularly on a Sunday evening, sharing fellowship, bible study, conversation and usually food. The group has grown and we have forged ecumenical links with the youth at West Lane Baptist Church.

We are taking eight young people to Greenbelt this August having had a trial



run

last year. They have taken part in morning worship at the praise services. We welcome anyone from the area aged between 13 and 18 and would love to have some input from members of the congregation with experiences to share. Currently the group is led by Louise & Lizzie and we could do with some male help as most of the group are young men.



Louise



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