



# September 2012 Newsletter



Jane and Andrew's garden bathed in sunshine at the Barbecue in July.  
Just one of the successful summer events - see inside for more pictures.

# Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

You have a little bit better idea now of how the changes in staffing will affect you in September. At one level it doesn't look very different as I will still be your minister. You will have the added name of Kanu, the new probationary minister. What input Kanu might have at Oakworth is still to be worked out between the two of us, but it is likely to have a focus on youth.



The point of having two named paid staff for each church is that we as a circuit are beginning the process of working much more collaboratively as a team, using people's gifts, skills and experiences as effectively as possible. You also need to be aware that as well as the five churches I already care for, I shall have some minor input at Steeton and Ilkley Road.

It's very important for you to know that this is not primarily about **organizational** change. We are not proposing change 'for change's sake'. Nor have we been just 'shuffling the cards' to cope with the comings and goings of staff, and the resulting increased pressure on staff to stretch themselves thinner over more and more churches. We've looked far beyond placing names by churches, to the way we work as a circuit, including ministerial, diaconal and lay people – all called to be a 'holy priesthood.' We are aiming to respond creatively to change, which inevitably involves some risk-taking.



So I'm re-stating here what I said at the follow up to the Circuit consultation, and giving you an idea of the **vision** which lies behind these changes. The Circuit Leadership Team is looking towards:



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- ❖ **A circuit which is energized by faith** in which the motivation and energy comes from the desire to serve God and one another.

That might sound obvious, but in fact, although churches usually start off that way, they can very easily be diverted so that everything becomes an enormous effort:

*'our church (circuit) is like a wheelbarrow, nothing moves unless you push it!'*

A circuit energized by faith nurtures faith in Christ, helping people to engage with Scripture in creative ways that connect with life; and helps people to grow in, and share, their faith.

- ❖ **A circuit in which different gifts, experiences, faith journeys, and skills of both lay and ordained are valued, nurtured, developed and shared for the good of all.**

Those whose faith is real want to do something about it and are also willing to take responsibility (rather than expecting the leaders to take it all).

We believe that working much more closely as a team will enable those gifts and skills to be shared more effectively. But bearing in mind our distinctive Methodist emphasis on the priesthood of all believers, the team can't be complete without you. We need you to reflect prayerfully on your gifts/experience etc so that *together* we can serve our communities.

- ❖ **A circuit which is outward looking - a circuit 'shaped for mission'** (Martyn Atkins, General Secretary of Methodist Church)

A circuit which is fully engaged with our communities/the world in a gospel way.

So the focus is primarily on looking outwards, rather than inwards to churches. The emphasis is on being salt and light in the world, rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive.

**ALL** are called to share in this mission as disciples of Jesus. The leaders, both ordained and lay, are to be primarily **'mission enablers'** helping the circuit/churches to see where God's Spirit is already at work in the world and becoming co-workers. Therefore, the leaders will give top priority in time and resources to those areas of church life which are directly involved in mission.

There's a great deal more work to be done on this and we won't get it 'right' first time. None of this is 'written in stone' and we will need to seek God's continuing guidance together as we seek to be shaped by Him to be the kind of church which can 'serve the present age'. Our hope, as a Circuit Leadership Team, is that you will all want to take your part in this and look forward in hope to wherever God is leading us.

Shalom

Sandie





# QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY IN THE PARK



Music, Games and Fun were enjoyed by all who came to the Party in Holden Park on June 2nd to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Sir Paul and Lady Vivien Holden were there to dedicate a new plaque which now adorns the portico of the former Oakworth House. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Deputy Mayor of Keighley were also in attendance. Refreshments were served by the Bowling Club and Open-top Bus rides were also given around the village.



Thankfully the rain stayed away!





# Olympic Torch in Keighley



We were blessed with a glorious day on June 24th for the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Keighley. The crowds were out in force and the atmosphere was tremendous. Keighley Churches Together served free burgers outside Keighley Shared Church and there were "Mini Olympics" games on the grass and craft activities in the church.

Several thousand people lined the streets as the torch bearers ran through town.

An open air service then followed outside the church with a congregation of well over a thousand as can be seen below.





# Village Gala

After a wet week, the Gala was transferred to the School Playground this year. However, the sun shone on the day and the crowds came in good numbers. Many sported red, white and blue colours in support of the Jubilee theme.

The procession was followed by the usual entertainment and children's races - and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The pictures show Gala Queen Jenna Firth, Oakworth School Cheerleaders, the City of Bradford Pipe Band/dancers and Mickey Mouse!





# Cream Teas



Kath's beautiful garden at Lower Scholes was the setting for our annual Cream Teas event on 15th July, which was enjoyed by all who came.

Sasha is pictured tucking into hers, whilst three of the ladies relax down the garden below after eating their fill!





# Barbecue



Jane and Andrew's garden at Newsholme was bathed in sunshine for the annual barbecue on 22nd July - a rare treat indeed! Chefs Christine and Peter actually managed to stay dry this year!! The event was well supported by all age groups and a great time was had by all.







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# CIRCUIT NEWS

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## September - November 2012

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Deacon Claire Gill	431291	Mrs Claire Voss (Children's Worker)	669575
Rev Saidu Kanu	635140	Rev Peter Mott (AM)	601499
Rev Nigel Ogley	634452	Rev Dr John Peet (RR)	634369
Mr Edward Pennick (Circuit Administrator)	600338		

**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 Sandie Exley-Watts**

Dear Friends,

*'You redeemed the human race for God, and have chosen us to be a holy priesthood from every people and nation.'*

Methodist Worship Book for HC Ordinary Seasons (3)

After the circuit consultation and the follow up evening, you may still be wondering why all this talk about 'working as a team'. Is this just a fad or a whim? The roots of it were touched upon in Ruth's presentation to the March Circuit Meeting, which was subsequently printed in the Circuit News. She wrote "One of the great things about the Methodist Church ... is our doctrine of the 'Priesthood of All Believers' ... that means we are ALL ministers together - lay and ordained and our ministry is the Mission of God ..."

So where does this idea of a 'holy priesthood' come from - and what has it got to do with working as a team? Well, as you might expect from a doctrine that was dear to John Wesley's heart, it has deep Biblical roots. The obvious place to go to would be in 1 Peter 2:5-9.

*'Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood ... God's own people.'*

But like many other sayings in the New Testament, to understand what the writer meant, we have to look at the background in the Hebrew Scriptures. It all

begins in Genesis where we see God intends a relationship of unbroken intimacy between himself and humanity.

Sadly, human beings use their God-given freedom to rebel, disobey and turn their backs on the Creator. Now human beings are separated from God and there is a need for someone to bridge that gap - a 'gatekeeper' if you like, who will act as a go-between to bring the concerns and commands of God to the people, and the people's concern to God. This gatekeeper role eventually becomes that of the priestly tribe in Hebrew religion, who on behalf of the whole nation were to be intermediaries for the world, 'light to the nations'.

By New Testament times, the priesthood was the prerogative of wealthy aristocratic families who were in charge of the system, including sacrifice, which gate-kept the gap between people and God. The Temple was the place where God could be met. Only there could the gap be bridged and only the priest could do this through sacrificial mediation.

By Jesus' actions and words, the gate-keeping role of the priests was challenged as Jesus claimed for himself that role. He Himself was the 'Gate', the 'Door' between God and his people. The cross became the entrance into God's holy presence as signified by the tearing of the temple curtain from top to bottom. So now there is no need for any gatekeeper other than The Risen and Ascended Christ who is the great 'High Priest' as the writer of Hebrews puts it.

According to the letter to the Hebrews, there is a new priesthood, defined by the Spirit. This new priesthood consists of all believers who are brothers and sisters of Christ. Their duties involve praise and spiritual sacrifice after the pattern of Jesus, taking up their crosses (Matt.16:24) and laying down their lives (Romans 12:1). All Christians, ordained or lay, are called to mediate by prayerfully bringing the concerns of the people to God, and by word and deed, bringing the concerns of God to the world. So in New Testament thinking, the title of priest is connected with task, not role. Christ alone has the role of 'High Priest' (ie. 'Gatekeeper'), while Christians share the task of offering this open gate to the world.

The implication of all this, is not that we shouldn't have leaders who might be called ministers, pastors or even priests, but that we should be clear that all believers are under the authority of Christ the Way, the Gate, and the Door to God and we all share the 'priestly' task. Leadership is a specific task within the church.

Priesthood is the corporate task of the whole church. 'It is the task, in collaboration with the Spirit, of sharing with others what we know of the one high priest and sacrifice, Jesus, and pointing to Him as the open curtain into the Holy Presence of God.'<sup>1</sup>

What we are trying to do in the Circuit is to put this into practice with a vision of circuit where all of us exercise this priesthood of believers under the authority of Christ and the guidance of the Spirit. We have made a small beginning with paid staff working closer together. We shall be looking for ways to extend this so that all of us believers are using our varied gifts, skills and experience both to build each other up and go out into God's world to His glory.

Shalom, Sandie

<sup>1</sup> Collaborative Ministry, What it is, how it works and why. David Robertson BRF



## A WORD FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No I haven't misread my diary - 1st September marks the beginning of the new year in the Methodist Church. As with any new year, we might want to look forward and think of the many things which may happen in the life of our churches and circuit during the next 12 months. For me, there are two items uppermost in my thoughts:

- welcoming the new members of staff
- working collaboratively (as a team) throughout the circuit

No doubt you will have your own thoughts and questions:

- what will our new minister be like?
- what differences will 'team ministry' make to me /my church?

The answers to these questions - and countless others - will emerge as we work together and the year unfolds but, of one thing we can be certain, there will be some changes in how we do things. However we must not lose sight of the fact that we should be focusing on one thing - God's mission, and the part He invites us to play in it.

When Jesus said, "I will build my church"(Matt 16:18), He wasn't referring to a physical building but to people who would believe in Him - trusting Him and doing His will. Somehow we have become so absorbed in organisation and buildings that we forget people and the mission Christ committed to us; we have changed the focus from 'Christ's' church to 'our' church.

We need to begin again with Jesus' words, "I will build my church". Earlier he had said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field" (Matt 10:37-38). In Acts we read of the risen Christ saying to His disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). So the focus is meant to be on the Lord - It is His church and His harvest and we are supposed to be bearing witness to Him. The Bible makes it clear that we are to go "to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples" (Matt 28:19). So it is Christ who is building His church in 2012/13. The question is whether we are growing to know Him more and to be more available to Him as His willing witnesses and workers in His mission.

Christ is building His church. Let's keep our focus on Him. Let's seek every opportunity to work together, to grow in faith, to be part of a team - Christ's team. It's a new year in the life of the church! Let's keep in step with Jesus!

In love and peace,

Jacky

# **WORSHIP**

## **CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE**

At 6.00 pm on Saturday 1st September, at Keighley Shared Church, we are delighted to welcome Revs Rosemary Nash and Saidu Kanu, and Deacon Claire Gill as ministers in the Airedale Circuit.

We hope they will very soon feel part of the worshipping family in our neighbourhood, and know our support for them as they live and minister within our various communities.

We hope that everyone will make a real effort to be present at this service. If you are not able to be present, please pray for Rosemary, Kanu and Claire, as well as for the other members of Staff and the Leadership Team, as we all enter into this new Methodist year.

## **SERVICE**

### **COFFEE AT SILSDEN**

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 tea cakes, 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 1st September we celebrate the 'Fruit of the Vine'.

On 6th October 'Around the World in 80 days'.

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

### **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

We are pleased to report that in May we collected £489.74 in Morrisons Supermarket, so thank you. We are very grateful to all those who helped to collect, those who gave, and to the very helpful staff at Morrisons. We would not forget those who in many of our churches support Action for Children in many different ways throughout the year. You are doing a magnificent work - thank you so much on behalf of Action for Children and the children and young people that have been helped.

### **OAKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH OVER 60s LUNCH CLUB**

The Lunch Club meet on Tuesdays at 12.15 pm. The lunch includes freshly made dinner, pudding, tea and biscuits - all for £3. A warm welcome is offered to all. Please ring 01535 642039 for more details, or to reserve a lunch.

Dorothy Robinson

# LEARNING & CARING

## A VERY SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING AT OAKWORTH

Helen Hudson and family are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 22nd September at Oakworth Methodist Church to raise funds for Bexley Wing, St James' Hospital, Leeds where she has had treatment. Please come along between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon, when there will be lots of stalls and games. Many thanks. Helen Hudson

## THANK YOU TO REV MICHAEL CHAPMAN AND REV ALAN SHARP

During the last few months two of our most loved and respected supernumerary ministers, who have served our churches over many years, have left Airedale. Rev Michael Chapman and Edna have now settled back in Bolton, and Rev Alan Sharp and Mary have moved to Northampton. We wish them all every happiness in their new surroundings.

## MINISTERIAL LINKS

During the Connexional year beginning this month, as announced at the Circuit Meeting held in June, the ministerial staff will be working with the following congregations:

Bingley	Kanu and Rosemary
Cononley LEP	John Peet
Cowling	Kanu and Neville
Crosshills	Jacky and Kanu
Cullingworth	Rosemary and Tanya
Eastburn	Kanu and Neville
Eldwick LEP	Anglican Vicar and Rosemary
Exley Head	Rosemary and Sandie
Farnhill	Claire and Jacky
Haworth	Claire and Rosemary
Ilkley Road	Rosemary and Sandie
Keighley Shared LEP	Anglican Vicar and Sandie
Lees	Claire and Jacky
Long Lee	Sandie and Tanya
Marsh	Claire and Rosemary
Oakworth	Kanu and Sandie
Oxenhope	Claire and Tanya
Silsden	Jacky and Tanya
Steeton	Rosemary and Sandie
Wesley Place	Rosemary and Sandie

*JUST A THOUGHT - If you think you are too small to have an impact  
try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.*



## **SMALL MIRACLES - LIFE IN EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA**

El Salvador is located next to the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to Guatemala and Honduras, and is about one-sixth the size of England. It is situated along the 'Ring of Fire' where 90% of the world's largest earthquakes occur, and 20% of its people live on less than 81p a day!

In 2009 tropical storm Ida struck, and in 2010 Agatha also struck, causing devastating damage to homes and crops.

Since 2004 the Methodist Relief and Development Fund has been helping farmers to develop agricultural practices that lead to increased crop yields, while protecting the environment. MRDF's partner works with some of the poorest communities. The farmers learn how to grow indigenous crops without using expensive fertilisers. Workshops cover such subjects as soil conservation, seed-storing techniques and rice growing. MRDF has helped many people to recover after the disasters, by providing seeds to plant for the next harvest, and the skills they have learnt have helped people to rebuild lost livelihoods.

Please pray for the work of MRDF, at work across several parts of the world. Please support their work financially if you feel you can.

## **JMA BEETLE DRIVE**

The annual Beetle Drive will be held at Keighley Shared Church on Saturday 22nd September from 2.30-4.00 pm. Hot Dogs, savouries and other refreshments will be served.

## **JMA WALK**

A wonderful day for the JMA walk, the sun shone, there was a light wind and the sky was blue after all the rain of the previous weeks. Walkers from Cullingworth, Exley Head, Ilkley Road, Long Lee, Oakworth, St Peter's, Keighley Shared Church and Wesley Place took part. Starting from Silsden Church we walked to Farnhill Church for lunch by way of the Leeds and Liverpool canal and the River Aire. After lunch we made our way back, walking on the tow path of the canal. Many thanks for the warm welcome received from Farnhill and Silsden and for the hospitality and refreshments that were supplied. Also thanks to all the walkers who made it a nice day.

Paul.

## **SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES**

Saturday 1st	6.00 pm	Welcome for New Ministers - Keighley Shared Church
Tuesday 4th	7.30 pm	Leaders of Worship & Preachers' Meeting - Lees
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Representative Synod - Wibsey
Tuesday 11th	7.30 pm	Circuit Leadership Team Meeting
Tuesday 18th	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting

Material for next newsletter to Maurice Baren by 7th November, please.  
mauricebaren@gmail.com

# Believe it or not Word Search



These howlers are said to have come from a Roman Catholic school test on the books of the bible:

- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
- Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- Jesus enunciated the golden rule which says to do unto others before they do one to you.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the ten decibels.
- The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.
- St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached Holy Acrimony which is another name for marriage.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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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!





# Wednesday Club



Our Summer programme began in June with a walk around Skipton (see above) finishing at Bizzie Lizzies for fish and chips.

In July, we enjoyed exploring The Hideaway at Wilsden, the award winning half acre garden created by Andrew and Jean Barnett, which includes herbaceous, vegetable and water features and has received the Sunday Telegraph Conservation Foundation and Gardening Against The Odds award. The photos show just part of this amazing garden.



Andrew's Surprise Evening last month turned out to be a Quiz Night and Supper at Milner Bank. Another enjoyable gathering!

Check out the diary for the Autumn line up! Do join us for the Film Night this month, the October Social Evening or come and hear Ian Dewhirst in November.







# News Snippets

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Rev Saidu Kanu as you join Sandie as one of our ministers - and congratulations on your marriage this summer. We look forward to working with you at Oakworth, particularly with our young people.

## In Memoriam

We commend Alec Midgley into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy.

## Fundraising

Thank you to all who helped at and supported all the successful summer events described elsewhere in this newsletter. These are the amounts raised for church funds:

- Gala refreshments £130
- Cream Teas £340
- Barbecue £280

## Choir Concert

The church was full for the Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert organised by our Ladies' Group to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society, their chosen charity this year. We were entertained with an enjoyable programme of choral pieces, solos and light hearted comedy.

## Snow White

Our next pantomime:  
16-23 February 2013

Don't miss it!



The script is almost finished and our cast of over 40 young people are now looking forward to rehearsals starting.

We said our farewells to Fiona Taylor and Stuart Hopper after the final show in February. Since then, Rebecca Illingworth, Harry Stewart and Maisie Allitt have decided not to return next year. We thank them for the support they have given in the years they have performed with us. They will be replaced by Elliott Green, Emma Greenwood, Ella Barrett, Hannah Woollett and Finn Rowlett. We look forward to seeing them progress over the next few years.

David will be previewing some of the pantomime routines with the cast on Friday 15th September to enable him to complete the script. The books will be given out on Friday 5th October and the main characters will read through the whole script together that evening. Rehearsals start the following week!

On your marks, get set .....



# Timothy in Uganda



We continue to support Timothy Kaweesa with his education in Uganda and recently received his latest letter and a new photograph taken in June.

"How are you and how is life there where you live? For me am fine and I think you're also fine. I've written to you to thank you for paying my school fees. And I would like to say thank you to all your colleagues for supporting me in my studies. Thanx a lot.

I would like to also tell you more about me, my friends and my mother and also my family.

For instance, at home I live with my mother and my three brothers and one sister but for daddy died when I was still a baby. I go to St Peter SSS Nsambya for schooling and am happy to be your beneficiary and am also working hard at school to get better grades. I am in Senior Two. I enjoy playing football and also reading books and revising with my colleagues. My health has been good. And I think we shall chat more with in letters and through Aunt Chathy and Aunt Patrick."



Timothy Kaweesa

Please support the next Fundraising for Timothy evening in October:



Our latest annual TV Game Show  
at **Oakworth Methodist Church**  
on **Saturday 27th October at 7.00 pm**  
Your Hostess: Susan Shires

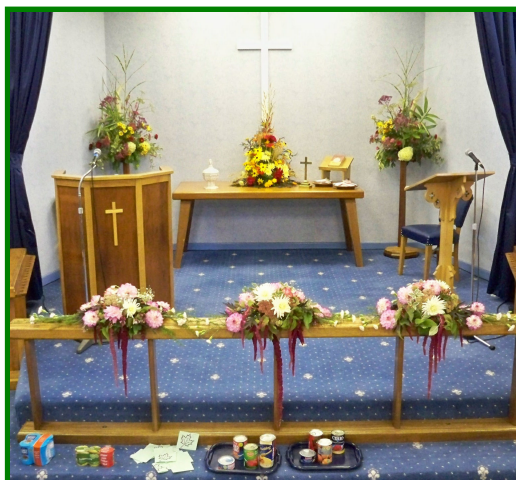
**Come and enjoy a great night out!**

Tickets: Adults £3.00, Children £1.50 - including Refreshments  
available from David ☎01535 215784, Susan or pay on the door

*Fundraising to support Timothy in Uganda*



# All Age Worship



## Harvest Festival

**Sunday 16th September**  
**10.30 am**

*All Age Worship led by*  
*Rev Nigel Ogley*

*Please bring flowers for the*  
*displays on the Saturday morning*

*Tinned food welcome at the*  
*Service (to go to Salvation Army)*

*Gift envelopes will be available*  
*for donations in lieu of produce*  
*for the Methodist Relief Fund*

## *Sunday School Prize* *Giving & JMA Awards*

*Sunday 14th October*  
*10.30 am*

*All Age Praise Service*

*Led by Louise Makin and the*  
*Young People, with our Youth*  
*Praise Band and Songbirds*



## Remembrance Sunday

**All Age Parade Service**

**Sunday 11th November**  
**10.00 am - (NB early time)**

**Led by Mrs Louise Makin**

**At 10.45 am, those who wish to**  
**parade round to the Cenotaph for**  
**the Memorial Service will be led**  
**by the Uniformed Organisations**



# Fundraising Events



Helen & Richard Hudson and family invite you to a

## Coffee Morning

Lots of stalls and games to include  
Cakes Books Bran Tub  
Chocolate Tombola

Saturday 22nd September 10.00-12.00

at Oakworth Methodist Church

£1 adults, 50p children to include refreshments

To raise  
funds for  
Bexley Wing,  
St James'  
Hospital,  
Leeds

Tickets from  
Helen and  
Richard

Maureen Haigh invites you to bring your



  
**Sunshine Bago**

to church to be emptied on  
Saturday 6th October  
10.00 to 11.30 am  
and to stay for a chat over

**Morning  
Coffee**



## Autumn Fayre

**Saturday 3rd November**

**10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

**Lots of stalls to buy from**  
Get your Christmas presents!

**Have a Coffee and a chat**

**Stay for Meat & Potato Pie  
and Pea Lunch.**

Please sign the list in the porch  
when it goes up.



Share fellowship as you spend!

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# Sunday Worship & Young People



*A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together*

- Sep** 2 10.30 am Mr Terry O'Shaughnessy  
9 10.30 am Rev Jennifer Lunn  
16 10.30 am Rev Nigel Ogley - **All Age Harvest Festival**  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
23 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor  
30 10.30 am Mr Frank Hale & Mrs Joyce Hartley - *Reader's Service*  
7.00 pm Rev Saidu Kanu & Louise Makin - Youth Service
- Oct** 7 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart  
14 10.30 am Louise Makin + Young People - **JMA Awards +  
Sunday School Prize Giving All Age Praise Service**  
21 10.30 am Rev Saidu Kanu  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
28 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Nov** 4 10.30 am Rev Marcus Pattern  
11 **10.00 am** Mrs Louise Makin -  
**Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service**  
10.45 am Memorial Service at the Cenotaph  
18 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**  
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
25 10.30 am Mrs Kathleen Miller  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor

***Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am***

*All Children and Young People are welcome*

*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

## SEPTEMBER 2012

Wed 5 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge  
Sun 9 all day **Yorkshireman Off-Road Marathon - Haworth**  
Tue 11 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - *Who Cares* - Mr Gerard Faricy  
Thu 13 7.30 pm Strategy for the future - a church perspective  
Fri 15 5.00 pm **Pantomime preview evening**  
Tue 18 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Oakworth Methodist Church  
Wed 19 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Film Evening + Faith Supper -  
*"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"* - on the big screen 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 to Sun 30 **Church Weekend Away - Scarborough**

## OCTOBER 2012

Mon 1 7.30 pm Pastoral Committee - church lounge  
Wed 3 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge  
Fri 5 5.00 pm **Pantomime scripts issued - First read-through**  
Sat 6 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags + Morning Coffee - Church Hall**  
Mon 8 7.30 pm Property Committee - church lounge  
Tue 16 7.30 pm Joint Ladies' Group - *History of Buttons part 2* - at Exley Head  
Tue 23 7.30 pm Church Council - church lounge - **NB: date changed**  
Sat 27 7.00 pm **Blockbusters - Fundraising for Timothy - in church**  
Wed 31 7.30 pm Wednesday Club Social Evening - 2 Owls Nest

## NOVEMBER 2012

Thu 1 7.30 pm Ladies' Group - Bread Making Demonstration - Mike Armstrong  
Sat 3 10.00-1.00 **Autumn Fayre + Lunch - in church**  
Wed 7 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - church lounge  
Tue 13 6.30 pm Ladies' Group Meal at Bronte Hotel  
*Information for December Newsletter to David this week please*  
Thu 22 7.00 pm Wed Club - Evening with Ian Dewhirst - *Life in the 1950s*

## DECEMBER 2012

Sat 1 2.00 pm Village Society Christmas Fair - Holden Hall  
Tue 4 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch  
Wed 5 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - *Allo Allo* - Keighley Playhouse

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# Pantomime Praise



We were delighted to welcome over 75% of the Robinson Crusoe cast to take part in our Pantomime Praise service in July. They illustrated the theme, *"Teamwork makes the dream work - one for all"* in the singing, playing instruments, dancing and leading the prayers.



They also worked as a team in a painting by numbers exercise, starting with sixteen squares of paper and several pots of paint and, in only fifteen minutes, produced this wonderful picture. They had no idea what the end result was supposed to look like. Brilliant!