



December 2012 Newsletter



The Church Sanctuary decorated for the Harvest Festival Service.
See inside for more pictures and details of our Autumn events.

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

A teacher said to a child, 'Oh, that's a lovely picture. Can you tell me about it?'

'It's a picture of God.'

'Well, that's very interesting because no one knows what God looks like.'

The child replied, 'They will do in a minute!'



At Christmas time especially we celebrate the fact that God has let us know 'what God looks like'. When we look upon the baby in the manger, we see the face of God. By that I mean we discover vital truths about the nature of God which go far beyond what our forebears in the faith and the prophets could tell us.

We discover that God is to be found unexpectedly in the small and vulnerable. God is to be found in the dark and apparently hopeless places in our world; away from the places of power, pushed to the very edges. God is found in the 'commonplace', the 'everyday', and especially among the weak and helpless.

Though, even at the manger, there is the shadow of the cross, which assures us that the face of God is the face of love which knows no limits.

May that face of love shine on you and yours this Christmas time.

Love and joy to you all!

Sandie



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Who reads yours?

We know that copies of this newsletter are read all over the world by people of all ages. We now have photographic evidence that children as young as nine-month old William (as he was when the photo was taken) take an avid interest in it!

Claire Voss, our Circuit Children's Worker, sent us this photo shortly after receiving her copy of the last issue, saying she had just walked into the room and found William looking through the Oakworth Newsletter!

He obviously recognises a good read when he sees one - or was he just wanting to play out in Jane and Andrew's garden, which featured in the cover photo he was looking at?



Happy Christmas to all our readers

IS THE CHURCH
ON YOUR
CHRISTMAS LIST?



Please place your Gift Envelope
on the collection plate at church
or let David have it. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS
CARDS

Instead of writing Christmas
Cards to everyone at church,
would you like to write just one
card and add it to the display at
church for all to share?
The money you save could go in
your Gift Envelope. ✨



Yorkshireman Marathon



Our catering team spent another hectic but happy September weekend preparing for and serving soup and cake to 500 runners in the Yorkshireman Off-Road Marathon at Haworth. Their efforts were rewarded by the appreciation of all who enjoyed the food at the end of the run and the receipt of a thank you cheque for £750.



Harvest Festival



More of the beautiful floral displays at our Harvest Festival Service - led this year by Rev Nigel Ogley.

Helen's Coffee Morning



Helen & Richard Hudson and family would like to thank everybody for the wonderful support they received at the Coffee Morning in September. They were amazed to see so many people there and astounded that it raised £1,100.

A similar event at Almondbury Methodist Church, Huddersfield raised £1,300. Other donations were also received, enabling them to send a grand total of £2,600 to the Bexley Wing at St James' Hospital, Leeds.



Scarborough Weekend Away



Nine Methodists joined over seventy friends from Christchurch for their Parish Weekend Away at Green Gables in Scarborough. It was a glorious September weekend and we all had a really great time together.



The theme of hospitality and invitation was explored with Revd Canon Denise Poole and on the Saturday night we all dressed up for a Hollywood Gala evening at the Oscars and our party came away with two of them! The wonderful weekend concluded with worship and communion.



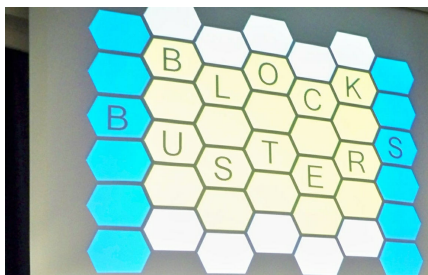
Prize Giving Praise Service



A happy bunch of young people took part in the Sunday School Prize Giving Praise Service in October and they were presented with book prizes in recognition of their attendance at Sunday School during the last year. See back page for some exciting news about the future of Sunday School ... !

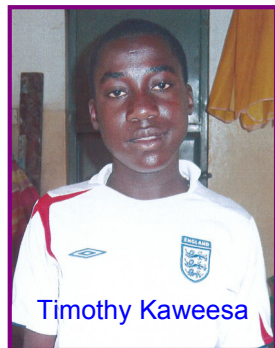


Timothy in Uganda



Two events have recently been held to enable us to continue to support Timothy Kaweesa with his education in Uganda.

This year, we chose Blockbusters as our fundraising TV Game Show and had a great time in October with several contestants pitting their general knowledge against each other to make their way across the board. Congratulations go to Harry, Ethan, Paul, Margaret and Andrew who all successfully completed the Gold Run to bag themselves a brace of pantomime tickets. Thanks to all who supported the event which raised £130.



Timothy Kaweesa

The following month, Wednesday Club arranged a fundraising Evening with Ian Dewhurst. 'Life in the 1950s' proved to be an hilarious topic and everyone enjoyed Ian's banter. That evening raised £140 and we now have sufficient to pay for Timothy's education until next Christmas as well as paying for Christmas gifts.



Sunshine Bags



Maureen and Rodney would like to thank all who brought their Sunshine Bags to be emptied and stayed for coffee and a chat in early October. £235 was counted - almost the same as last year!

If you need a replacement bag or would like to start popping your spare pennies in a new bag every time the sun shines during the next year, please have a word with Maureen. Thanks.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Autumn Fayre last month. Sadly, numbers were down but we still managed to raise £675 for church funds - two fifths of which came from the excellent lunches!

Autumn Fayre



Bread Making



Master baker Mike Armstrong gave a bread making demonstration last month organised by the Ladies' Group. It proved to be a popular and enjoyable evening - for both men and women!

Remembrance



The Remembrance Services in church and at the Cenotaph were well supported again.





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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 Rosemary Nash

It **IS** you!

"God chose to make known among all the nations the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the advertising campaign, some years ago now, which preceded the launch of the national lottery? A giant hand hovering over the roof tops of a town before finally a finger reached down to single out one household as the lucky winner of the coveted jackpot, backed up by the words from heaven "it could be you!"

The suggestion of course was that the hand of providence might one day select us to receive a fortune and our lives would be changed. Since its birth in 1994 some have indeed become millionaires, but countless others have spent a considerable amount of money with little if anything to show for it.

Contrast that with the events of Bethlehem that we are preparing to once again celebrate. Here was the promise not of money on earth but of riches in heaven, and lives completely transformed; a prize not merely for this life but for all eternity - the greatest gift ever offered.

Yes this is no lottery, dependent on the whim of fate. There is no question that it could be you if you happened to get lucky.

The message of the angels, the evangelists and countless generations of

faith since declare the best headline of all **“IT IS YOU!”** yes even you. The promise of Immanuel, God in Christ - his gift of new life with everything that means - is not reserved for the exclusive few, the fortunate ones, the ones who can buy their way in, it is yours for the taking, waiting simply for you to claim it.

The gift of heaven, the gift of Jesus, the gift of love and life and hope, is offered to each and every one of us. So this Christmas time, pause for a moment and open your hands and your hearts to receive this precious gift with these words:

“Come to my heart Lord Jesus, there’s room in my heart for Thee.”

May the words of the following prayer bless you this Christmas and carry you into 2013. In Christ - Rosemary.

Gracious God,

I praise you for the glorious message of this season. The glad tidings of great joy, ever old and ever new. I thank you for the faith of Mary, the commitment of Joseph, the message of the angels and the response of the shepherds, the way you changed their lives that day in Bethlehem. Above all, I thank you that you have changed my life too; that the good news they heard is news for today as much as then, for me as much as anyone!

Teach me never to forget that wonderful truth; never to overlook the fact that you have come to me in Christ. May that knowledge burn brightly in my heart; a constant source of joy, whatever life may bring.

In HIS name. Amen.

NEW DAY - a Poem by Audrey Drake, Local Preacher

Audrey is not able to lead Worship at the moment. She has inspired many with her singing over the years, and has sent us this poem.

Morning is here, the day is just beginning,
Now we can start to do the things we plan,
Each of us know, the way we want to go
And this day we know that we can.

Sometimes a day starts off with hopes high-flying,
Progress is made with bold and measured strides,
Yesterday’s failures turn into our joys
And only the good now abides.

Then there appears a day we didn’t call for,
When all our dreams and plans are turned awry
How can this be, what is happening to me?
When all my hopes were so high.

If I will only trust the God who made me
Whether the day brings with it good or ill
Whatever comes to pass, I will be safe
Because Jesus tells me I will.

SANKEY EVENING

Long Lee Chapel are having a Sankey Evening on Sunday 2nd December at 6.00pm. You will certainly find a warm welcome among the folk at Long Lee. Please try and support them on this evening.

WESLEY PLACE CHURCH

We send our love and Christian greetings to all our friends at Wesley Place as they come towards their final services. They have been a good Christian witness in their neighbourhood over many years, and good companions in the work of the Circuit. As individual people decide where they will join in worship in the future, we trust that they will find fellowship and friendship, and a real sense of belonging. Many, many thanks, and God bless you all.

AIREDALE HOSPITAL

Rev Ken Beardsley brings us greetings from the Christian work and worship which is carried on at Airedale hospital, asking for our possible response to an appeal for help. He writes:

“On the first Sunday of each month, until increasing age and arthritic hands have forced a rethink, I have been playing the organ and leading Communion at the hospital service. In the absence of a Free Church Chaplain Pauline Wright, a local preacher in the Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit takes the service at present.

The hospital is seeking volunteers to help as Chaplaincy Assistants, people who are in good standing in their Church and who would enjoy meeting patients, spending a few hours a week in the wards, listening and sometimes sharing their faith. You would be supported by experienced hospital chaplains and receive initial training.

Other needs are for Sunday service helpers, to support the 11.00am Ecumenical Sunday Service in the Chapel. It involves bringing patients down in wheelchairs and returning them after the service - help is needed 10.15-12.15, on a rota basis. There is also a need for experienced organists, again to help on a rota basis.

Recently the number of helpers bringing patients from the wards has dropped sharply. Whilst the time of these services does clash with our own church services, if helping out means missing your own once a month, it is a bit of Christian outreach which is really needed. (Volunteers do get a parking permit!)

If you can help in any way please contact Alan Brown, Interim Lead Chaplain on 0785 308 7704, or leave a note in the Chaplaincy Office.”

SPONSORED HEAD AND BEARD SHAVE

Maurice Baren would like to thank all those who supported his sponsored shave off of his beard and hair. The final total, including Gift Aid, is likely to be about £7,000, which will be shared equally between Action for Children, SOS Sahel, and Yorkshire Cancer Research.

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTERS

At the last Circuit Meeting it was confirmed that Rev. Jacky Hale would be leaving the Circuit in August 2013. We can now tell members and friends that Jacky and Frank will be moving to live in Helmsley, where Jacky will become Superintendent of the Ryedale Circuit. We wish them every blessing and happiness when the move takes place.

It has also now been finalised that our new Circuit Superintendent will be Rev Ruth Crompton, who is currently Superintendent Minister of the Beverley Circuit in the York & Hull District. She and her husband Gerald will arrive in the area ready to take up her duties on 1st September 2013. We look forward to having her leadership, and working with her as a team in the coming years.

Each outgoing and incoming minister has to provide a profile of themselves, and from Ruth's we learn that she spent her early years in Leeds, where she worked in the NHS as a general nurse and then as a midwife. She is also a qualified youth worker, at one stage running an activity club on a run down Leeds council estate two nights a week.

After training for the ministry she went to the Castleford Circuit in 2001 as a probationer, before moving to her present appointment in 2008. She confirms that her faith is paramount to her life, and she enjoys working in ecumenical relationships. She also has a strong sense of community outreach, believing that ministry should be of 'the Market Place', as well as the Church.

Life with family and friends is also important to her, and she puts 'especially when a meal out is involved' - she obviously follows in a tradition of Supers!! We look forward to welcoming Ruth and Gerald, and working with her in developing God's work in the Airedale Circuit.

MODERN SLAVERY

We often think of slavery and people trafficking as something of the Victorian era, but, sadly, it is still alive and flourishing. Around the world millions of men and women are still forced to lead lives as slaves - it may not be called that, but the exploitation and conditions are the same. Whilst it is prohibited in most countries under the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 1956 UN Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, it still exists.

In some parts of West Africa some people are born into slavery, being forced to work without pay throughout their lives, primarily herding cattle, or working as domestic servants. Some of the worst forms of child labour, affecting 179 million people around the world, are harmful to their health and welfare and may involve recruiting them at a young age into armed conflict or prostitution.

Even in this country there is a trade in some of our cities where immigrants are put into circumstances which take away all dignity of life and freedom. The Salvation Army are leaders in the way such situations are brought to our notice - look at their web pages.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

We are to hold a store collection in Sainsburys in Keighley on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th December from 9.00am to 5.00pm. It is most profitable if we can have two collectors on at all times - can we please have names of volunteers. We only ask you to do one hour but it will make such a difference to the work of what is, of course, our own Methodist children's charity. They have nearly 500 projects across the UK and they do a marvellous work helping by providing family centres, respite care, adoption and fostering services, leaving care work and so much more. Obviously all charities are finding fund raising difficult but if we do not fully use the hours that Sainsburys kindly allow us, Action for Children will lose out. PLEASE, please phone Maurice or Judith on 01535 643100 as soon as possible, or email on mauricebaren@gmail.com Thank you so much.

LEES METHODIST CHURCH - CHILDREN IN NEED

The November Coffee morning was held to raise funds for the BBC Children in Need appeal. With a small supplement from Church funds it has been possible to send them a cheque for £200. Grateful thanks to all those who supported the event in any way.

J.M.A.BEETLE DRIVE

The J.M.A. Beetle Drive was held at Keighley Central Hall and was enjoyed by children from the Circuit with hotdogs and little surprises. Emma Nellish from Oakworth had the highest score - 330 points, with Jessica from Bingley being close with 319 points. Claire Voss helped some of the smaller children, whilst Margaret Nolan, Mollie Jones, Pam Butterfield and Ian Chester also helped. To date J.M.A. monies raised for mission is £1,300, with more monies still coming in. Many thanks to all the J.M.A. secretaries for all their work, and thanks to Keighley Shared Church for organising the use of the hall. Paul Squires

METHODIST INSURANCE

The Methodist Insurance Company is widely used by most churches in Methodism to provide cover for our church buildings, their contents and the varied activities that take place on our premises. They are a widely respected company, having been in existence since 1872 and known for their understanding and fairness when dealing with claims. They also operate more like a mutual company, whilst being independent of the Methodist Church, they nevertheless return most of their profits back to the Methodist Community having provided grants of over £4 million to the Methodist Connexion over the last ten years.

However it is probably not widely known that they also provide cover for household insurance, offering additional discounts for Methodist Church members. People taking out insurance are given the option to donate 20% of their first year's premium to the church or charity of their choice. Some in the Circuit have already taken advantage of this offer. For further information call 0845 606 1331 (local rate call) or look at www.methodistinsurance.co.uk

SAFETY AT WORK IN THE CHURCH

The Methodist Insurance Company remind us that doing maintenance or repairs high up inside a church poses a risk at the best of times. However doing it alone, without someone to steady a ladder or ensure scaffolding is secure, is an even greater risk - two churches have recently discovered this to their own misfortune, where fatalities have occurred. Such accidents can lead to investigations by the Health & Safety Executive, and the risk of a prosecution. Please ensure a risk assessment is carried out prior to any such work.

MARSH CHAPEL

The friends at Marsh recently held their Autumn Fayre and the well attended event provided great enjoyment for the large number of people who went to support them. As always their home-made baking was a great attraction, for its reputation is well known over the surrounding area. They raised £500 for Chapel funds, but in the near future their members will be out, in whatever weather, Carol singing, raising funds for Action for Children, a tradition that goes back many years.

A NEW VENTURE AT LEES

One or two people suggested to Anne Arana that they would like to meet to share hobbies such as knitting, sewing, and similar crafts. It was agreed that it would become a church based group, with a time in between for chatting and to show friendship to one another. It has quickly grown to about a dozen coming together on a Monday afternoon. A very mixed group of ladies, - some recently bereaved, others on their own - but they have welded together and have done a lot of knitting for Age UK, and for an overseas project and have a meaningful time of fellowship and laughter. Anne has plenty of spare wool - anyone interested in starting something like this in your church? Anne can be contacted at a.arana229@btinternet.com

COFFEE MORNINGS

There are regular coffee mornings at several churches in the Circuit - On a Tuesday morning there is a very popular one at Ilkley Road, whilst at Farnhill they meet every 2nd Saturday morning in the lower hall. At Silsden they are open from Monday - Friday each week, and at Lees there is a very successful one on the 1st Saturday of each month, each one themed differently, which attract about 60 people!

Each one, hopefully, is a way of making contact with people from outside the church circle, offering friendship and a chance for us to have leaflets, flyers etc available for people to read or take away.

Material for next newsletter to Maurice Baren by 7th February 2013 please.
mauricebaren@gmail.com

Just for a Laugh Word Search



The Methodist minister was partial to a drop of Cherry Brandy. Her neighbour offered to make her a gift of ten bottles on condition that the gift was acknowledged in the church newsletter.

"No problem", said the minister.

The following acknowledgement appeared in the next edition of the newsletter:

"The minister wishes to thank her neighbour for his kind gift of fruit and also for the spirit in which it was given."

The story is told of a Methodist minister who was quickly called by a woman who had been suddenly taken ill. He answered the call, but was rather puzzled as he knew the woman was not from a Methodist church, and was known to be a regular worker and worshipper at another church. While he was waiting to go and see the lady in bed he had a little talk with the lady's daughter. He said to her how he was pleased to know that her mother had thought to call him, and was her own minister not available?

"No", said the young girl, "Our minister's at home, only we thought it might be contagious and we didn't want to take any risks".

Mrs Harrowby said that the food served after the Church Ladies' AGM was dreadful. She intends to bring it up at the next meeting.

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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!



News Snippets

Birth & Baptism

Congratulations to Phillippa, David and Nathan Pinder on the birth of Eloise Hollie on 30th August. We were delighted to welcome her into the church family at her Baptism on 2nd December.



Church Cleaner

Thank you to Cassandra Britain for her eight months' service in this post. We wish her well for the future.

Welcome to our new cleaner, Robina Wedge, who started at the end of October. We look forward to a happy working relationship with her over the coming months.

Ecuador

The Church Council were pleased to be able to support Harry Stewart, a former member of our pantomime cast, in his efforts to raise funds to enable him to go to Ecuador over the summer to learn about their culture and to help with some project work whilst there.



Wednesday Club

The Film evening was very popular, when everyone enjoyed *"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"*. The evening with Ian Dewhirst went well (see report on pg 8) and we had a great time watching *"Allo Allo"* at the Playhouse.

Snow White

Rehearsals are now in full swing and the cast are working hard on the song/dance routines as well as the dialogue and everything is starting to come together.



The stage goes up in church on Friday 28th December starting at 10.00am. Anyone who is free to help that day will be very welcome to join us. Work has already begun on designing the scenery, preparing the special effects and sorting out all those wonderful costumes!

Full details of the pantomime can be found over the page and on the website. Tickets go on sale at the beginning of January; on-line booking opens later this month.

Enjoy the show!!

Vision for the Future



The latest in the series of meetings looking at our vision for the future took place on 12th November 2012. The aim of the process is to formulate our vision of where we want to progress as a church and to find ways that we can reach out more successfully to the local community.

Previous meetings had resulted in a long list of ideas for things we could do and this has now been condensed down to a smaller more manageable list of projects that we will now try to progress.

- *The suggestion of an informal all age singing group had generated a lot of interest and would be set up. The idea is that this will be singing for fun and not with the aim of doing concerts etc – volunteers are needed to help organise this and some input from those interested about the best time and format for the group would be gratefully received.*
- *Sunday school will be renamed JIGSAW (Jesus Is Great Super And Wonderful) - with a new logo, in the hope that this will make it more attractive to young families. New teaching materials are now being used and we have new teachers and helpers on the rota.*
- *We aim to try some “café style” services on a Sunday morning – these have proved to be popular at other churches and some preachers will be consulted to see who would be comfortable with this format.*
- *Some of the user groups of the building are to be asked if they want to participate or attend one of our services. As a start playgroup will be asked if they want to attend/take part in the Christmas all age service where a Christingle is planned.*
- *We would like to start a monthly “Messy Church” session aimed at young families who would not normally attend church on a Sunday morning. Parents and children aged 4 to 11 would attend the sessions straight after school for fun craft activities and bible stories followed by some food and free play. This has proved very successful at some other churches locally and we plan to arrange a short presentation to explain more about how this works and ask for some help in running it.*
- *Some ideas were discussed to help publicise the luncheon club with a view to boosting the number of diners attending.*
- *More generally some ideas were looked at to publicise our existing activities more effectively including leaflet drops, changes to the website and using social media such as Twitter and Facebook.*

The next meeting to monitor progress has been provisionally agreed for 11th March 2013 but before then we would welcome any comments, suggestions or offers of help to move the projects forward.



Summary of Oakworth Methodist Church Accounts 2011-2012

| Receipts | £ | Payments | £ |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Collections | 11,080.89 | Circuit Share | 16,200.00 |
| Property/Lettings | 9,534.39 | Property Maintenance | 7,187.72 |
| Fund Raising | 7,498.00 | Utilities | 4,719.17 |
| Bequest: Betty Midgley | 6,400.00 | Cleaner's Wages | 3,952.00 |
| Project Income | 4,210.00 | Feasibility Study | 3,173.16 |
| Tax Recovered | 2,706.15 | New Combi-Boiler | 2,999.10 |
| Mission Collections | 1,020.52 | Other Project Costs | 2,786.98 |
| Investment Income | 451.67 | Mission Donations | 1,820.52 |
| Donations/Gift Appeals | 298.00 | Sunday School | 246.00 |
| Sundry Receipts | 2,577.96 | Sundry Payments | 927.15 |
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Treasurer's Report

We give thanks once again for the commitment and support of so many people to the work and witness of our church.



Receipts

Collections and **Fundraising** both showed healthy increases, for which we are very grateful.

Property/Lettings, Tax Recoveries on Gift Aided collections/donations and **Mission Collections** held their own.

Investments brought in a much better return following receipt of a £31,200 endowment bequest from Ellis Wright (which means we can only use the capital for restricted purposes).

However, **Donations** slumped to a very low level.

The **Bequest** and **Project Income** enabled us to replace the worn out **Combi-Boiler** and complete the **Feasibility Study** and other **Project Work** planned for the year.



Payments

We were able to increase our **Circuit Share** by £800 as promised.

Property Maintenance costs were up but much of this was offset by extra income from the copier/printer shown in **Sundry Receipts**

Cleaner's Wages and **Utility** costs increased with inflation but **Sunday School** costs and **Sundry Payments** were down.

Summary

The surplus in income over the expenditure figure shown above has gone to replenish the funds borrowed from reserves in the previous year when the bequest funds were unexpectedly delayed. That leaves our reserves at the year-end much closer to three months expenditure figure agreed by Church Council.

Thanks again for your generosity in the difficult economic climate.

The current year is already proving more challenging and we ask for your continuing prayerful support.

Snow White



Based on the original fairy tale, we have a delightful new version of Snow White for you to enjoy, with extra characters and numerous unexpected twists and turns!

Beautiful but evil Queen Scarlet has married Snow White's father, Baron Periwinkle. On her birthday, she receives a magic mirror from Professor Mulberry (Court Chamberlain) which tells her that Snow White is more beautiful than she is. The Queen is consumed with jealousy and determines to kill her step-daughter. But Snow White has many old friends - including Harlequin (Court Jester), Dame Wisteria (Royal Housekeeper) and other members of the Royal Household - and she finds seven new ones who live in a little cottage deep in the Enchanted Forest. With their help and the dashing bravery of Prince Fandango (ably assisted by his equerry, Rufous), Snow White is saved and Queen Scarlet, revealed as a wicked witch, dies.

Rosie, the Fairy Queen, will keep you on track with the story and her daughter, Lily, becomes the Spirit of the Magic Mirror to goad Queen Scarlet into revealing her true self.

As the plot unfolds, you will be treated to a whole range of song and dance routines by Villagers, Dwarfs, Animals, Fairies, Elves, Gypsies and Evil Spirits, as well as the main character routines and solos. You'll join in some marvellous comedy routines with several of the main characters and BOO yourselves hoarse whenever nasty Queen Scarlet appears! You might get splattered with flying eggs or even get caught in a shower - you have been warned!!

There are eight fun-packed shows to choose from again but don't forget to book your tickets in good time or you may be disappointed - some performances will be sold out by the end of January! Enjoy the show!!

7pm Evening Shows:

Saturday 16th February Wednesday 20th February
Monday 18th February Friday 22nd February
Tuesday 19th February Saturday 23rd February

2pm Matinees on both Saturdays



Tickets available from Janet Armstrong ☎01535 642625
or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org

Adults £6.00, Senior Citizens £5.00, Children £4.00

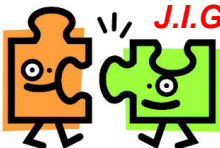


Sunday Worship & Young People



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Dec** 2 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Baptism**
9 10.30 am Mr Maurice Baren
16 10.30 am Mrs Ann Fox - **All Age Carol Service**
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
23 10.30 am Louise Makin + Young People -
All Age Christmas Praise / Christingle Service
Mon 24 11.15 pm Rev Sandie Exley-Watts -
Christmas Eve Candlelit Communion Service
Tue 25 10.00 am Revs Peter Mott & Sandie Exley-Watts -
Christmas Morning Worship for all at Keighley Shared Church
30 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine - United Service at Exley Head
NO Service at Oakworth
- Jan** 6 10.30 am Mrs Anne O'Shaughnessy
13 10.30 am Mr David Varley
20 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Covenant Service**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
27 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Feb** 3 10.30 am Rev Neville Richardson
10 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart
17 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
24 10.30 am Rev Jacky Hale
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor



J.I.G.S.A.W. also meets 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 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 11th, 18th+25th December
and 12th+19th February)

DECEMBER 2012

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| 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 - <i>Allo Allo</i> - Keighley Playhouse |
| Tue | 11 | 1.45 pm | Ladies' Group - Christmas Party - church lounge |
| Wed | 12 | 7.30 pm | Emmaus Advent Group - led by Sandie at the Manse |
| Sat | 15 | 6.30 pm | Carols in the Barn + refreshments - New House Farm |
| Sat | 15 | 8.00 pm | K+WVR Carol Train + Brass Band - Oakworth Station |
| Sun | 16 | 11.45 am | Christmas Lunch - after Carol Service - church hall |
| Tue | 18 | 7.30 pm | Christmas Praise with <i>Living Waters</i> - at Christ Church |
| Mon | 24 | 10.30 pm | Fruit punch + mince pies followed by Candlelit Service |
| Fri | 28 | 10.00 am | Stage erected in church for pantomime preparations |

JANUARY 2013

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| Fri | 4 | 4.00 pm | Pantomime rehearsals commence on stage |
| Tue | 15 | 1.45 pm | Ladies' Group " <i>The funny side of moving house</i> " Bill Kerr |
| Wed | 16 | 7.30 pm | Wednesday Club Bowling Night |

FEBRUARY 2013

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| Thu | 14 | 7.30 pm | Circuit Meeting - Haworth Methodist Church |
| Sat | 16 to Sat 23 | | Pantomime - <i>Snow White</i> - on stage in church |
| Tue | 26 | 1.45 pm | Ladies' Group - Card making - by Wendy |

Information for March Newsletter to David by this week please

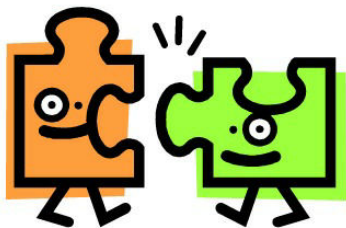
MARCH 2013

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| Mon | 4 | 7.30 pm | Church Council - church lounge |
| Sun | 10 | 10.30 am | Mothering Sunday All Age Praise & Parade Service |
| Mon | 11 | 7.30 pm | Strategy for the Future - Vision Group - church lounge |
| Tue | 19 | 1.45 pm | Ladies' Group - Rug Making with Kath Batty |
| Wed | 20 | 7.30 pm | Wednesday Club - Planning Evening |
| Fri | 22 to Sun 24 | | Hope & Gamble Mission Outreach in Keighley |

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J.I.G.S.A.W.



Jesus Is Great Super And Wonderful Oakworth Methodist Church

Sunday School and Junior Church will be renamed J.I.G.S.A.W. after Christmas. The background to the name change can be found in the Vision report on page 13. We need to attract more young people into J.I.G.S.A.W. to share the wonderful truth that Jesus really is Great, Super and Wonderful!

On this page and in the Prize Giving report on page 7 are several photos of activities our young people get involved in. J.I.G.S.A.W. will offer even more activities like these to capture the imagination and enable them to meet Jesus in a way which is relevant to them.

Helen and Adele have been welcomed onto the staff team, bringing new ideas and enthusiasm.

Many people are indebted to Andrew and Lizzie for their dedication as Sunday School teachers for many years. Thank you to both of you.



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