

**OAKWORTH**



**METHODIST CHURCH**



# **March 2016 Newsletter**



**Hansel and Gretel outside the fantastic  
Gingerbread House in a scene from our  
latest successful pantomime adventure.  
More pantomime photos inside ...**

# Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

The six weeks of Lent leading to Good Friday have always been a time in the church when we are encouraged to reflect more deeply on our journey with Jesus. By retracing his footsteps on the way to the cross, we may discover anew where God may be leading us. Of course, the church, as a human institution, often gets things wrong by going to one extreme or the other. So sometimes the practise of Lent has been a kind of 'beating yourself up' by which we become consumed with guilt - or at the other extreme, we somehow imagine that giving up chocolate can bring us nearer to Jesus.

Sandie will be retiring at the end of July. The Circuit will receive a new Probationer Minister and a new Deacon in September but we will welcome Rev Rosemary Nash, who has already been in the Circuit for four years, as our 'new Minister'.

Perhaps that is why some have 'given up' on Lent all together, just appearing for the usual Sunday worship and possibly an 'extra' service in Holy Week and then wondering why it all leaves us very cold.

I want to urge you not to give up - there is a lot of help on offer! Across the circuit there are a variety of Lent Courses, some using film and others a more traditional Bible Study.

(See the Plan). Why not give it a go, even if you have never tried it before?

Not everyone will be able to make that weekly commitment but, this year, we have a further opportunity to engage more deeply with the Passion of Jesus. During a **Quiet Morning**, 'Broken for Me', there will be a gentle invitation to enter into the Passion story through guided meditation, music and poetry, with plenty of space for reflection/creativity.

Why not give it a try? It will take place on Saturday, 12th March, 9.45 am for 10.00-12.30 at The Manse, 17 Ridgeway Mount, Keighley BD22 6LY.

*PS: It would be helpful if you would let me know if you're intending to come: 01535 602669 [sandie@exleywatts.me.uk](mailto:sandie@exleywatts.me.uk)*



Shalom,  
Sandie

**Minister: Rev Sandie Exley-Watts**

☎ 01535 602669

e-mail: [sandie.exleywatts@airedalemethodists.org](mailto:sandie.exleywatts@airedalemethodists.org)

# In Memoriam

We commend Elizabeth Emmott, David Bury and Helen Hudson into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy.



**Elizabeth Emmott**

Most of us have known Elizabeth for as long as we can remember. She taught many of us in Sunday School and worked with others at JohnsCraft. She has worked tirelessly at Church all her life with highlights including training scholars for the Scripture exams in the '60s and winning the trophy five years in succession, running a Holiday Gift Stall with Betty and then launching the Sunshine Bags which still raise funds for the Church today. A lovely lady who had time for anybody.



**David Bury**

David retired to Oakworth and came to church as a way of getting to know local people. He offered to play the piano for occasional Services and ended up as our regular pianist. He loved to play as often as he could and will be remembered for entertaining us at social occasions as well as being pantomime pianist for a while. We are grateful for his time with us and remember Chrissie and the family.



**Helen Hudson**

We were privileged to be able to support Helen and Richard encourage Emily and Charlotte in their early years. Helen was just beginning to get involved more at Church, teaching in Sunday School, playing the piano for Services and launching Messy Church, when she fell ill. She has battled bravely for five years, still putting the children first at all times and the Service held to celebrate her life bore testimony to her popularity when over 250 gathered. We continue to hold the whole family in our prayers.

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' *John 14:27*





# Christmas Celebrations



# News Snippets

## Christmas Celebrations

December began with the popular Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch with Carols (1st) followed by the Village Society Christmas Fair at Holden Hall (5th) at which our stall took £30.

Sandie led the Carol Service (13th), followed by an excellent Christmas Lunch, which raised £340, and thanks go to the team who prepared it.

The following Saturday we shared Carols in the Barn at New House Farm with Christ Church and then met the Carol Train at Oakworth Station.

This year, instead of the Christingle Service, we had an All Age Christmas Nativity Service (20th) led by Glenda Coogan. The drama was presented in costume (see opposite) and Glenda then set about mixing a very strange cake to illustrate her theme!

The Church Stewards prepared fruit punch and mince pies for us all as we gathered on Christmas Eve for the Candlelit Communion Service - which Sandie led again this year.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas activities.

## Wednesday Club

We enjoyed the trip to Keighley Playhouse in December to see *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, with Harry Rundle in the cast. The annual trip to Shipley Bowl in January was well supported - David Pinder outscored Peter this year and the trophy returned to him.

Activities for the next year were organised at the Planning Meeting last week - do join us if you are able.



## Holden's Ghosts

We were asked to host the AGM for Wesley Historical Society (Yorkshire) last month and many local folk joined them to hear Tony Holden speak about his great great Grandfather, Sir Isaac Holden (and Tony's recently published book). It was an excellent afternoon with a tea and we raised over £280 in donations for **Mission Possible**.

## Luncheon Club

Jenny Donnison will retire as cook in July and we are looking for someone to train up as a replacement as soon as possible. Please contact Dorothy if you know anyone who may be willing to take on this voluntary role or to help in any other way in the kitchen. Thanks.

## Manor Services

There are a number of spaces on the Manor rota - we really need one or two new volunteers to help lead one of the monthly short services. Please add your name to the rota if you can or speak to Kath for more information.

## Hall available to book

If you know any group looking for somewhere to meet on Tuesday afternoons or evenings please let David or Janet know - our Hall is currently available.



# Hansel & Gretel

Phil Smith and Tim Steere wrote this review for the Keighley News ...

This is the 30th Oakworth Methodist pantomime and only our third watching but, whatever the number, you know what you are going to get. This is a traditional family village panto with a cast of youngsters all under the age of 18.

A friendly welcome at the door and you are ushered to your seats, ready for the performance to begin. The curtains open and wham, within seconds you're booing the baddies and cheering the goodies.

The costumes as always are lovely and colourful (I especially loved the gingerbread men) and enhanced the visual effect of the marvellous sets and scenery (brilliantly painted), all set off with good use of lighting effects throughout, especially the UV scene.

The entire cast sang and danced with great energy throughout the performance and were a pleasure to watch.

The kids in the audience joined in with everything they could, and some sang along to the well-known tunes. We particularly liked the There's a Hole In My Bucket song with Dickie and Dilly Dymwit and Dame Do-Good and the Bring It All Back number with Peter (the principal boy), Jack, Jill and the chorus.

Overall an excellent night out which left the audience smiling as they left to go home.

... and Jennifer Smith wrote...

Once again a huge Thank you to everyone involved in the pantomime. It was absolutely wonderful! We all thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening. The acting, singing and dancing were of such a high standard and the costumes and scenery just amazing! We came away rejuvenated and full of praise. Congratulations!! And very many thanks.



A huge thank you to all who contributed to the fantastic success of another pantomime which raised over £5,250 for the work of the church + £1,970 for **Mission Possible**.

**Don't forget to order your Hansel & Gretel DVD - £8.**

Work now begins on a new script for Sinbad the Sailor. Workshops/auditions will be held during the Summer.













# How great thou art Word Search

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!



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

A	D	O	R	A	T	I	O	N	C	O	N	S	I	D	E	R
W	C	S	W	E	E	T	L	Y	E	S	R	E	V	I	N	U
E	H	C	L	G	H	W	C	R	O	S	S	E	E	R	T	E
S	R	A	L	L	L	O	F	T	Y	A	P	Y	O	J	H	D
O	I	R	I	A	S	B	U	O	H	T	R	A	E	H	I	N
M	S	C	F	D	M	O	U	N	T	A	I	N	R	S	N	A
E	T	E	L	E	H	A	P	O	R	E	W	O	P	I	K	R
R	E	R	P	S	R	A	T	S	A	R	Y	L	R	E	N	G
H	O	L	O	R	D	H	S	I	Y	G	A	E	O	Z	E	G
W	A	L	T	A	U	O	E	Y	O	Y	W	K	C	E	D	N
A	O	N	L	N	S	M	R	L	E	N	A	O	L	E	R	I
N	G	O	D	I	E	E	O	D	T	D	T	O	A	R	U	R
D	I	E	D	S	N	G	F	A	E	S	D	R	I	B	B	A
E	R	N	I	S	E	G	K	L	R	E	L	B	M	U	H	E
R	E	D	N	O	W	E	B	G	C	O	M	E	D	A	M	B



# All Age Worship



## Mothering Sunday

All Age Praise & Parade Service

Sunday 6th March 10.30 am

Led by Mrs Louise Makin

with daffodils for  
all the mums!



This Service will be followed by

**Coffee & Cakes in the Hall**

Raising funds to continue to sponsor Ronald in Uganda



## Maundy Thursday

Hot Cross Buns &  
Holy Communion Service

Thursday 24th March 7.30 pm

led by Rev Terry Porter

## Church Anniversary

Sunday 10th April 10.30 am

All Age Worship + Holy Communion

led by Rev Sandie Exley-Watts



## JIGSAW Anniversary

Sunday 15th May 10.30 am

All Age Praise Service led by  
Rev Sandie Exley-Watts





# Oakworth Methodist Church



Lidget, Keighley Road,  
Oakworth, Keighley,  
West Yorkshire, BD22 7HN

# MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



Mission Possible Family Film Evening

## PADDINGTON

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

**Friday 18th March 6.30 pm**

on the giant screen in Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

*Look out for details of more Family Film Evenings on 22 April & 20 May*



## Mission Possible Coffee Mornings

at Oakworth Methodist Church



**Saturday 19th March 10.00-11.30 am**

Stalls include: Home-made Handicrafts, Jam & Cakes, Easter Gifts, Chocolate Tombola - all provided through



The Mission Possible £10 Challenge



**Saturday 21st May 10.00-11.30 am**

with Plant and Craft Stalls



Donations towards the Mission Possible Appeal



# ***Spring Market***

**Saturday 16th April**  
**10.00 - 1.00**

**Lots of stalls to buy from**  
**with bargains galore to be found!**

**Have a Coffee and a chat**

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

**Please sign the list in the porch**

**Share fellowship**  
**as you spend!**

**Proceeds for the ongoing**  
**work of the Church**

# **MISSION** **POSSIBLE** **CABARET NIGHT** **with** **MINI-MEAL**



**Wednesday 4th, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th May**  
**from 7.00 pm at Oakworth Methodist Church**

**Cabaret Acts will include:**

**Past & Present Pantomime Cast**  
**Rainbows, Brownies & Guides**  
**KYDZ Keighley Youth Theatre**  
**The May School of Dance**

**There will also be live music as**  
**you enjoy your mini-meal in**  
**between the Cabaret Acts**

**See Church website for**  
**more details**

**FREE BOOKING now open - contact David on 01535 215784**  
**or email [DHowarth@OakworthMethodists.org](mailto:DHowarth@OakworthMethodists.org)**  
**or book on-line at [www.OakworthMethodists.org](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org)**

**DONATIONS on the night towards Mission Possible Appeal**



# Sunday Worship



*A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together*

- Mar** 6 10.30 am Mrs Louise Makin -  
**Mothering Sunday All Age Parade Service**  
13 10.30 am Rev Dr Roger Walton (Chair of District)  
20 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones - **Palm Sunday**  
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
27 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts -  
**EASTER SUNDAY + Holy Communion**  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- Apr** 3 10.30 am Mr Terry O'Shaughnessy  
10 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts -  
**All Age Church Anniversary Service + Holy Communion**  
17 10.30 am Rev David Cooke  
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
24 10.30 am Mr Bernard Thompson - **Reader's Service**  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor
- May** 1 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan -  
**United Service with Exley Head at Oakworth**  
8 10.30 am Mrs Janet Clark  
15 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts -  
**All Age JIGSAW Anniversary Service**  
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church  
22 10.30 am Mrs Louise Makin  
3.00 pm Service at Oakworth Manor  
29 10.30 am Local Arrangement  
6.00 pm Rev Sandie Exley-Watts -  
**Ecumenical Service + Holy Communion - Methodist Church**



**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



**Editor: David J Howarth** ☎ 01535 215784

e-mail: [DHowarth@OakworthMethodists.org](mailto:DHowarth@OakworthMethodists.org)



# Diary Dates



**Tuesdays** 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club  
(closed 29th March & 31st May)

## MARCH 2016

Tue	1	7.30 pm	Church Council - in Church Lounge
Sun	6	11.30 am	<b>Coffee &amp; Cakes:</b> for Ronald in Uganda
Tue	8	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: " <i>Memories</i> " - Keith Barber
Wed	9	7.30 pm	Wednesday Club Planning Meeting - 217 Fell Lane, Kly
Thu	10	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Thu	10	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting - Haworth Methodist Church
Fri11-Sat12		7.15 pm	KYDZ Youth Theatre Spring Show - ' <i>See No Evil</i> '
Sat	12	10.00 am	' <i>Broken for Me</i> ' Quiet Morning - 17 Ridgeway Mount
Sun	13	6.30 pm	Circuit One-Man Passion Play - Silsden Meth Church
Tue	15	7.30 pm	Strategy Team Meeting - Plans & Fundraising update
Fri	18	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper
Sat	19	10.00-11.30	<b>Mission Possible Coffee Morning</b> + £10 Challenge Stalls
Thu	24	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday - Rev Terry Porter - Hot Cross Buns + Holy Communion Service

## APRIL 2016

Fri	8	6.30 pm	Pantomime Party: DVD, Food, Disco/Games - Fell Lane Scout Hut
Tue	12	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: <b>AGM</b> and <i>Parkinsons UK</i> Speaker
Wed	13	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Surprise Evening - Milner Bank
Thu	14	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Sat	16	10.00-1.00	<b>Spring Market + Lunch</b>
Tue	19	7.30 pm	Annual General Church Meeting (open to all)
Fri	22	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper

## MAY 2016

Wed 4, Fri 6, Sat 7	7.00	<b>Mission Possible Cabaret Night + Mini Meal</b>	
Wed	11	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Meal - Bronte Hotel, Haworth
Thu	12	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	20	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper
Sat	21	10.00-11.30	<b>Mission Possible Coffee Morning + Plant Sale</b>

## JUNE 2016

Wed	1	7.30 pm	Circuit Consultation - Keighley Shared Church
Thu	9	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall

Check our website for further information:  
**[www.OakworthMethodists.org](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org)**



# Oakworth Methodist Church



Lidget, Keighley Road,  
Oakworth, Keighley,  
West Yorkshire, BD22 7HN

# MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Planning Permission has now been granted for our Building Extension and the Building Regulations Application has been submitted for approval. Funds continue to come in to the local appeal fund on a regular basis from church and community groups alike but special thanks must go to the **Mission Possible** **Pantomime Parents Group** for raising almost £2,000 from a whole raft of initiatives over the last few months.

In just five months - donations, promises & gift aid have now raised £21,785 for the church/community fundraising appeal (target £33,500) - bringing the total amount raised/promised to date for the whole project to £145,660 (total cost £260,000). Though there is still a long way to go, this is brilliant progress.

Donations and Promises to the **Mission Possible** Appeal Fund are always welcome - or why not sign up to the **Mission Possible** £10 Challenge - just complete one of the forms in the Appeal Leaflet.

