



March 2017 Newsletter



Black Hook and his band of Pirates threaten Sinbad and all aboard the *Seagull* in our latest successful pantomime adventure.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you have decided on your action for Lent, this year. If not, then you might like to consider having a good de-clutter. Clutter seems to be a disease of our time and culture. It used to be that when the kids left home you could consider 'downsizing' but instead it seems that clutter expands to fill the space made available. All the things that you hoped they would take with them are still there!

Although it is tempting to speculate about why we all accumulate so much, the issue with clutter is how we deal with it. Because successful de-cluttering is hard, we really need to have the right attitude: a ruthless, stop-at-nothing determination. We need to recognise that clutter is a real problem. Now one of the reasons that this is at the forefront of my mind, is the move to Sunderland in August. Knowing that we have a lot to sift and sort, I was pleased to discover these words from Canon J. John:

"I was interested to discover that the word 'clutter' is apparently related to 'clot'. And as clots block up arteries and impede blood flow with disastrous results, so clutter does the same to our lives. Think about how it leads to wasted time, for example. Consider a no-doubt all-too-familiar scenario: you are working on a project and you realise that you need item A (a document, tool or kitchen utensil), but because there is so much clutter you have to search for it. Now note what invariably happens. In the process of trying to find A, you successively uncover items B, C and D, each of which is far more interesting and each of which demands your attention. The result is that when you finally do discover item A, you have either run out of time to use it or you cannot remember what you wanted it for in the first place.



Canon J. John



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However, I don't believe that everything should be thrown away. If you are like me, your clutter is probably virtually worthless in financial terms, but you do need to remember that money is not the only measure of worth. The past has value and memories of events – and particularly of individuals – should matter to us. It is worth remembering how, in the Old Testament, Samuel put up a large memorial stone and named it Ebenezer (which means “the stone of help”), for he said, “Up to this point the Lord has helped us!” (1 Samuel 7:12, NLT). There are some things you may wish to keep as ‘Ebenezers’ – honoured reminders of long-ago friends, mementos of times rich in blessing and testimonies of difficulties overcome.”

Now I think that although we may save some precious reminders, I suspect that the reality is that much could be disposed of, so how do we decide what must go? As we wade our way through old files, letters and books our watch words should be ‘essential’ and ‘priority’. Anyone who has ever tried de-cluttering a study or garage will be aware of the danger that, after a few hours’ labour, you will actually manage to justify keeping almost everything. Maybe Lent is the time to ask some very hard questions. **Do I need this? Am I ever going to need it? Why do we find it so tough? Back to J. John:**

“One of the reasons I think many people today find it hard to deal with clutter is they prefer to think that they will be here for ever. They imagine that sooner or later they really are going to read those unread books, do that unopened jigsaw or experiment with those French recipes. Here, as in so many other areas, I am helped by knowing that the Christian life is like a journey. As I look at all I have before me, I repeatedly ask myself a simple question: ‘Is it needed on the voyage?’ If you are looking forward to the next world, there's a lot to be said for travelling light through this one.”

I think he has a point. So I am going to start in the study ...

I may be some time.

Happy sorting,

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Christmas Celebrations



December began with the Village Society Christmas Fair at Holden Hall (3rd), at which our stall took £25, followed by the popular Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch with Carols (6th). Messy Church made the nativity figures above (8th). Barbara Walls led the Carol Service (11th), followed by an excellent Christmas



Lunch, which raised £345, 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. The All Age Christmas Nativity Service (18th) led by Jo Dolman included drama presented in costume (see opposite for Little Donkey on the fiddle!) and a facebook message proclaimed it "the best Nativity Service I've ever been to!" We hosted a very uplifting Circuit Carol Service led by the President of Conference (21st) and the Santa (Beetle) Drive (22nd) raised £183 for Ronald in Uganda. We all enjoyed fruit punch and mince pies as we gathered on Christmas Eve for the Candlelit Communion Service - led by Terry Porter.

Christmas was well and truly celebrated!.

News Snippets

Mission Possible Appeal

The Panto Parents have worked really hard over the last few months, raising the wonderful total of £1,885: £106 from Coffee and Cakes at the JIGSAW Prize Giving Service, £365 Bag packing at B&Ms, £156 from the Tombola at the Village Society Christmas Fair, £218 from advertising and sponsorship in the Panto Programmes, £674 from the Raffles during Show week and £366 in the Donations buckets at the shows. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported their efforts.

We also raised £50 from Donations for books in the Book Sale, £59 from the Luncheon Club Christmas Raffle, £6 donated from the KYDZ Christmas Fair Raffle and £214 from the January Film Evening when a good number enjoyed *Swallows & Amazons*.

Thanks again for all your support.

Church Membership

At the Holy Communion Service last month, Rosemary was delighted to welcome Mike Cadamarteri into membership of the Methodist Church. It was lovely to share his faith journey.

Wednesday Club

We enjoyed the trip to Keighley Playhouse at the end of November to see *Little Women*. The annual trip to Shipley Bowl in January was well supported - David Pinder retained the trophy this year. Activities for the next year will be organised at the Planning Meeting next week - do join us if you are able.

Rev Barbara Fairburn

We are delighted to announce that Rev Barbara Fairburn will be joining the Circuit Staff team in September for an initial period of 4 years. Barbara is currently serving in the North Kirklees and Morley Circuit (also in our West Yorkshire District) and she comes with a wealth of experience in most areas of ministry and outreach. She will have pastoral charge at Oakworth, Exley Head, Cullingworth, Long Lee and Ilkley Road, Riddlesden.

Luncheon Club

With 25-30 diners every Tuesday, we urgently require a cook to head up one of the fortnightly teams. Please contact Dorothy Robinson at church or via the website 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. If we are unable to fill this vacancy there is a very real chance that the Luncheon Club could fold after Easter.

New Children's Club

Jo is holding a taster evening for a new Children's Club for 8-12 year olds on 20th March with games, crafts and sweets from 4.30-6.00pm. This could become a fortnightly club to help keep the younger panto cast together during the year and to meet other youngsters. Do come along and give it a try.

Gardening Morning

The garden gang are meeting up again on Saturday 1st April from 10.30-12.30 to do some more tidying of the beds and grounds around church. Please come and join us if you can.



Sinbad the Sailor

Phil Smith's review for the Keighley News:

It's Tuesday night at the end of February and I'm sat down ready to watch Sinbad the Sailor, Oakworth Methodists' 31st Panto. Three years ago I was introduced to this group and I've never looked back. From the very beginning you are drawn into the fun of panto land. The sets, the costumes, the lights all add to this fun packed evening; and that's before you mention the singing and dancing. David Howarth, Judith Chapman and team must work endlessly to get everything in place, and deserve first mention for all the hard work that has obviously gone on backstage.

The cast comprises of children in all the parts, with each getting a line or a part of a song to sing, which must be a tricky juggling act with the number of children involved. These 'chorus' kids all had to sing, dance and act and were a credit to the panto.

The main characters seemed to enjoy all they had to do and carried the script forward with great fun, allowing the audience to laugh along with them and boo and hiss when needed. Charlotte Harris and Emily Shepherd made a lovely principal boy and girl, whilst Harry Rundle and Hannah Wedge made sure we had plenty of laughs as the Dame and sidekick, helped ably by Natasha Armstrong and Hadley Scott as two hapless sailors and the mischievous Monty, played by Gabriella Hands. Evil aplenty was to be found with Lucy Chester, Millie Mann and Scarlett Hale (Vazar, Barracuda and Black Hook the pirate): they all got boos and jeers from the noisy audience. Emma Howard was lovely as the Genie of the Ring and with the Magic Pixies sang one of my favourite songs in the panto.

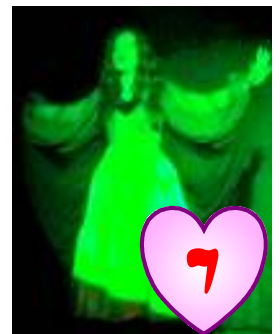
All-in-all another brilliant production. Well done to everyone involved, it was a pleasure to come and watch; and especially to Nathan Armstrong (the Captain of the Seagull) who had me and my friends in stitches all night.

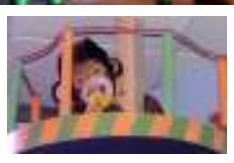
Jeanette House wrote:

I took my six-year old grandson to see Sinbad the Sailor. The children were amazing - word perfect, full of energy and character and the dance routines were innovative and complex. They were supported by some excellent lighting, special effects and stage settings. Altogether a really entertaining evening of genuine family fun. Thank you so much to all the performers and the many behind the scenes workers - a truly memorable evening.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of yet another pantomime. £5,140 has been raised for the work of the church + £1,885 for **Mission Possible**.









Sacrificial Love Word Search

One evening in a country village, a cottage caught fire. In a few seconds the thatched roof and the timbers were ablaze. There was no fire engine in this remote place and the villagers stood around - helpless. Suddenly, a young man burst on the scene and cried out, "What, can nothing be done to save them?" When no one responded, he jumped through the flames and darted into the house. A moment later he emerged with a child under each arm. He had carefully hidden the children under his coat to prevent them from being burned, but he himself was burned badly. The parents of the two children perished in the flames.

There was much sympathy in the village for the two children, and many expressed a desire to adopt them. Later, two people petitioned the court for adoption. One was the town mayor. He had money, position, and everything that the children would need to make sure the children were provided with the best of everything. The other man who petitioned the court was the man who had risked his life to save them. When the judge asked this man why the court should allow him to adopt the children, he did not answer with words. Instead he held up his hands that had been so badly burned and scarred in their rescue. He let those scars do the arguing for him!

I don't need to tell you who got custody of the children, do I?

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

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All Age Worship



Mothering Sunday

All Age Praise & Parade Service

Sunday 26th March 10.30 am

Led by Rev Barbara Walls

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



Church Anniversary

Sunday 9th April 10.30 am

All Age Worship

led by Rev Rosemary Nash

Maundy Thursday

Hot Cross Buns &
Holy Communion Service

Thursday 13th April 6.00 pm

led by Rev Rosemary Nash



JIGSAW Anniversary

Sunday 14th May 10.30 am

All Age Praise Service

led by Ms Jo Dolman



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a
Mission Possible Fashion Show

by **Roman Originals**

Saturday 18th March 7.30 pm
at Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets £5 (Including Tea & Biscuits)
from Madeline ☎642610 or on the door



Mission Possible Family Film Evening
Night at the Museum 3

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 24th March 6.30 pm

on the giant screen
at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**

Spring Market

Saturday 8th April 10.00-1.00

Lots of stalls to buy from

Have a Coffee and a chat

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

Please sign the list in the porch



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



Mission Possible Family Film Evening
Alice Through the Looking Glass

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 21st April 6.30 pm

on the giant screen
 at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal



Mission Possible **Concert by the Airedale Male Voice Choir**

Saturday 29th April 7.30 pm at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

Tickets £6 (inc Tea and Biscuits) from Madeline ☎642610 or David ☎215784
 or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org

Mission Possible Family Film Evening

The BFG

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 19th May 6.30 pm

on the giant screen
 at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal



Mission Possible Evening of Brass Band Music with **Silsden Town Band**

Saturday 10th June 7.30 pm at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

Tickets £6 (inc Tea and Biscuits) from Madeline ☎642610 or David ☎215784
 or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Mar** 5 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones
12 10.30 am Mr Chris Holmes
19 10.30 am Rev Jennifer Lunn - **Holy Communion**
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
26 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls -
All Age Mothering Sunday Parade Service
- Apr** 2 10.30 am Mr David Varley
9 10.30 am Rev Rosemary Nash -
All Age Church Anniversary Service
Thu 13 6.00 pm Maundy Thursday - Rev Rosemary Nash -
Hot Cross Buns + Holy Communion Service
16 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter -
EASTER SUNDAY + Holy Communion
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
23 10.30 am Local Arrangement
30 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine
- May** 7 10.30 am Rev David McAloon
14 10.30 am Ms Jo Dolman -
All Age JIGSAW Anniversary Service
21 10.30 am Mrs Christine Berry
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
28 10.30 am Rev Rosemary Nash - **Holy Communion**



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



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 18th April (Easter) & 30th May (Spring Bank))

MARCH 2017

Wed	1	7.30 pm	Church Council - in Church Lounge
Tue	7	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: "It shouldn't happen to a coach driver" - JAK
Thu	9	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri10-Sat11		7.15 pm	KYDZ Youth Theatre Spring Show
Tue	14	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting - Exley Head Methodist Church
Wed	15	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Planning Meeting - 217 Fell Lane, Kly
Sat	18	7.30 pm	Mission Possible Ladies' Group Fashion Show : Roman Originals
Mon	20	4.30-6.00	New Children's Club for 8-12s with Jo - at Church
Fri	24	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper
Sat	25	11.00-2.00	Pre-School Spring Family Fair
Sun	26	11.30 am	Coffee & Cakes : for Ronald in Uganda
Mon	27	6.00-8.00	Pantomime Party

APRIL 2017

Sat	1	10.30-12.30	Gardening Session to tidy the church grounds
Tue	4	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: AGM
Sat	8	10.00-1.00	Spring Market + Lunch
Wed	12	7.30 pm	Wednesday Club
Fri	21	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper
Sat	29	7.30 pm	Mission Possible Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert

MAY 2017

Tue	2	6.30-8.30	Little Tommy Tucker - Main Auditions/Workshops
Thu	4	7.30 pm	Annual General Church Meeting - open to all
Sat	6	11.00-1.00	Pre-School Open Day
Wed	10	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club
Thu	11	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

JUNE 2017

Wed	7	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club
Thu	8	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Sat	10	7.30 pm	Mission Possible Silsden Town Band Concert
Mon	12	7.30 pm	Circuit Consultation - Cowling Methodist Church

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

The additional £1,885 raised by the Panto Team this year has lifted the local fundraising and donations figure to £35,290 - bringing the total amount raised / promised to date for the whole project to £168,167. Thank you for your continuing support.

The value-engineering process to bring the tender figures for the building project down to an acceptable level is nearing completion. We hope to be able to set a new budget figure for the project in the next few weeks so that the business plan and submission of the large grant applications can proceed. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the building work will now commence at Easter 2018, with completion expected in September 2018.

Meanwhile fundraising and other grant applications continue.

Donations to the **Mission Possible Appeal** are always welcome!

