



September 2017 Newsletter



We are very grateful to Keith Howarth (aged 90) who designed and made our new Sanctuary table and rails as part of his contribution to **Mission Possible**, to complement the pulpit he made several years ago.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Minister, Rev Barbara Fairburn. Barbara will be leading our Harvest Festival Service on 17th September and there will be an opportunity to chat with her over coffee after the Service. We look forward to working with her over the next few years.

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Thank you



To our friends at Oakworth Methodist Church ...
THANK YOU ... for your kindness, prayers and very generous gift. I was overwhelmed by your generosity. Your gift enabled me to buy something I have always wanted but couldn't afford: the 'Willow Tree' Nativity set. So this and every Christmas, I will be reminded of you and we thank God for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you as we begin a new connexional year. Although my journey with you was a brief one, I thank God for who you are and I wish you every blessing as you move towards the completion of **Mission Possible**.

Yours in Christ, *Rosemary* XX

The photos show Rev Ruth Crompton, Graham Iliff (Circuit Steward) and Rosemary at her Farewell Event at Cullingworth and Rosemary and Andrew at her final Service at Oakworth.

News Snippets

Baptism

We welcomed Stanley George Harry Brier into the Church family at his baptism on 30th July. God bless you.



British Special Olympics in Sheffield

Congratulations to three local heroes for their medal haul in the National Special Olympics Summer Games last month. Euan and James Reed-Griffiths both competed in equestrian events: Euan came home with 2 gold and a bronze and James with 1 silver and a bronze. Aidan Knights (KYDZ) also won silver and bronze medals in the track events.



Euan

Pantomime News

We shall welcome seven new cast members into the team this year. The script is almost ready and everyone is looking forward to rehearsals starting next month in preparation for Little Tommy Tucker in February.

Family Fun Time

There was a very good response to Jo's two Family Fun Time sessions last month and everyone had a great time with table games, crafts and a cuppa (see picture below)! Two more sessions will be run next month.



Family Fun Time



James

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Pantomime Praise Service



Village Gala



Barbecue



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Fundraising

Silsden Town Band kicked off last quarter's **Mission Possible** fundraising with their Evening of Brass Band Music in June. This was only their second outing under the baton of their new Musical Director, Gordon Eddison but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music from the youngest to the oldest band members - and Gordon's anecdotes! The concert raised £315.

The Pantomime Praise Service at the end of June was very well attended and the panto cast reprised several routines from Sinbad during the Service. Coffee and Cakes were served afterwards by some of the parents and most folk stayed for a chat. Donations added £140 to the fund.

The panto parents were active again the following week at the Village Gala, raising a further £146 on their tombola stall.

Donations towards the cost of new lighting and sanctuary furniture brought in a further £10,212 with grateful thanks.

Another two Film Evenings raised a total of £236, with audiences enjoying *Eddie the Eagle* in June and *La La Land* in July.

We are grateful to Chrissie Bury for donating David's organ to raise funds for the appeal. We finally found a buyer who donated £50 for it in July.

The Wednesday Club Beetle Drive and pie & pea supper last month was enjoyed by 20 members and friends. Peter Howarth won and was presented with a chocolate beetle. £151 was raised at the event.

KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show was supported well and they donated £70 of their profits to the Appeal.

Thanks for all your support.



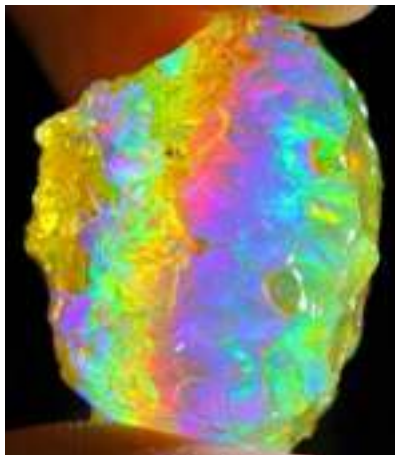
Sympathetic Jewel Word Search

A man paid a visit to his friend's jewellery store. He was shown a magnificent diamond with its gleaming yellow light and many other splendid gemstones. But he observed one stone that seemed to be lustreless and dull. Pointing to it, he said, "That stone has no beauty about it at all."

His friend picked up the gemstone in the hollow of his hand and closed his fingers tightly around it. After a few minutes, he uncurled his fingers. What a surprise! The entire stone gleamed with the splendour of a rainbow. "What did you do to it?", asked the astonished man.

His friend answered, "This is an opal. We call it the sympathetic jewel. It only needs contact with the human hand to bring out its wonderful beauty."

How many lives there are that need only the warm touch of human sympathy to make them gleam with opalescent splendour.



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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Church Groups

There are now even more groups where people of all ages can meet for fellowship appropriate to their needs.

Sunday Worship

All are welcome to join us at 10.30 each Sunday morning for worship and stay after for coffee and a chat - further details on page 14.

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

Formerly Sunday School, JIGSAW (Jesus Is Great, Super And Wonderful) meets at 10.30 on most Sunday mornings during term time for children aged 3-11 to learn about the Christian faith in a fun environment with stories, games, drama, arts and craft activities, making the Bible and its message easier to understand.

Messy Church

Join us between 3.15 and 5.15 on the 2nd Thursday of most months for play, crafts, food, friends & fun. Messy Church is for all the family so children please bring your parent or carer with you!

Kool Kids

Jo and Peter lead this popular new group for 8-13 year olds fortnightly on Mondays from 5.30 to 7.00 pm, with table games, crafts and some Christian input. Do give it a try!

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

Jo is starting a brand new Circuit Youth Fellowship for ages 11+, meeting monthly on Sundays 6.30-8.00pm and alternating between Steeton & Oakworth Methodist Churches. Share, learn and grow in faith and fellowship in a fun way!

Luncheon Club

Open every Tuesday September to July, older people can come for a full lunch at an affordable price in a warm, friendly environment. Lunch is served at 12.15 pm in the Church Hall when 30 to 40 folk enjoy a delicious meal together. It only costs £3.00 and everything is cooked on the premises.

Ladies' Group

A monthly programme of social events and speakers - for ladies - between September and April - often on the first Tuesday of each month at 1.45 pm in the Church Lounge - but do check for any changes.

Wednesday Club

A varied social programme for all adults, meeting monthly to help us get to know each other better. We all enjoyed the Playhouse Tour in June, a walk round Yeadon Tarn followed by fish and chips in July and the Beetle Drive fundraising evening in August. Check the Diary for future sessions and join us if you are able.

Friendship Group

This relatively new group meets on the third Friday of each month between 10.00 am and 12 noon. The venue varies from the church lounge to a local café or even in someone's home depending on what the group chooses to do. We always have a topic for discussion but it is not essential to contribute, just come along have a coffee, listen to everyone else, have a good laugh and enjoy the company, you will be very welcome.



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Mission Possible Family Film Evening **Beauty and the Beast** (2017)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 29th September 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Disney's animated classic takes on a new form - starring Emma Watson. A young prince, imprisoned in the form of a beast, can be freed only by true love. What may be his only opportunity arrives when he meets Belle, the only human girl to ever visit the enchanted castle.

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Mission Possible Family Film Evening **PAN** (2015)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 20th October 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

12-year-old orphan Peter is spirited away to the magical world of Neverland, where he finds both fun and danger, and ultimately discovers his destiny ... to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

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Family Fun Time at Oakworth Methodist Church

Fridays 20th+27th October 10.00-12.00 am

Games, Crafts and a Cuppa - All welcome

Further info from Jo.Dolman@airedalemethodists.org



Mission Possible Evening with Ian Dewhirst



Friday 27th October 7.00 pm
at Oakworth Methodist Church

'Life in the 1950s'

Pie and Peas served at 7.00 pm

Please let David know if you are coming

Donations on the night towards our Mission Possible Appeal



Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a

Mission Possible

Fashion Show by



Saturday 18th November 7.30 pm

at Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets will be available from Ladies' Group members



Mission Possible Family Film Evening **Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)**

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 24th November 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Peter Parker tries to balance his life as an ordinary high school student in Queens with his superhero alter-ego Spider-Man, and must confront a new menace prowling the skies of New York City.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

32nd Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

Little Tommy Tucker

10th-17th February 2018



Another exciting
Pantomime
adventure



Other Special Events



Yorkshireman Off Road Marathon at Haworth



Sunday 10th September

Please let Andrew or Jane know if you can help with preparation on the Saturday, provide a cake, or serve on the day.

The Harvest Service on Sunday 17th September will be followed by **Coffee & Cakes**

to raise funds to enable us to continue to sponsor Ronald in Uganda

This will also be a good opportunity to meet and get to know our new Minister, Rev Barbara Fairburn



Maureen Haigh invites you to bring your

Sunshine Bags



to church to be emptied on

Saturday 7th October

10.00 to 11.30 am

and to stay for a chat over

Morning Coffee

Autumn Fayre

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

Saturday 4th November

10.00 am to 1.00 pm



Share fellowship as you spend



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival

Sunday 17th September
10.30 am

All Age Worship led by
Rev Barbara Fairburn

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 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief)



JIGSAW Prize Giving All Age Service

Sunday 8th October
10.30 am

Led by Jo Dolman



Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service

Sunday 12th November

10.00 am - (NB early time)

Led by Rev Barbara Walls

At 10.40 am, those who wish to
parade round to the Cenotaph for
the Memorial Service will be led
by the Uniformed Organisations



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 3 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls - includes **Holy Communion**
10 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine -
UNITED SERVICE - at Exley Head Methodist Church
17 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **All Age Harvest Festival**
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
24 10.30 am Mrs Heather Holmes
- Oct** 1 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart
6.00 pm **Circuit Local Preacher Accreditation Service** for
Chris Holmes at Crosshills Methodist Church
8 10.30 am Ms Jo Dolman - **All Age JIGSAW Prize Giving**
15 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter - includes **Holy Communion**
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
22 10.30 am Rev Ruth Crompton
29 10.30 am Local Arrangement
- Nov** 5 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn -
UNITED SERVICE with Exley Head at Oakworth
12 **10.00 am** Rev Barbara Walls -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
10.45 am Memorial Service at the Cenotaph
19 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan
6.30 pm Ecumenical *Heartbeat* Service - Christ Church
26 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones



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

Services at Oakworth Manor: Thursdays at 2.00 pm
28th September; 26th October; 23rd November



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club

SEPTEMBER 2017

- Tue 5 6.30 pm **Pantomime Auditions for main chorus - in Church**
- Sun 10 All day **Yorkshireman Marathon - Haworth**
- Mon 11 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
- Tue 12 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - Alzheimers Talk: Carly Driscoll - Lounge
- Tue 12 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Bingley Methodist Church
- Thu 14 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
- Fri 15 10.00 am Friendship Group - at Cobbles & Clay, Haworth
- Sun 17 6.30 pm GIFT - New Circuit Youth Fellowship - at Steeton
- Thu 21 6.30 pm Wednesday Club visit to Bronte Parsonage Museum
- Mon 25 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
- Fri 29 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**

OCTOBER 2017

- Fri 6 4.40 pm **Pantomime Scripts issued + First read-through - Church**
- Sat 7 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags & Morning Coffee - Church Lounge**
- Sat 7 7.15 pm **KYDZ Youth Theatre Autumn Concert - in Church**
- Mon 9 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
- Tue 10 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - "*The History of Keys*": David J Key: Lounge
- Thu 12 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
- Mon 16 7.30 pm Church Council - Church Lounge
- Fri 20 10.00 am Friendship Group - venue tba
- Fri 20 10.00-12.00 Family Fun Time - in Church Hall
- Fri 20 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**
- Fri 27 10.00-12.00 Family Fun Time - in Church Hall
- Fri 27 7.00 pm **Mission Possible Evening with Ian Dewhirst + Pie & Peas**
- Sun 29 6.30 pm GIFT - New Circuit Youth Fellowship - at Oakworth

NOVEMBER 2017

- Sat 4 10.00-1.00 **Autumn Fayre & Lunch - in Church**
- Mon 6 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
- Thu 9 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
- Tue 14 6.30 pm Ladies' Group Meal - at Bronte Hotel, Haworth
- Sat 18 7.30 pm **Mission Possible Fashion Show: H&L Fashions - Church**
- Mon 20 5.30pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
- Fri 24 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**
- Wed 29 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - '*Goodnight Mr Tom*' - Kly Playhouse

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We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations since the inception of **Mission Possible** have now reached £80,550, bringing the total project amount secured to date to £190,055. Details of these figures can be found on the charts at church.

With the **Mission Possible** budget fixed at £425,000, the last three months have been spent completing the 48 page Business Plan and starting work on the large grant applications. We are now eligible for a Connexional (National) Methodist Church Property Grant and have been invited to apply for up to £140,000. An application has been submitted but we won't know the outcome until December. Large grant applications are also in the process of being made to the Arts Council and the Garfield Weston Foundation, with responses due at the end of the year.

We are now very hopeful that we will have secured sufficient funds by then to enable building work to commence on time next Easter.

