



March 2018 Newsletter



Principal members of the cast of Little Tommy Tucker - our latest successful pantomime adventure. More photos inside.

Pastoral Letter

Dear friends,

It seems to have been a long, cold winter this year and just when we thought it was coming to an end, yet another lot of snow landed on us. All through the wintry weather the staff have been walking on pilgrimage between the churches of the circuit, taking greetings and prayers from one church to the next. The weather may have been wintry, but each week we've seen small signs of change: lighter mornings, green shoots pushing up through the ground, buds on a tree, splashes of white, gold and purple where snowdrops and crocuses defy the snow, catkins dangling from the bushes, and the birds beginning to sing more loudly all around us. As we have walked through the winter months, those signs of spring have offered us hope that the darkness and cold will pass: light, warmth and new life are on the way.



The journey though lent and holy week can seem a long one. There are days when we can lose sight of where we are going and the promises of Easter seem distant. We may find ourselves struggling with questions about life, suffering, faith and injustice that seem to have no answers. On the road to Jerusalem Jesus kept telling his disciples how he would be betrayed and suffer violence and abuse and be put to death, but on the third day he would rise again. It's not surprising that the disciples couldn't make any sense of it at the time: they couldn't get beyond the horror of the idea that Jesus might be taken from them. That first Good Friday when Jesus died it must have seemed that all their hopes had died with him. They were locked into an endless winter of darkness and fear. But the darkness and despair didn't have the last word: three days later it began to lose its grip. The friends of Jesus thought they had lost Jesus forever but he returned to show them that the power of God's love really was stronger than death itself. Soon they began to see signs of hope, forgiveness and new life springing up all around them and as they met with the risen Christ, they started to come back to life themselves. They learned to let go of their doubts and fears and found new courage to share the good news of Jesus with others and start to change the world around them.

As we continue our journey towards Easter, may we be alert to the signs of hope, forgiveness and new life all around us and dare to share the good news of the risen Christ with those we meet on the way.

May God bless you all with joy and peace this Easter .



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News Snippets

JIGSAW

Thank you to Susan Shires and Joanne Moses for their many years' service as Sunday School and JIGSAW Teachers. Both have decided to stand down and so we are in need of replacements as soon as possible to enable JIGSAW to continue. Please speak to the Minister, a Church Steward or another Teacher if you are interested or know of someone else who may be. Thanks.

Pre-School

Congratulations to Jenny Jowle as she moves from Pre-School Manager to a new role working in Bradford. She has done a great job in turning Pre-School around and we look forward to working with her successor as Pre-School continues to go from strength to strength. We are delighted to report that they now run two afternoon sessions again as well as the four morning sessions.

Finance Update

During the last few months, the Church has suffered three expensive property issues relating to blocked drains, heating controls and boiler problems. These have added over £500 to the expenses budget at a time when income has also dipped for various reasons. The projected revenue account deficit for the current year to August 2018 currently stands at £750 and we ask for your prayerful consideration regarding ways to cover this figure.

Church Gardens

Once the decision is taken to go ahead with the **Mission Possible** building work, we will be inviting the community to help with clearing some of the plants and bushes from the front and west side gardens before the contractors come on site. There will be an opportunity on set days to come and dig up plants/bushes you would like to take in exchange for a donation to the **Mission Possible Appeal**. Look out for details on Social Media in the Spring.



Special Olympics

Congratulations to James Reed-Griffiths on being selected to join Team GB at the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi next year. Well done!



Christmas Celebrations



December began with the Village Society Christmas Fair at Holden Hall (2nd), at which our stall took £32, followed by the popular Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch with Carols (5th). Barbara Fairburn led the Carol Service (10th), followed by an excellent Christmas Lunch, which raised £267, and thanks go to the team who prepared it. The following Saturday we met the KWVR Carol Train at Oakworth Station. The All Age Christmas Nativity Service (17th) led by Chris Holmes included drama presented in costume and the Santa (Beetle) Drive (20th) raised £146 for Ronald in Uganda. Barbara Walls led a festive Morning Service on Christmas Eve and we all enjoyed fruit punch and mince pies as we gathered that evening for the Candlelit Communion Service - led by David McAloon.



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Fundraising

Most of this quarter's **Mission Possible** fundraising came from the Pantomime Team. They raised £137 on their tombola stall at the Village Christmas Fair in December, £135 from pantomime programme sponsorship, £605 from the raffles and £300 from bucket donations at the pantomime itself and £310 from auctioning the Caravan Holiday voucher kindly donated by our good friends Sally & Philip Tolson in Wales. Another two Film Evenings raised a total of £214, with audiences enjoying 'Cars 3' in January and 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' last month. Other donations during the quarter came to £1,212. Many thanks for the continuing support for the Appeal.

Co-op Local Community Fund

Mission Possible and the Oakworth Community Trust have both been chosen for the 2018 fundraising round - please support us by becoming a Co-op member and always using your card when you shop there. 1% of all Co-op branded sales to Co-op members at Oakworth go to the two causes. We have already accumulated £346 for **Mission Possible** but we will also receive half of the non-allocated pot at the year-end - which we anticipate will bring the final total to around £5,000.

Other Grants

The Garfield Weston Foundation pledge of £20,000 last month was great news. Sadly the Norwood and Newton Settlement weren't able to support us. We are awaiting responses from our grant applications to the Joseph Rank Trust, Methodist Insurance, the Kirkby Foundation and the National Churches Trust and David is still looking at making applications to other possible grant funders.

What happens next?

Because the funding hasn't come in as quickly as we had hoped, we are currently preparing to re-tender the building work. Our professional advisors are still confident that the revised tenders will enable the project to be completed within our £425,000 budget figure. The Church Council agreed last week that, providing the tenders do come in within budget, contractors can be appointed once the secured income reaches £390,000. The Airedale Circuit Meeting has agreed that, once we reach that figure, they will make available an interest free loan of up to £35,000 for up to five years to enable the building work to be completed and avoid any further delays and potential price increases. We are very grateful for this extremely generous offer. Do please continue to keep us in your prayers.



Start of Something New Word Search

Living in my own world, didn't understand ...
 That anything can happen when you take a chance.
 I never believed in, what I couldn't see;
 I never opened my heart to all the possibilities.
 I know ... that something has changed;
 Never felt this way ... and right here today ...
 This could be the start of something new.
 It feels so right to be here with you ...
 And now looking in your eyes,
 I feel in my heart the start of something new.



Now, who'd've ever thought that ...
 We'd both be here today?
 And the world looks so much brighter with you by my side.
 I know ... that something has changed;
 Never felt this way ... I know it for real ...
 This could be the start of something new.
 It feels so right to be here with you ...
 And now looking in your eyes,
 I feel in my heart the start of something new.



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Little Tommy Tucker

Philip Smith's review for the Keighley News

Its Valentine's Day and I'm watching something I love. Anybody who hasn't seen this panto has missed a treat. The plot may be a little confusing but after several years, that's what you expect when every single child in the cast has chance to shine, and shine they do. Everyone has their own voice and everyone matters.



Judith Chapman makes sure everyone has the chance to dance and enjoy the experience of dance. Moving so many children in different ways in different styles is an art, and Judith shows it here. You get all the different styles of dance expected and with all the cast under 18 this is brilliant.

Janet Armstrong, as costume mistress, makes sure all are dressed in glorious outfits that match whatever scenario evolves throughout the show. All are vibrant and excellent and just what is needed in a panto.

The 'children' in the show are excellent and all add to an amazing night. All should be extremely proud of their involvement in a show that had me (and Keighley panto supremo Peter Whitley) excited at what they can do in the future when they have become too old for Oakworth.

On an excellent night for everyone I'll mention some parts I loved more... Harmony and Melody played by Natasha Armstrong and Scarlett Hale helped the show along and were brilliant, even taking on the audience participation. Harry Rundle and Nathan Armstrong as the singing teachers, enjoyed the time on stage and Nathan loved his bad persona and his interaction with the audience. My favourite two characters of the night (from a personal view) were Isobelle Gissing as Mother Curseum the witch, who scared us all and

was brilliant in the duet with Dr Discord (Nathan Armstrong). Finally, and the favourite that made me cry laughing, Hannah Woollett as Benny, her/his singing had the audience in tears throughout the show. Not an easy thing to do with her off-tune responses.

All-in-all, an excellent nights' entertainment, with laughs, claps and at the end of the night a very happy audience as they leave.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Little Tommy Tucker's success. £5,965 has been raised for church work + £1,513 for Mission Possible.

16th-23rd
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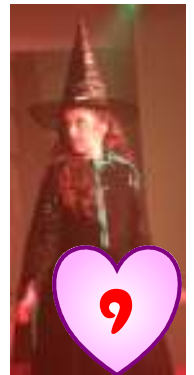
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33rd Oakworth Methodist Pantomime









All Age Worship



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 11th March

10.30 am

All Age Parade Service

Led by Mr Chris Holmes

with daffodils for all the ladies!



Maundy Thursday

Hot Cross Buns &
Holy Communion Service
Thursday 29th March 6.00 pm
led by Rev Barbara Fairburn



Easter Sunday All Age Worship 10.30 am

with Holy Communion - led by Rev Barbara Fairburn



Church Anniversary

Sunday 8th April 10.30 am

All Age Worship

led by the Church Stewards

JIGSAW Anniversary

Sunday 13th May 10.30 am

All Age Worship led by

Rev Barbara Fairburn & Deacon Jackie Fowler



Mission Possible Family Film Evening

PADDINGTON 2 (2017) (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 16th March 6.30 pm

on the giant screen at
Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Mission Possible Coffee Morning

with Craft Stall, Jewellery Stall and Cake Stall

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

Saturday 17th March 10.00-12.00

Proceeds towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a **Mission Possible Concert** by



Saturday 24th March 7.30 pm at Church

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

Proceeds towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Wednesday Club Singalong Evening

The Sound of Music (1965) (U)

with Refreshments in the Interval

Friday 20th April 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

The iconic full length film that everybody knows and loves
- with Maria, who leaves an Austrian convent to become a
governess to the children of the Von Trapp family.

Chris Holmes will lead everyone in singing along
with all your favourite songs as they appear.



Mission Possible Family Film Evening (12A)

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (2017)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 27th April 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Rey develops her newly discovered abilities with the
guidance of Luke Skywalker, who is unsettled by the
strength of her powers. Meanwhile, the Resistance
prepares for battle with the First Order.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal



Mission Possible Family Film Evening (PG)

The Greatest Showman (2017)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 18th May 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a
visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle
that became a worldwide sensation.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal



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Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Mar** 4 10.30 am Rev John Peet
11 10.30 am Mr Chris Holmes -
Mothering Sunday All Age Parade Service
18 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn & Deacon Jackie Fowler
25 10.30 am Mrs Janet Clark
6.00 pm Rev Dr Roger Walton -
Palm Sunday Circuit Service - Silsden Methodist Church
Thu 29 6.00 pm Rev Barbara Fairburn
Maundy Thursday Hot Cross Buns & Holy Communion
- Apr** 1 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn -
Easter Sunday All Age Worship with Holy Communion
8 10.30 am Local Arrangement -
Church Anniversary All Age Worship
15 10.30 am Miss Doth Lund
22 10.30 am Rev Jennifer Lunn - **with Holy Communion**
29 10.30 am Mr Chris Holmes
- May** 6 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny & Ms Jo Dolman
13 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn & Deacon Jackie Fowler -
JIGSAW Anniversary All Age Worship
20 10.30 am Mrs Irene Mitchell - Reader's Service
27 10.30 am Mr Michael Webster -
United Service with Exley Head at Oakworth



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 3rd April (Easter) & 29th May (Spring Bank))

MARCH 2018

Thu	8	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Thu	8	7.30 pm	Church Council - Lounge
Tue	13	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: "Robin Hood" - Paul Kenny - Lounge
Wed	14	7.30 pm	Wed Club Planning Meeting & Faith Supper - Lounge
Thu	15	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting - Keighley Shared Church Hall
Fri	16	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Favourite Recipes - Exley Head Lounge
Fri	16	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper
Sat	17	10.00-12.00	Mission Possible Coffee Morning + Craft/Cake Stalls
Mon	19	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall
Sat	24	7.30 pm	Mission Possible Haworth Ukulele Group Concert
Mon	26	6.00-8.00	Pantomime Party: DVD, nibbles, disco/games - in Church

APRIL 2018

Tue	10	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group AGM - Lounge
Thu	12	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	20	10.00 am	Friendship Group: First date - Exley Head Lounge
Fri	20	6.30 pm	Wednesday Club <i>Sound of Music</i> Singalong - in Church
Mon	23	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall
Fri	27	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper
Mon	30	6.00-8.00	Old Mother Hubbard Main Audition Workshops - Church

MAY 2018

Thu	3	7.30 pm	Annual General Church Meeting - open to all - Lounge
Thu	10	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Mon	14	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall
Wed	16	2.00 pm	Wednesday Club - visit to Wyedean Weaving, Haworth
Fri	18	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Worst fears - Exley Head Lounge
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

JUNE 2018

Mon	4	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall
Thu	14	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	15	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Visit Dove Cottage Nursery, Halifax
Mon	18	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall

Check our website for further information:
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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations since the inception of Mission Possible have now reached £85,373 bringing the total project amount secured to date to £323,460.

Details of these figures can be found on the charts at church.

76% of the cost budget is now covered.

The Garfield Weston Foundation pledged a grant of £20,000 last month and the Yorkshire West Methodist District confirmed that we are now eligible to apply to have their £8,600 grant increased to £25,000. The application has been submitted and we will have their response in May. We are waiting to hear from four other Trusts/Foundation over the next few months to enable us to establish when the building work will be able to commence.

See Page 5 of this Newsletter for further information.

We are still hopeful that preparatory building works will be able to commence in May, with a June start date for the contractors.

