



September 2018 Newsletter

**Rev Stacey Fischer Gehring
with Geoff, Evie and Carys**



Pastoral Letter

Dear friends,

I seem to have spent a lot of time this summer going round in circles. Going round in circles is usually a frustrating experience, but this time it was altogether different because the circles I was walking round in were labyrinths. Labyrinths look a bit like mazes, but they are very different. Whereas a maze is full of tricks and traps, a labyrinth is made up of a single path which will lead you safely into the centre and then back out again. Like our lives and the journey of faith, the path is full of twists and turns. One moment you may find yourself walking very close to the centre and then suddenly you find yourself right back on the outside edge wondering how you got there, but wherever you are, as long as you stick with the path you will end up in the right place.

As we walk the labyrinth, we are encouraged to be open to God's presence, to let go of the things that have got us bogged down and become more open to the gifts God wants us to take with us to the world outside. In a world where we often find it hard to stop rushing around long enough to think where our lives are going, let alone pray, a labyrinth can help us to slow down, take time to look at our journey of life and faith from different angles and let God speak to us.

When we walked the labyrinth we didn't just walk alone, we had to learn to share the path with others. Sometimes we would walk side by side in parallel tracks for a while, sometimes we found someone coming towards us when we least expected it, sometimes our paths turned away from each other, sometimes we had to step aside to let someone else pass. We learned to be aware of others who were in different places on the same journey, to be considerate of each other's needs and to share our experiences, stories and questions together at the end.

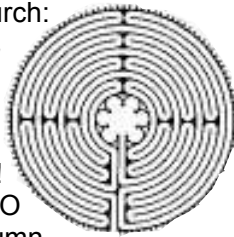
Reflecting on the experiences of the labyrinth, I find myself asking two questions as we prepare for a new year in the life of the church:

What do we need to do to make more space in our lives for God this coming year?

What can we do to encourage and support fellow travellers at different stages on the journey of faith?

If you have any thoughts on the matter, please let me know!

In Psalm 25:4, the psalmist says: 'Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths'. May that be our prayer this autumn.



Every blessing!

Barbara

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News Snippets



Pantomime Praise

The Hall was full for the Panto Praise Service, when over half of the Panto cast reprised several routines from Little Tommy Tucker. Barbara, Jo and David led the Service based on the theme of relationships and new opportunities. Most folk stayed afterwards to enjoy a chat and the coffee and cakes provided by the panto parents!

Cream Teas & Plant Sale

Many thanks to all who helped at and supported this new event, held in June in place of the Spring Market. Many of the plants came from the Church Garden before it was cleared ready for the building work. Others came from the gardens of various church members. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship over their Cream Teas and £320 was raised for Church funds.

Village Gala

The Gala took place in the field this year on a lovely sunny day. England were playing in the World Cup that afternoon but the field was still full for the early entertainment and many stayed for the afternoon. The Community Trust are now looking after refreshments - our books, cards & jigsaw stall raised £40.

In memoriam

We commend Alan Shaw into God's hands, assuring Pauline, relatives and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy. Alan has been a life-long pillar of this church, having held many offices during the course of his life. The Lunch Club was initiated by Alan and his wife Joan 20 years ago. However, Alan will be remembered most for his visiting and his loving support and encouragement of people in need. We give thanks for a life well lived. Donations at his funeral raised £200 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Welcome back Stacey

It was lovely to welcome Stacey and the family back to lead worship in July during their first holiday back in the UK since leaving 12 years ago. Many friends joined us for worship and the refreshments afterwards.

Hot & Cold Buffet

Jane and Andrew thank everyone who helped at and supported their Buffet last month. The weather wasn't brilliant but we had a good afternoon and raised £340 for Church funds.

Pantomime News

We shall welcome five 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 Old Mother Hubbard in February. Peter is currently working on the Tommy Tucker DVDs. If you would like to order a copy for £9 - please let David know.



Village Gala



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



Several more successful events have helped boost the **Mission Possible** total by nearly £1,300 this quarter. The June Film Evening, 'Darkest Hour', was popular amongst the older family members and brought in £215. The Pantomime Parents put on Coffee & Cakes after the Panto Praise Service and raised £113. They also organised another Tombola at the Village Gala which added £106 to the pot. Pre-School held a bun sale at the end of term and raised £55. Scrap metal from pulling out old radiators, pipes and light fittings was weighed in, raising a further £253. Bank Interest and other donations added £520 to the grand total. Thanks again for all the support.

Fundraising continues into the Autumn until we reach our target. Check out what is coming up in the Diary and the adverts - we have some brilliant films for your enjoyment - and don't miss another hilarious evening with Ian Dewhirst!

MISSION POSSIBLE PROJECT

Worship will take place in the Lounge until at least the end of the contract work, which is scheduled for completion on 2nd November.

Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Toilets will be in use as normal whilst the work progresses but please use the Hall door as the main entrance.

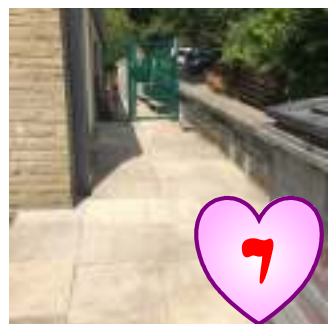


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The Dream is Alive!

A BIG thank you to everyone who got involved in the huge task of preparing for the contractors to come on site in July. During June, floor to ceiling screens were erected in Church & Hall and the Church was converted into a gigantic storeroom when all the rooms at the back of the building were cleared. Internal doors and partition walls were removed and cleared off site. Paving stones were laid alongside the Hall to form a temporary safe play area for Pre-School to use during the building work. Local tradesmen replaced the Hall and Kitchen fire doors and erected a fence and gate to contain the play area. Plants were dug up and potted before Keighley Tree Services cut back the bushes round the site.





The contractors arrived on site on 16th July and, after demolishing the cabin, work started on the foundations for the new Annexe. This has taken longer than anticipated because the old cellars from the previous church had to be excavated and refilled first. The concrete was finally poured into the foundations last week. The walls will grow quite fast now. Meanwhile, work has started on the Foyer.



Studley M.C. Creed Word Search

God's love is at the heart of our World and our ever expanding Universe.

Our Hearts and minds are set on God,

Life-Giver, Judge, Father and Mother of us all.

Our Christian life is a Journey, and God sent Jesus to show us the way.

He is the living Word and is revealed afresh,

To each generation, To each culture.

He bore the pain of our sin and gives us a fresh start.

Our happiness and hope depends upon knowing we belong to God,

And upon knowing that, even though we may suffer,

(for His sake as well as our own),

God, through the Holy Spirit, will be with us always

And we will be with Him.

And for our part,

We must get involved, We must take risks, We must put ourselves last.

And though we may look like fools to the worldly wise,

We know we are God's children,

And this is what finally matters.

By Deacon Gwynn Bamford 2017

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Mission Possible Family Film Evening

Peter Rabbit (2018) (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 28th September 6.30 pm

on the big screen in the Lounge
at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Feature adaptation of Beatrix Potter's
classic tale of a rebellious rabbit trying to
sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden.

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Mission Possible Family Film Evening **The Little Mermaid (2018) (PG)**

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 19th October 6.30 pm

on the big screen in the Lounge
at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

A young reporter and his niece discover a
beautiful and enchanting creature they
believe to be the real little mermaid.

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



**Watch this space for details of the re-dedication of
our Church following completion of the new Annexe**

Mission Possible Evening with Ian Dewhirst



Friday 26th October 7.00 pm

at Oakworth Methodist Church

'Keighley Women in History'

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



Mission Possible Family Film Evening

Mamma Mia! (2018)

Here we go again (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 30th November 6.30 pm

hopefully back on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Five years after the events of Mamma Mia!

(2008), Sophie prepares for the grand

reopening of Donna's hotel as she

learns more about her mother's past.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

33rd Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

16th-23rd

Old Mother Hubbard

February 2019

a Wild West
pantomime
adventure



Other Special Events



Yorkshireman Off Road Marathon at Haworth

We have been invited to do the catering for this event once again - which now involves offering tea and toast to the 500 runners before the race (7.45 - 10.00am) and soup and cake as the runners finish in the afternoon.

Sunday 9th September

Please let Andrew, Jane or Peter know if you can help with preparation on the Saturday, provide a cake, or help on the day - making soup or serving am or pm.



We need additional helpers to join the teams this year please. It's hard work but very rewarding - the church will receive £1,000 donation from the organisers for providing this service. Thanks in advance!

**Maureen and Rodney
invite you to bring your**

Sunshine Bags



to church to be emptied on

Saturday 6th October

10.00 to 11.30 am

and to stay for a chat over

Morning Coffee



Coffee Morning

with lots of stalls to buy from

Christmas Gifts Crafts Cakes

Enjoy a chat over coffee

Saturday 17th November

10.00 am to 12.00 noon



Share
fellowship
as you spend!



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival

Sunday 16th September
10.30 am

**All Age Worship led by
Rev Barbara Walls**

**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)**



**All Age JIGSAW
Prize Giving Service**

Sunday 14th October
10.30 am

Led by Jo Dolman

Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service
Sunday 11th November
10.00 am - (NB early time)
led by Rev Barbara Fairburn

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



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Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 2 10.30 am Deacon Jackie Fowler
9 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn
6.00 pm Circuit Service - at Lees Methodist Church
16 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls - **All Age Harvest Festival**
1.00 pm Deacon Jackie Fowler - Cafe Church at Lees
23 10.30 am Rev John Peet
30 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **UNITED SERVICE -**
at Exley Head Methodist Church - includes **Holy Communion**
- Oct** 7 10.30 am Local Arrangement
14 10.30 am Ms Jo Dolman - **All Age JIGSAW Prize Giving**
21 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine
28 10.30 am Rev Jennifer Lunn
1.00 pm Rev David McAloon - Cafe Church at Lees
- Nov** 4 10.30 am Deacon Ray Fox
11 **10.00 am** Rev Barbara Fairburn -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
10.45 am Memorial Service at the Cenotaph
18 10.30 am Rev David McAloon - includes **Holy Communion**
1.00 pm Rev David McAloon - Cafe Church at Lees
25 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine



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

GIFT - Circuit Youth Fellowship for 11+: Tuesdays 6.15-7.15 pm
11+25 September; 9+23 October; 6+20 November at Steeton

Services at Oakworth Manor: Thursdays at 2.00 pm
27th September; 25th October; 22nd November



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed until October for the **Mission Possible** building work)

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	9	All day	Yorkshireman Marathon catering - Haworth
Mon	10	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s
Thu	13	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Wed	19	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Bowling Night at Shipley Bowl
Fri	21	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Exley Head Church Lounge
Thu	20	4.30 pm	Pastoral Committee - Church Lounge
Sun	23	7.30 pm	An evening with Stuart Townend - Keighley Shared Church
Mon	24	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s
Wed	26	7.30 pm	Circuit Meeting - Cross Hills Methodist Church
Fri	28	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

OCTOBER 2018

Mon	1	4.40 pm	Pantomime Scripts issued + First read-through - Lounge
Sat	6	10.00-11.30	Sunshine Bags & Morning Coffee - Church Hall
Sat	6	6.30 pm	Circuit Big Sing - Cullingworth Methodist Church
Mon	8	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s
Thu	11	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Thu	11	7.00 pm	Church Council - Church Lounge
Fri	19	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Exley Head Church Lounge
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper
Fri	26	7.00 pm	Mission Possible Evening with Ian Dewhirst + Pie & Peas
Mon	29	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s

NOVEMBER 2018

Thu	8	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Mon	12	5.30 pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s
Fri	16	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Exley Head Church Lounge
Sat	17	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning + Christmas Gift, Craft stalls, etc
Mon	26	5.30pm	Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 7-11s
Fri	30	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

DECEMBER 2018

Sat	1	2.00 pm	Village Society Christmas Fair - Oakworth Village Hall
Tue	4	12.00 pm	Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - Church Hall
Wed	12	7.30 pm	Wednesday Club - 'Great Expectations' - Kly Playhouse

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We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations have now reached £89,121, bringing the total amount secured to date to £411,107. Almost 97% of the budget is now covered.

Three further grants have been received over the last few months: £25,000 from Methodist Insurance, £5,000 from the Beatrice Laing Trust and £2,500 from the Rank Foundation Pebble Grants. The £156,000 of Methodist Grants have also been paid over.

The tenders were confirmed at the end of May and preparatory building works were completed during June with support from a tremendous group of church and community members. The contractors finally arrived on site on 16th July and work on the foundations commenced. See inside for details on progress.

