

OAKWORTH



September 2019 Newsletter



One view of Jane & Andrew's garden last month when we all enjoyed the annual Buffet at their home and a chance to look round the garden.

Dear friends,

A few days ago I had a phone call from a very excited little girl

Pastoral Letter

who couldn't wait to tell me all about her new school and all the new things she was going to be doing there. For many families, September is a time of new beginnings: the start of a new school year, the move to college, university or a new job, the opportunity to take up new hobbies or join a club. For Methodists, September also marks the start of a new year in the life of the Church. At the end of August, Methodists from across West Yorkshire gathered in Ilkley to welcome our new Chair of District, Rev Kerry Tankard and his family. We came together to ask God's blessing on Kerry and on all that lies ahead as we learn to work together and share the love of God with those around us.

As we look ahead to a new year in the Circuit, we continue to seek new ways of working together more effectively, to share God's love in a world that so desperately needs the hope Jesus brings. For some people new challenges are exciting but others struggle with them, asking: 'Why do we have to change?'

One evening last month a strange shape on the outside of the window caught my eye. When I went to investigate, I found a neat, semi-transparent chrysalis attached to the window. One of the caterpillars that had been munching its way through my vegetable patch was getting ready to make a miraculous change. A few days later, I noticed a new shape on the windowpane. There, right next to the chrysalis shell, was a very new butterfly. It was just standing there, absolutely still, with its wings folded together and it remained like that for hours. It was so still that I wondered whether the overnight rain had damaged those fragile wings. I went a bit closer and as I did so, the sun broke through the clouds and suddenly the butterfly spread its wings and fluttered off to rest on a nearby bush. I felt my spirits soar with it. I had witnessed the start of a new life: a new beginning.

Change isn't easy, but it's an essential part of life. Like the butterfly, we often have to struggle to emerge from old, familiar ways, which may have started to hold us back and learn to trust the wings of faith we have been given to open up new opportunities. It's not always easy, but when we are willing to trust ourselves to God's love, again and again we see an amazing transformation taking place. The Holy Spirit which changed the lives of the first disciples can give us the skills and faith we need to help us to fly instead of allowing ourselves to be slaves to fear.

As we prepare for new beginnings this autumn may we look forward with faith and hope and dare to test our wings as we seek to follow the way of Jesus.

Every blessing *Barbara*



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News Snippets



Wednesday Club

So far this season, we have visited Burnby Hall, Pocklington for the Tulip Festival, enjoyed a meal on a canal cruise from Skipton, had a conducted tour of Sherburn Aero Club near Selby and looked round Butterfield Heights, a garden at Guiseley. We are going to the Dalesway at Sandbeds for a meal this month and have organised open events at church for the following two months. The Airedale Male Voice Choir return in October for another concert under their new conductor Paul Harris and we welcome Geoff Roberts in November to share with us the work of the Aire Rivers Trust (after Pie & Peas!)



Hot & Cold Buffet

Jane and Andrew would like to thank everyone for their support at the Buffet last month and a chance to enjoy the garden. Thankfully the weather was not too bad in the end and the event raised £300 for Church Funds.

Dementia Recognition Award

Church has been awarded the Dementia Recognition Award. As a result, we are having a Dementia Friends training session at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st October at church lasting for one hour plus any questions. During this friendly and interactive session your understanding of dementia will increase. You will also be helped to think about the small things that you can do to make a difference to help people affected by dementia in our community. Refreshments will be provided. Please let Val know if you are able to attend and if you need a lift.



Village Gala

The sun shone and the crowds were out in force in the new Gala field! Everyone had a marvellous afternoon. For the first time, we put on Cream Teas in our marquee and they proved quite popular too. Thanks to all who helped on the day - we raised £170.



The Biggest Lie Word Search



A Clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age. The group surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighbourhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the Minister was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest about telling lies!" he exclaimed. "Don't you know it's a sin to lie?" "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

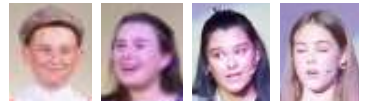
There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the Minister was beginning to think he'd got through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."



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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Cabaret & Mini Meal



Oakworth Methodist Church



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Mission Possible Fundraising

During the last four months, the popular Cabaret & Mini-Meal in May added £1,235 to the total, two more Film Evenings - *'Mary Poppins Returns'* and *'Stan & Ollie'* - brought in £288, the Pantomime Praise Coffee & Cakes raised £88, £40 was donated at the two Family Fun Mornings during the holidays, £50 has been received from Pre-School fundraising, £170 of Bank Interest has been added and other donations totalled £312. Thanks again for all the support. We look forward to seeing you at some of our Autumn Films and Events!

Mission Possible Concert by Airedale Male Voice Choir Saturday 19th October 7.30 pm at Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets £6.00 (Refreshments Included)
from David Howarth ☎215784,
or pay on the door



Conductor: Paul Harris
Pianist: Sue Watkiss

For Mission Possible Appeal

Mission Possible Evening with Geoff Roberts

Aire Rivers Trust

Connecting people, places and nature



Tuesday 19th November 7.00 pm
at Oakworth Methodist Church

Pie & Peas served at 7.00



Please let David know
if you are coming

Donations on the night towards our
Mission Possible Appeal



Little Red Riding Hood

15th-22nd
February
2020



Another exciting
Pantomime adventure

34th Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

Mission Possible Family Film Evenings

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

on the giant screen at Oakworth Methodist Church



Dumbo (2019) (PG)

Friday 27th September 6.30 pm

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.

Aladdin (2019) (PG)

Friday 25th October 6.30 pm

A kind-hearted street urchin and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true.



Nativity Rocks (2018) (U)

Friday 29th November 6.30 pm

The staff and students from St Bernadette's Primary School in Coventry audition for a place in a rock musical competition.



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival



Sunday 15th September
10.30 am

All Age Worship led by
Deacon Jackie Fowler

Please liaise with Kath if you can
provide flowers for the displays

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 13th October
10.30 am

Led by Jo Dolman



Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service

Sunday 10th November

10.00 am - (NB early time)

led by Ms Jo Dolman

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

Other Special Events



Yorkshireman Off Road Marathon at Haworth

We have been invited to do the catering for this event once again - which 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.

Please let Andrew or Jane 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.

Sunday 8th September



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



Sunshine Bags



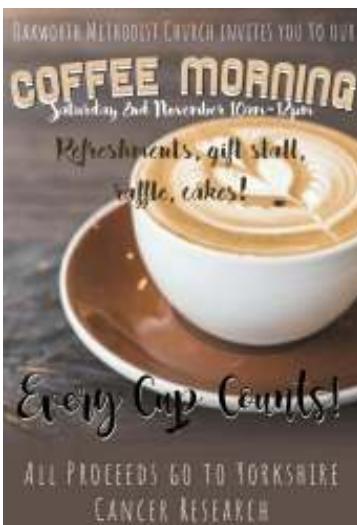
to church to be emptied on

Saturday 12th October

10.00 to 11.30 am

and to stay for a chat over

Morning Coffee



Autumn Fayre

Saturday 16th November

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Lots of stalls
to buy from**

Christmas Gifts
Crafts Jigsaws
Cakes Tombola



Enjoy a chat over coffee

Share fellowship as you spend!



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 1 10.30 am Rev John Peet
8 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **Includes Holy Communion**
15 10.30 am Deacon Jackie Fowler -
Harvest Festival All Age Worship
22 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones
3.00 pm Rev Kerry Tankard (new YW District Chair) -
CIRCUIT SERVICE - at Keighley Shared Church
29 10.30 am Mr David Clark
- Oct** 6 10.30 am Deacon Jackie Fowler - **UNITED SERVICE -**
at Exley Head Methodist Church
13 10.30 am Ms Jo Dolman -
J.I.G.S.A.W. Prize Giving All Age Worship
20 10.30 am Rev Michael Mewis - **Includes Holy Communion**
27 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
- Nov** 3 10.30 am Local Arrangement
10 **10.00 am** Ms Jo Dolman -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
17 10.30 am Mr Michael Webster
24 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **UNITED SERVICE -**
Includes Holy Communion - 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

Services at Oakworth Manor: Thursdays at 2.00 pm
26th September; 24th October; 28th November



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Oakworth Methodist Lunch Club

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun 8 All day **Yorkshireman Marathon catering** - Haworth
 Wed 11 5.30 pm Wednesday Club Meal at The Dalesway, Sandbeds
 Thu 12 3.30 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
 Mon 16 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Exley Head Methodist Church
 Fri 20 10.00 am Friendship Group - 3 things grateful - Oakworth Lounge
 Fri 27 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**

OCTOBER 2019

Tue 1 7.00 pm Dementia Friends Training Session - Church Lounge
 Fri 4 + Sat 5 7.15 pm **Kydz Youth Theatre Autumn Concert**
 Thu 10 3.30 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
 Sat 12 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags & Morning Coffee** - Church Hall
 Thu 17 7.00 pm Church Council - Church Lounge
 Fri 18 10.00 am Friendship Group - famous people - Exley Head Lounge
 Sat 19 7.30 pm **Mission Possible Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert**
 Tue 22 6.30 pm **Pantomime Scripts issued + First read-through** - Lounge
 Fri 25 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**
 Thu 31 2.00 pm Circuit Light Party - for young people - Church Hall

NOVEMBER 2019

Sat 2 10.00-12.30 **Coffee Morning/Stalls for Cancer Research** - Hall
 Thu 14 3.30 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
 Fri 15 10.00 am Friendship Group - hand massage - Exley Head Lounge
 Sat 16 10.00-12.00 **Autumn Fayre: Christmas Gift, Craft stalls, Coffee, etc**
 Tue 19 7.00 pm **MP Evening with Geoff Roberts (Aire Rivers Trust) + Pie & Peas**
 Fri 29 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**

DECEMBER 2019

Tue 3 12.00 pm Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - Church Hall
 Sat 7 2.00 pm Village Society Christmas Fair - Oakworth Village Hall
 Wed 11 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - 'A Christmas Carol' - Kly Playhouse
 Wed 18 5.00 pm Wednesday Club Santa Drive for Ronald - Church Hall

FEBRUARY 2020

Sat 15 to Sat 22 **34th Pantomime - Little Red Riding Hood**

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The Cabaret & Mini-Meal in May was a huge success - over 150 guests witnessed a superb show from all our cabaret acts and enjoyed the meal. £1,300 was donated over the two shows and we can claim tax relief of £325 on top. This has helped to boost the

Mission Possible local fundraising and donations figure to £112,135, and the total amount secured to date to £434,646. Included in those figures is £6,550 which has been donated so far towards the £7,900 cost of the stunning Stained Glass Panels.

The total project budget currently stands at £469,000 so we still have a little way to go to reach our target. Donations are still welcome at any time! The shortfall has been covered in the short term by a generous loan from the Airedale Circuit.

The main contract work has been completed but there is more still to do before the whole project will be finished. Thank you for your support and prayers - both are still needed!

