



December 2019 Newsletter



The Church receives Dementia Friendly Keighley's Recognition Award

Pastoral Letter



Dear friends,

When the date of the election was announced, there was concern about the disruption it might cause to school nativity plays. That set me thinking: if ever there was a story of disruption, it's the story of the nativity! First, a visit from an angel turns the world upside down for Mary and Joseph. Then comes a long, difficult journey to Bethlehem for the census. There's all the disruption of a birth in a borrowed room, where the only place for the baby is a manger. An angel chorus breaks into the musings of shepherds on the night shift and urges them to leave their sheep and go and look for a baby. Wise men from a distant country leave their studies and follow a star on a long arduous journey to find a new born King. There's disruption caused by jealousy, hatred and fear. There's a hasty flight to Egypt to escape from a tyrant and then a new start, learning to live as refugees, constantly waiting for news that it's safe to return home. The story behind the nativity plays is certainly a story of disruption, but in amongst the disruption is a story of hope.

In our own times of uncertainty and change, the Christmas story reminds us how God refused to turn his back on a world which had gone wrong. God chose to enter into a world filled with uncertainty, political turmoil, divisions and hopelessness to show us there is another way. God didn't turn up as a strong, powerful leader, ready to order everyone about: he chose to come to us, in Jesus, as a vulnerable baby, trusting himself to our human love and care and in his turn, teaching us how to love in God's way. He didn't just drop in for a fleeting visit, on a busy schedule: he came to stay. The Christmas story reminds us that no matter what anyone else may say: goodness *is* stronger than evil and love *is* stronger than hate. Jesus came to disrupt hopelessness with hope, corruption with truth, greed with generosity, division with love and darkness with light and he invites us to do the same. Let's make a start this Christmas and let the echoes of the angel song be heard once again in the world around us.

**'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace, goodwill among people.'**

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the coming year.



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News Snippets

Ronald in Uganda

Ronald is now 13 years old and, following the death of his mother last year, now lives with his aunt. He still struggles with his class work but hopes that will improve with time. He loves playing football with his many friends. The family continue to be grateful for our support.



The next event in support of Ronald is a



**Santa (Beetle) Drive
with Food**

**on Wednesday
18th December
from 5.00 pm**

**Please support Ronald
this Christmas**



Garden Gang

We give thanks for all the work that the garden gang have completed in the new beds around the car park. The above photo shows them hard at work laying the membrane and pebbles down the side of church to make upkeep of that area easier.

Oakworth Methodist Lunch Club

We are so grateful to Dorothy for her labour of love over the last 21 years, cooking at Lunch Club. She has served many thousands of meals from her varied menus during that time, all beautifully cooked and served with a smile. Diners and support teams have changed numerous times but all have enjoyed her company - and her food! Enjoy your retirement!

Lunch Club urgently requires a cook to head up one of the fortnightly teams. Please contact Val Cadamarteri 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.

In memoriam

We commend Bobbie Walbank into God's hands, assuring Val, David, family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy. We will miss his story-telling!

Charity Fundraising

Val and Mike would like to thank everyone for supporting the Coffee Morning last month when over £500 was raised for Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Thank you too for your Harvest donations which enabled us to send £150 to All We Can Methodist Relief.



Worship

**Harvest
Festival**



JIGSAW Prize Giving



Remembrance



Oakworth Methodist Church



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Oakworth, Keighley,
West Yorkshire, BD22 7HN

MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

The Airedale Male Voice Choir
with Guest Soloist Jasmine Colgan



Mission Possible Fundraising

During the last quarter, three more Film Evenings - 'Dumbo', 'Aladdin' and 'Nativity Rocks' - brought in £510, the Airedale Male Voice Choir returned for another enjoyable Concert which made £266, the Lees Ladies' Craft Stall at the Autumn Fayre raised a record £330, the Wednesday Club Evening with Geoff Roberts added £274 from a pie & pea supper and a very informative



work of the Aire Rivers Trust, Donations of £195 came from the book stall left out at the back of church, and a further £180 was received from other donations, weighing in scrap metal and Bank Interest. Thanks again for all the support. We look forward

to seeing you at the Pantomime and/or some of our Winter Films and Events!



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MISSION POSSIBLE PROJECT

As most of you will know, with the exception of a few snagging items, the contractors completed their building work in March ready for the Re-dedication Weekend in April. Most of the work the church took responsibility for, such as shelving, cupboards, decorating and garden planting was completed over the Summer and Building Control signed off the completed work in September. We are still waiting for the contractors to return to complete the snagging items and they have still to meet with our project consultant to reach an agreement over the final value of the contract so that we can make the final payment.

The main contractor has been paid by the church for all the work of their sub-contractors but we are aware that not all sub-contractors have been paid by the main contractor yet. In some cases, this has caused real hardship for the sub-contractors as well as difficulties for the church. We are all working to try and resolve these issues as soon as possible.

One issue which could have been a major problem for us has now been resolved - HMRC have confirmed that the VAT rates we have been using all through the contract period are correct - the Annexe is zero rated and there will be no additional liability for VAT.

The total budget figure we are currently working with for the completed works is £470,000. There will be additional costs to cover works to be funded by specific grants - such as the ventilation work being funded by the Co-op funds received last month but such grants can only go towards work not already done.

Co-op Local Community Fund

The 2019 funding round raised a further £2,625 for **Mission Possible** towards improving ventilation in Church for our large drama productions. A BIG thank you to Co-op members for helping us raise this brilliant sum. This brings the total raised for **Mission Possible** through the Co-op Local Community Fund to a fantastic £11,125. Sadly, our bid to share in the 2020 funding round was not successful.



Church Fundraising Events

Yorkshireman Marathon

Our intrepid catering team were out in force at Haworth in September, preparing and serving breakfast as the runners set off and soup and cake on their return, raising £1,185 for church funds.



Sunshine Bags

Maureen & Rodney thank those who brought Sunshine Bags to the Coffee Morning in October for emptying. £158 was counted from the bags and all enjoyed the fellowship over coffee.



Autumn Fayre

The November Autumn Fayre was very well attended and everyone enjoyed browsing round the stalls and picking up a few bargains in the process. There was a lovely atmosphere and something for all ages to enjoy - Harry is delighted with his purchase on the cake stall (see photo) - and the coffee and scones were very popular. £380 was raised (as well as the craft stall proceeds). Thank you to everyone for your support in stocking the stalls, helping on the day or coming along to make it such a successful morning.



Little Red Riding Hood



15th-22nd
February
2020

Another exciting
Pantomime adventure
34th Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

Pantomime News

The last month has been a bit of a roller coaster ride! The scripts were all printed in October ready for rehearsals to start when we discovered that Judith, Lisa and five of the cast needed to pull out for personal reasons. We miss them all very much - particularly Judith who has directed/choreographed the shows for 18 years, making a huge contribution to the success of our pantomimes.

We are delighted that Christine Aspinall has agreed to step in as choreographer - she has an impressive CV and the cast love working with her!

Three more cast members have joined us (eleven of the cast are new to the team this year now!) and others have bigger roles. We are confident that the show will still be as good as ever and look forward to seeing you all in February. Oh yes we do!



Summary of Oakworth Methodist Church Accounts 2018-2019

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Collections	11,630.62	Circuit Share	19,250.00
Property/Lettings	10,865.00	Utilities	5,897.82
Fund Raising	8,890.00	Property Maintenance	7,027.22
Tax Recovered	3,356.96	Cleaner's Wages	4,557.20
Project Income	890.00	Project Costs	0.00
Mission Collections	648.35	Mission Donations	1,675.35
Donations/Gift Appeals	550.97	Youth Work	85.95
Photocopying/Printing	4,185.69	Sundry Payments	2,198.35
Investment Income	21.64		
	41,039.23		40,691.89

Treasurer's Report

We give thanks once again for the commitment and support of so many people which has enabled us to turn the previous year's £1,000 shortfall on the revenue account into a £350 surplus, as well as raising a further £23,000 locally during the year towards the **Mission Possible Appeal**.



Summary

The £350 surplus enabled us to top up our General Reserves to a small extent, bringing them up to £594 - still less than a week of our £41,300 budgeted expenditure for the current year. We aim to hold three months of the budgeted expenditure figure so we need to work at replenishing our reserves as circumstances allow.

Total Reserves were, of course, much higher because they still include £22,282 of funds held for the **Mission Possible** building project as well as £620 of other restricted funds.

However, included in the **Mission Possible** income for last year is the Airedale Circuit Loan of £35,000 which will have to be repaid over the next few years from continued fundraising.

We ask for your continuing prayerful support through the current year so that our revenue expenses continue to be covered as we concentrate our efforts on reaching our **Mission Possible Appeal** target.



Receipts & Payments

All receipts and payments streams were broadly in line with the budgeted figures.

Collections and Fundraising were both up £500 on the previous year and, following our agreement last year to do all the Keighley Playhouse programme, ticket and publicity printing, Printing receipts rose by £2,700. Conversely, revenue Donations dropped by £700.

Utility costs rose, as did Stationery/Printing costs (for Playhouse) but all last year's Project costs related to **Mission Possible** payments, enabling us to use the revenue Project Income towards the general revenue budget.

The Cabbage Patch Kid Word Search

I was 6 years old, my parents were getting a divorce and my mum was pregnant with my little brother, so things were really rocky for us.

On Christmas Eve my mum got a phone call. The woman on the phone said they had heard we were having a tough time and asked if it would be OK if Santa came to visit. We lived in a tiny town so my mum wasn't too surprised that people knew what was going on. A little later we heard bells and down the road came a horse-drawn carriage with a real-life Santa! He came in and gave me a Cabbage Patch Kid doll - it was the '80s. To this day we still don't know who Santa was or who called my mum.

Every year I send a little thank-you by trying to do something special for someone else who needs it. They taught me what Christmas is really all about and I never get tired of seeing other people's faces light up when I have been able to be their Santa.



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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Christmas Events

at Oakworth Methodist Church



Village Carols in the Barn
Saturday 14th December 6.30 pm
at New House Farm, East Royd

KWVR Carol Train at Oakworth Station 8.00 pm

All Age Carol Service - Mrs Christine Berry
Sunday 15th December 10.30 am

Christmas Lunch follows at 11.30 am -
Booking is essential - please sign the list
in Church if you would like to stay for lunch

Santa (Beetle) Drive - with Food!
Wednesday 18th December 5.00 pm
in support of Ronald in Uganda

Village Churches Carol Singing
Thursday 19th December - please come and join us
Social Club 1.00 pm; Oakworth Manor 2.00 pm

Christmas Nativity Service
Sunday 22nd December 10.30 am
All Age Worship led by Rev Barbara Fairburn

Christmas Eve Candlelit Communion Service
Tuesday 24th December 11.15 pm
led by Rev Barbara Fairburn
Mince Pies & Fruit Punch from 10.30 pm

All are Welcome at any or all of these events!



Mission Possible Family Film Evenings

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

on the giant screen at Oakworth Methodist Church

Toy Story 4 (2019) (U)

Friday 31st January 6.30 pm

Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. The adventurous journey turns into an unexpected reunion as Woody's slight detour leads him to his long-lost friend Bo Peep. As Woody and Bo discuss the old days, they soon start to realize that they're two worlds apart when it comes to what they want from life as a toy.



The Lion King (2019) (PG)

Friday 28th February 6.30 pm

Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa and takes to heart his own royal destiny on the plains of Africa. However, Scar, Mufasa's brother (and former heir to the throne) has plans of his own. The battle for Pride Rock is soon ravaged with betrayal, tragedy and drama, ultimately resulting in Simba's exile. With help from a curious pair of newfound friends, Simba must figure out how to grow up and take back what is rightfully his.



All welcome - just turn up on the day
Donations for **Mission Possible Appeal**

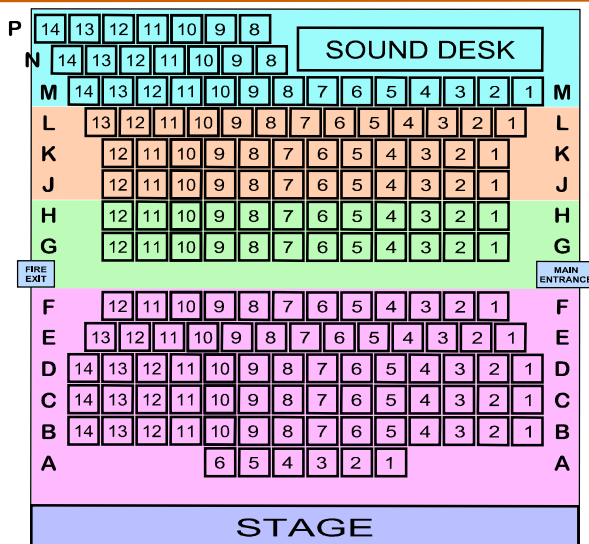
Little Red Riding Hood



7pm Saturday 15th Feb, Monday 17th Feb
Evening Tuesday 18th Feb, Wednesday 19th Feb
Shows: Friday 21st Feb & Saturday 22nd Feb
2pm Matinees: on both Saturdays

Seating Plan

Adults £8.00,
Children £6.00,
Senior Citizens
£7.00



Book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org
or ring Peter Howarth ☎07968 618312
Tickets available in January



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Dec** 1 10.30 am Rev Malcolm Sharrock
8 10.30 am Mr John Hopkinson
15 10.30 am Mrs Christine Berry - **All Age Carol Service**
22 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **All Age Nativity Service**
Tue 24 11.15 pm Rev Barbara Fairburn -
Christmas Eve Candlelit Communion Service
29 10.30 am Rev Roger Fox -
UNITED SERVICE - at Exley Head Methodist Church
- Jan** 5 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **Covenant Service**
12 10.30 am Local Arrangement
19 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
26 10.30 am Mrs Irene Mitchell - **Reader's Service**
- Feb** 2 10.30 am Rev Ruth Crompton
9 10.30 am Rev Roger Fox
16 10.30 am Rev Stephen Normington
23 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **UNITED SERVICE -**
Includes Holy Communion - at Exley Head Methodist Church



**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



"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

— John Wesley, October 6, 1774



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Oakworth Methodist Lunch Club
(closed 10th to 31st December & 11th+18th February)

DECEMBER 2019

Tue	3	12.00 pm	Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - Carols from 11.30 am
Tue	3	7.30 pm	Faith & Fellowship Group - Exley Head Lounge
Sat	7	2.00 pm	Village Society Christmas Fair - Holden Hall
Tue/Wed	10/11	7.30 pm	Wednesday Club: 'A Christmas Carol' - Kly Playhouse
Thu	12	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Sat	14	6.30 pm	Village Carols in the Barn - New House Farm
Sat	14	8.00 pm	K+WVR Carol Train + Brass Band - Oakworth Station
Sun	15	11.30 am	Christmas Lunch - after Carol Service - Church Hall
Tue	17	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group Christmas Party - Church Lounge
Wed	18	5.00 pm	Wednesday Club Santa Drive for Ronald - Church Hall
Thu	19	1.00 pm	Carol Singing at Social Club & 2pm Oakworth Manor
Fri	20	7.00 pm	Circuit Carol Service - Crag Barn, Fishbeck Lane, Silsden
Tue	24	10.30 pm	Fruit punch + mince pies followed by Candlelit Service
Fri	27	10.00 am	Stage erected in church for pantomime preparations

JANUARY 2020

Mon	6	4.30 pm	Pantomime rehearsals commence on stage
Tue	7	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group: <i>Janet Armstrong MBE</i> - Church Lounge
Thu	9	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Wed	15	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Bowling Night - Shipley Bowl
Fri	31	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

FEBRUARY 2020

Tue	11	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: "History of Puppets" - Wesley Room
Thu	13	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	14	6.00 pm	Pantomime Dress Rehearsal
Sat	15 - Sat 22		Pantomime: Little Red Riding Hood - on stage in Church
Fri	23	6.30 pm	Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper

MARCH 2020

Fri/Sat	6/7	7.15 pm	KYDZ Youth Theatre Spring Show
Sun	8	11.30 am	Church Council
Tue	10	1.45 pm	Ladies' Group: Rosa Rugasa Floristry - Church Lounge
Thu	12	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

The 2019 Co-op Local Community Funding round finished last month, raising £2,625 for the Mission Possible Appeal. We expect to hear responses to two other grant applications this month. Fundraising this quarter has brought in £2,027 - boosting the Mission Possible local fundraising and donations figure to £113,486, and the total amount secured to date to £439,446. Included in those figures is £6,750 which has been donated so far towards the £7,900 cost of the stunning Stained Glass Panels. The total project budget currently stands at £470,000 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!

