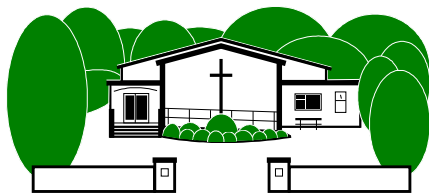


Oakworth Methodist Church

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with Exley Head Methodist Church

September 2022 Newsletter



We celebrated 200 years of Methodism in Oakworth with a 'Walking with Wesley' indoor activity pathway in June which attracted visitors from across the Circuit and beyond - see inside for more photos



Pastoral Letter

Dear friends,

During the Summer we have seen the return of many festivals, after a three year break due to the lockdowns. Over the August Bank Holiday I attended the Greenbelt Festival with much joy and relief. This very special event is my spiritual home. This was the first time we had fully gathered since the beginning of the pandemic and the gratitude was palpable. Around twelve thousand people, a truly diverse collective, gather together in the beautiful grounds of Boughton House near Kettering for a weekend of worship and activism, comedy and poetry, politics and music.

We are now in the season of Creationtide, and the care of our natural environment is at the heart of Greenbelt. This is clearly evident in the way the camping site is left at the end of the festival. Over the weekend thousands of people camp, with field upon field a kaleidoscope of tents. The Greenbelt FaceBook page shows photographs of these fields once everyone has packed up and gone home. These images show spotlessly clean areas of green grass without any mess, litter or discarded canvas. A stark contrast to the photos of other festival venues.

As we celebrate this Harvest season, with an emphasis upon climate justice and care for creation, may we be mindful of the imprint we are leaving on the world around us.

'You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us Your Genesis-charge. Made us stewards' of creation.

(Psalm 8 MSG)

Nel



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Oakworth Methodist Church Bicentenary

We have been celebrating **200 years of Methodism in Oakworth** over the last few months. It was good to welcome the return of Rev Sandie Exley-Watts to lead our **Sunday School Anniversary Service** in May and to welcome Rev Kerry Tankard, Yorkshire West Methodist District Chair to lead our **Bicentenary Anniversary Service** in June.



The highlight of the celebrations was the Walking with Wesley trail which Nel set up in the Wesley Room and the Hall for the Bicentenary Weekend in June.

The pathway showed some highlighted moments in his story, with activities to engage with along the way, covering Childhood, Holy Club, Storm, Worship, Aldersgate, Preaching, Travelling by Horse, and Agape. People came from near and far to walk the pathway and take part in the activities. Some of them are pictured on the front cover.



Celebrating Easter



The Exley Head wooden cross was the focal point in Church throughout Lent.

On Palm Sunday, Nel led the 62nd Anniversary Service for our present Church.

During the following week, we were encouraged to follow the Holy Week Trail around the car park. A wooden cross was added on Good Friday and this was dressed on Easter Sunday morning.

On Maundy Thursday, we shared a meal of Hot Cross Buns and Holy Communion as Nel led our thoughts.

Rev Barbara Walls led our Easter Sunday Service as we celebrated the Risen Christ with the re-dressed Cross.

Frances B Gilchrist 1938-2022

By Madeline Schofield

Sadly, in June this year, Frances died after a few months of illness. She leaves a son Iain, her husband Tom died several years ago.

Frances and her family moved from Glasgow to Oakworth in the 1960s. She was an active member of our church and most recently was the welcoming face of Lunch Club as she took our money.

For 54 years, she ran Young at Heart Oakworth, formerly the Oakworth Old People's Welfare, held at Holden Hall. Frances was very good with the elderly, arranging coach trips, meals, etc.

Frances was a very generous and caring person; she supported various charities. If you visited her, you would not leave without being given biscuits or chocolates. She enjoyed travelling and entertaining.

We are all very sad to lose her: she is missed.

Frances requested that, on her death, her jewellery was to be given to the church to be sold and any money made was for church funds.

Madeline



[PS: We have arranged a Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th October, where Frances's extensive jewellery collection will be on display for sale. See the advert on page 13 for more details.]



Other News



Conifer Tree

The tree by the main road was seriously damaged by the February gales and two huge branches sheared off. It was safely felled in May.



Prayer Corner

New screens were purchased in May for the Prayer Corner, which then relocated to the corner of the Lounge and a Peace display was set up for people to use as they prayed. The screens have now been turned round and the current Harvest display is open for all to see and use.



Staffing News

Sharon Longman, our Worth Valley Church Worker, left at the end of July. She will be replaced in due course.

Rev Nel Shallow will be on sabbatical in November, January & February. Other ministers will cover her work.

Next September, the Circuit hopes to welcome a new Probationer Minister, with gifts and interest in community work and children's & youth work and drama, to take pastoral charge of the Worth Valley Church as Nel moves across to the Aire Valley Church. Watch this space!

Family Film Evenings

Fish and chips finally returned in the Intervals of our Film Evenings in May and June. Families enjoyed Sing 2 and Encanto and raised £297 for **Mission Possible**.

Congratulations

At the Girl Guide Division Sports Day in June, our Guides and Brownies were both winners overall and won the Relay and our Rainbows were 2nd overall and won the Relay. Well done to them all.

Welcome Drop-In

Supported by Carers' Resource and Dementia Friendly Keighley, our Welcome Drop-In has been welcoming 15-25 people every month on the first Monday 1.30-3.30 pm. They chat over coffee and have the opportunity to join in fun, games and quizzes or they can just relax in a friendly atmosphere.



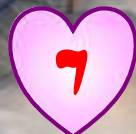
Baptism

We welcomed Isabelle Jodie Gardner into the Church family at a special service for her baptism on 29th May, led by Rev Nel Shallow. The Church was full and it was good that a few church members were able to support family and friends as Isabelle was baptised. Pictured are mum & dad Ema & Rick with baby Isabelle.

We pray God's blessing on Isabelle and her family as they nurture her over the coming years.

Jubilee Lunch

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a faith lunch in the Hall after Service on Sunday 5th June. It was a lovely occasion which was very well supported and there was plenty of good food and warm fellowship!



Summary of Oakworth Methodist Church Accounts 2021-2022

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Collections	11,331.30	Circuit Share	13,000.00
Property/Lettings	13,184.65	Utilities	6,605.64
Fund Raising	4,995.00	Property Maintenance	6,223.79
Tax Recovered	2,956.60	Cleaner's Wages	4,774.00
Investment Income	29.15	Project Costs	954.94
Mission Collections	1,164.71	Mission Donations	2,314.71
Donations/Gift Appeals	921.61	Youth Work	20.00
Photocopying/Printing	550.00	Sundry Payments	838.75
		Circuit Loan Repayment	5,000.00
Tfr from Mission Possible	5,000.00	General Reserves	400.00
	40,133.02		40,131.83

Treasurer's Report

As pandemic restrictions have slowly eased during the year, church life has started to return to some sort of normality. However, income figures are still below pre-pandemic levels whilst expenses, particularly utility bills, have surged upwards. We are very grateful to the Airedale Circuit for continuing to accept a reduced Circuit Share and we give thanks for the ongoing support of so many people which is enabling us to meet our other commitments.



Summary

£400 was transferred to our General Reserves to help us weather the next 12 months, bringing them up to £2,800 (= 3.5 weeks budgeted expenditure for a normal year). Our aim is to hold three months of the budgeted expenditure figure when circumstances allow.

A further £5,000 was repaid to the **Mission Possible** Circuit Loan during the year, reducing the balance to £10,000 - to be repaid over the next two years from continued fundraising.

Our **Mission Possible** Appeal brought in a further £7,294.43 whilst payments totalled £5,908.16, leaving a balance in hand of £4,847.19 towards the next loan repayment.

Receipts & Payments

Most of the income streams were up on the previous year and hopefully that trend will continue this year.

Most Payment figures increased as well but electricity costs quadrupled due to the energy crisis. We managed to nearly double last year's Circuit Share contribution to £13,000 - about 60% of what we normally pay. The Project Costs related to the Prayer Corner and felling the tree.

The current year will be just as challenging as we face the energy crisis and other economic problems. Our activities will continue to increase at church but we ask for your prayerful support through another year as we seek to cover our revenue expenses as well as possible.



I mustn't forget: Word Search

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled and the silk inside a chestnut shell.
Jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled. All these things I love so well.

So I mustn't forget ... No, I mustn't forget ...

To say a great big Thank You ... I mustn't forget.

Clouds that look like familiar faces and the winters moon with frosted rings.

Smell of bacon as I fasten up my laces and the song the milkman sings.

So I mustn't forget ... No, I mustn't forget ...

To say a great big Thank You ... I mustn't forget.

Whipped-up spray that is rainbow-scattered and a swallow curving in the sky.

Shoes so comfy though they're worn out and they're battered

And the taste of apple pie.

So I mustn't forget ... No, I mustn't forget ...

To say a great big Thank You ... I mustn't forget.

Scent of gardens when the rain's been falling

and a minnow darting down a stream

Picked-up engine that's been stuttering and stalling

And a win for my home team.

So I mustn't forget ... No, I mustn't forget ...

To say a great big Thank You ... I mustn't forget.



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Find all the blue words from the passage above in the grid opposite and then read the message in the unused letters!



Pantomime News



Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves was a great success last February. Some of the cast returned in June to rehearse a selection of song and dance routines from the pantomime so that they could share in the first Panto Praise Service for three years at the end of June. It was the

monthly United Worth Valley Church Service so there was a good congregation from all the local churches, swelled by families and friends of the cast. Nel led the Service based around the theme of dreams and how they can help us to change the world for the better. Scarlett and Gabby sang their duet 'A million dreams' and around half of the cast joined in three other routines.

Peter is working on the Ali Baba DVDs and is hoping to complete them soon. If you would like to order a DVD, please let David know and he will add you to the list. DVDs are £9 and payment can be made in advance direct to the church bank account or you can pay cash on delivery.

Auditions were held in June for next year's pantomime, Dick Whittington. A number of children have decided not to return for another panto and not as many children want to take on a commitment like this at the moment so we have a slightly smaller cast than in previous years. Nevertheless, all the parts have been cast and everyone is looking forward to rehearsals starting in November. It is 20 years since we last put on Dick Whittington so a brand new script has been put together to make the best use of the talents of the cast we have this year. The script is now complete and all the songs have been chosen so we are ready to go! Judith will continue as Director/Choreographer but we are delighted to announce that Christine is returning to help with the choreography again this year as well. Scripts will be given out on Monday 10th October and the first read though will follow that.

Book the dates in your diary: 11-18 February 2023 - and enjoy the Show!



Wednesday Club

After a break of almost three years we are re-launching Wednesday Club next month and are looking

for ideas to include on the programme for the next twelve months. We have three events booked so far which Wednesday Club will be involved in - see adverts below - and we look forward to seeing as many as possible at all of them!



led by Barbara Boothroyd
at Oakworth Methodist Church
Wednesday 12th October 7.00 pm
with Refreshments in the Interval

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

Tickets £7.00 (Refreshments Included)
from David Howarth ☎215784,
or pay on the door



Conductor: Paul Harris
Pianist: Sue Watkiss

For Mission Possible Appeal

Ronald in Uganda

Ronald is now 16 years old and is doing well at school.

He takes his drugs well and is looking healthy. His report says he wants to become a doctor in future because he wants to treat all the children living with HIV/Aids in Uganda. In his last letter, he says he wants to be a mechanic after leaving school and he prays for us every day when he goes to church. 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 21st December from 5.00 pm

Please support Ronald this Christmas



Mission Possible Family Film Evenings

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

on the giant screen at Oakworth Methodist Church



Downton Abbey: A New Era (2022) (PG)

Friday 23rd September 6.30 pm

The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.

The Railway Children Return (2022) (PG)

Friday 21st October 6.30 pm

Follow a group of children who are evacuated to a Yorkshire village during the Second World War, where they encounter a young soldier who, like them, is far away from home.



**(2022)
(PG)**

Friday 18th November 6.30 pm

While spending years attempting to return home, marooned Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear encounters an army of ruthless robots commanded by Zurg who are attempting to steal his fuel source.

Other Social Events



Yorkshireman Off Road Marathon at Haworth

Sunday 11th September

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 pizza and cake as the runners finish in the afternoon.

Please let Peter know if you can help.



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

Sunshine Bags



to church to be emptied on

Saturday 1st October

10.00 to 11.30 am

and to stay for a chat over

Morning Coffee



Coffee Morning & Sale of Jewellery, Gifts & Cakes

Saturday 15th October 10.00-12.00

Refreshments include

Jewellery kindly donated by Frances Gilchrist to be sold for Church Funds

Home-made cakes

Autumn Coffee Morning + Stalls

Saturday 26th 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!



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Sunday Worship

Oakworth and Exley Head congregations are worshipping together at Oakworth whilst Exley Head Church is closed for major roof repairs.



A warm welcome awaits as we worship together

- Sep** 4 10.30 am No Service at Oakworth
3.00 pm Circuit Service - at Silsden
- 11 10.30 am Local Arrangement led by Exley Head Stewards
- 18 10.30 am **Harvest Festival All Age Worship**
- led by Rev Nel Shallow
- 25 10.30 am **United Worth Valley Church Service** at Lees
- includes Holy Communion - led by Rev Nel Shallow
- Oct** 2 10.30 am Rev Nel Shallow - includes Holy Communion
- 9 10.30 am Local Arrangement led by Oakworth Stewards
- 16 10.30 am **All Age Worship** - led by Rev Susan Greenhart
- 23 10.30 am **United Worth Valley Church Service** at Oxenhope
- led by Rev Nel Shallow
- 30 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls
- Nov** 6 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan
- 13 **10.00** am **Remembrance Sunday All Age Worship**
- led by Rev Barbara Walls
- 10.45 am **Remembrance Ceremony at the Cenotaph**
- led by Janet Armstrong
- 20 10.30 am Local Arrangement
- 27 10.30 am **United Worth Valley Church Service** at Oakworth
- led by Rev Clare Stainsby

All Services will be live-streamed on our Church YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCYWiWU9yU_I8EMGkvIvewog
and they can also be viewed later if you wish.



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Oakworth Methodist Lunch Club
(closed 25th October & 1st November - Half Term)

SEPTEMBER 2022

Mon	5	1.30 pm	Welcome Drop-in - Church Lounge
Thu	8	3.30 pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
Thu	8	7.00 pm	Circuit Meeting - at Cullingworth
Sun	11	all day	Catering for Yorkshireman Marathon - at Haworth
Tue	13	2.30 pm	Exley Head Pastoral Visitors - Church Lounge
Thu	15	4.00 pm	Service of Prayer & Reflection following Queen's death
Fri	16	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Church Lounge
Fri	23	6.30 pm	Family Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper - Church
Mon	26	1.00 pm	Oakworth Craft Club - Church Lounge

OCTOBER 2022

Sat	1	10.00 am	Sunshine Bags and Morning Coffee - Church Hall
Mon	3	1.30 pm	Welcome Drop-in - Church Lounge
Tue	4	7.30 pm	Worth Valley Church Council - at Lees
Sat	8	7.15 pm	KYDZ Youth Theatre Concert - Sweet 16 - on stage
Mon	10	4.30 pm	Panto Scripts issued + First read-through - Church
Wed	12	7.00 pm	Wednesday Club Quiz Night - Church
Thu	13	3.30 pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
Sat	15	10.00 am	Coffee Morning & Jewellery Sale - Church Hall
Mon	17	1.00 pm	Oakworth Craft Club - Church Lounge
Mon	17	7.00 pm	Joint Oakworth & Exley Head Church Life Meeting
Fri	21	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Church Lounge
Fri	21	6.30 pm	Family Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper - Church

NOVEMBER 2022

Mon	7	1.30 pm	Welcome Drop-in - Church Lounge
Thu	10	3.30 pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
Fri	18	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Church Lounge
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Family Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper - Church
Sat	19	7.30 pm	Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert - Church
Mon	21	1.00 pm	Oakworth Craft Club - Church Lounge
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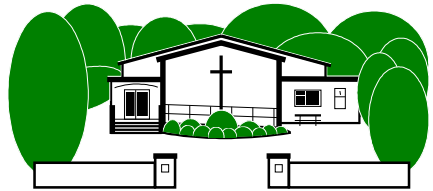
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£3,045 has been added to the **Mission Possible Appeal** total in the last five months - from Pantomime donations, other Drama income, Family Film Evenings and other donations. Details inside. Thanks again to everyone for your ongoing support and donations. Local fundraising and donations currently stand at £132,163 and the total amount secured to date has risen to £467,315.

We have made a further £5,000 repayment to the Circuit Loan, which has reduced the outstanding balance to £10,000.

We continue to make steady progress with the electrical and AV upgrade work which is certainly making life easier during Pantos and other productions. Our Co-op Local Community Fund balance is also growing nicely - towards replacing some of the radio microphone belt packs and headsets for our drama productions.

Your prayers continue to be valued.

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**Total Amount Secured
to 1st September 2022:**

£467,315

