



September 2011 Newsletter



The new Chair of the West Yorkshire District, Rev Dr Roger Walton welcomes our new Minister, Rev Sandie Exley-Watts and her husband Phil, to the Airedale Circuit at Keighley Shared Church.

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

We have begun our packing to move from Doncaster to Keighley. Well, to be more accurate, we've begun the sorting out which precedes the packing!

When I moved here from Leeds 10 years ago, I made a resolution not to accumulate so much stuff. But I failed. I tell myself, 'I might wear that again,' even though I haven't worn it for at least 5 years. Or I think to myself, 'That might come in handy as a visual aid for an all-age service.' This time I am trying to be ruthless but as I re-packed an old trunk I've had since student days, I came across a little box of 'treasures'. Among the treasures are two cassette tapes which I haven't listened to since the last move. I remember being puzzled last time as to whose was the young and rather 'posh' sounding voice until the content gave me a clue. It was me, practising my very first sermon when I was about 22! I had no idea how much my voice had changed over the years, from the very broad Hampshire accent of my childhood, to the so-called 'Queen's English' of the grammar school girl/student, to whatever it is now – probably a strange mish-mash of vowel sounds, words and phrases from the various places I've lived since.

But there was never any mistaking the voices on the second tape. They were my grand-father, great aunt and my father. All broad Hampshire, all Local Preachers taking part in a special service in my home circuit in 1972, and all long since dead. These were the voices of those who had loved me into the Kingdom.

They are 'treasures' indeed, not because of their sentimental value alone, but because they put me in touch with the faith that nurtured me. The faith that prodded and inspired me to become a Local Preacher, and they remind me of how God has been patiently at work within me, moulding me and changing me – and of how much God still has to do! I've packed the tapes up, however, and I don't expect I'll listen to them until I'm on the move again. It's good to remember where we came from. The Israelites were told to tell their children, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.' They were to remember that 'a wandering Aramean was my father.' In other words, they were to remember their roots and traditions and, most of all, what God had done for them. But they were not to get stuck there. As Isaiah reminded them, 'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing that I am going to do.'

I am looking forward to hearing some of the stories and events which have shaped you and, together, watching and waiting in joyful anticipation for the new thing that God has in store for us!

Shalom
Sandie



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Beth & James' Wedding



Bethany Olsson married James Credland at St Mary's Church, Oxenhope on 2nd July. We pray God's blessing on their marriage.



Village Gala



Smiles from Gala Queen Phoebe Hollings and her attendants Lila-Grace Smith and Catherine Burbage-Atter set the scene for a happy day when the crowds flocked to the field to enjoy the music, dancing and children's races. Our refreshments tent had a busy afternoon, raising £280.



Pantomime Praise Service



Change your life? was the theme of our Pantomime Praise Service, illustrated by over half of the *Cinderella* cast through some of the routines from the last show: *Walking on Sunshine*, *Truly Scrumptious*, *No more Mr Nice Guy*, *Don't stop Believin'* and *Cinderella's climax solo, A Moment like This*, as well as a *Virtual Reality Jackanory* sketch based on the story of Zacchaeus! It was a wonderful occasion, attended by several of their parents. Many of the children stayed after to ask questions about the meaning of what they had shared in.



Barbecue



The wet conditions at the Milner Bank Barbecue didn't stop us all enjoying Jane and Andrew's beautiful garden - though we did cheat a little and take our food inside to eat it in the dry! Thanks to all who braved the weather, especially those who made all the preparations and cooked in the rain! A good time was had by all and we raised £205.



Cream Teas



It was a much better day at Lower Scholes for the Cream Teas - so much so that nobody wanted to go home! It was a very popular event and everyone enjoyed Kath & John's garden as well as the Cream Teas, raising £300.



In the Cemetery Word Search



A minister with a large family of seven children moved to a new city. He and his wife didn't want to buy a home immediately; they wanted to rent a house until they could get a feel for the area and choose a home where their kids would be in good schools and they could be conveniently located.

They found plenty of rental properties that were large enough but the landlords always objected to having a family of nine occupying the place.

In frustration, one day the father asked the mother to take the four youngest children to visit the local cemetery. She was puzzled by his request but went along. He and the other three children headed off to investigate another house they had found.

The place was perfect and the father told the landlord he would take it. Then came the usual question, "I see you have children. How many are there in the family?"

The minister gave out a deep sigh, then said, "Seven ... but four are with their dear mother in the cemetery."

He got the house!

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

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CIRCUIT NEWS

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Airedale Methodist Circuit will welcome all and serve all in the name of Christ, by increasing an awareness of God and declaring His love.

From: Rev Terry Porter

Dear Friends,

From time to time we need to look at how - as individuals, and as Churches and Circuit - we give in response to what we believe God is calling us to do. We do this at a time when - it seems - the emphasis in society is on getting rather than giving what you can. Success is gauged by wealth, possessions and status.

God's approach is exactly the opposite, for Jesus turned the values by which people live on their head. He particularly reached out to those who had little of this world's possessions and were trodden under by others.

So our response to God should be - and indeed is - reflected in the way we give to those who are in need and to the ongoing life and mission of the Church. If we give to the Church simply on the basis of keeping the building standing and paying the bills, we miss the point.

Giving should be seen as part of our offering of Worship - our 'Just as I am' to God. The greater our love for God, the more will our giving reflect our gratitude for our life and for all He has done for us in Christ.

We are stewards of God's creation. If ever we think that what we have is our own, we have ceased to appreciate where God should be in our lives, or we have decided that we know best. Perhaps we need to think more prayerfully about this whenever we place our offering on the collection plate.

With every good wish,

Terry

A SAD NOTE

It is with great sadness that we have to tell that Rev Dr Neville Richardson, whilst in South Africa for their son's wedding, has been diagnosed with a serious illness which means that he and Carleen will be unable to carry on their much valued work among us.

Neville and Carleen have come to mean so much to those to whom they ministered, for their's has been truly a joint ministry of love and care. We now pray for them both, and for their family, some here, others in South Africa, that they may know love and peace in their continuing journey together and with their Lord, to whom they are so devoted.

They have been very briefly back in the Circuit but are now returning to South Africa, where Carleen was born, and where they have their extended family. We give thanks for all they have done, for all they have given of themselves in their year with us.

A FAREWELL FROM NEVILLE & CARLEEN RICHARDSON

How quickly things can change! We had no inkling that a trip to South Africa for our son's wedding would bring our time in the Airedale Circuit to a close. Our year here passed so quickly - probably because it was such a happy time for us. We quickly grew to love the place, the people and work. Having family close by was a lovely bonus. We expected to be here for much longer.

For a month or two I have been bothered by a cough and shortness of breath. These apparently minor medical matters took me to a doctor in South Africa who knew me and, I thought would put things right. Unfortunately, scans and a series of tests showed fluid in my chest. The cause of this turned out to be an aggressive, asbestos-related cancer. As with so many who suffer from this problem, the source of the asbestos infection is a complete mystery - apparently it can lie dormant for years, even decades. As I write this we are back in Haworth for a short while. I am now under an oncologist who wants me back in South Africa in early September to start chemo treatment. Where this will lead time will tell, but the prognosis is not good.

This brief period of sudden and unexpected farewells has not been easy. There is so much to do, to arrange, to plan. Thanks for the many good wishes, expressions of care, cards and flowers which have confirmed that our time among you, even though brief, has been worthwhile. It certainly has been a time of blessing to us. Carleen and I thank you for accepting us and for making us feel so welcome and at home. We praise God for the ongoing life of the church here, the witness to the gospel of Christ and the faithful, committed work of so many.

We head back to South Africa soon taking with us wonderful memories. As we look ahead we do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future!

WORSHIP

LET'S GIVE THEM A REAL YORKSHIRE WELCOME

On the 30th August, at 7.30pm at Southgate, Elland we welcome the Rev Dr Roger and Marion Walton. Roger trained at Queens College, Birmingham with John Hudson. He has been involved with Distance Learning within Methodism, and latterly was Director of the Wesley Study Centre at Durham.

On Friday 2nd September at 7.30pm at the Shared Church, we welcome Rev Sandie and Phil Exley-Watts. Sandie has been a Minister in the Doncaster Circuit for the past 10 years, along with Arthur and Helena Harbottle, who were ministers in the Keighley & Worth Valley Circuit some years ago.

BINGLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL - BIBLICAL INSPIRATIONS

Once again Bingley Methodist Church are holding a Flower Festival, on Saturday, Sunday & Monday 27th-29th August (Bank Holiday Weekend). On the Saturday and Monday it will be open from 10.00 - 4.00, and on Sunday from 12 noon - 6.00 pm. Hot lunches will be served Saturday and Monday, cold food on Sunday. There will be an art exhibition and stalls.

On Sunday there will be Morning Worship at 10.30 am and Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm. Entry is free and all are very welcome.

SILSDEN METHODIST CHURCH - 1ST ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday 3rd September there will be a special tea at 4.30pm (no charge, but donations please). If you are going to the tea please phone Joyce Hartley (01535 658600).

At 6.30pm a Concert by Jonathan & Charlotte Crossley.

Everyone welcome.

Sunday September 4th at 10.30am Worship will be led by Rev Jacky Hale, and there will be a Birthday Cake!

At 3pm there will be Songs of Praise, followed by Cream Teas

SINGING THE FAITH

The Methodist Conference at its recent meeting at Southport received the final report of the Music Resources Group regarding the new hymn book 'Singing the Faith', which is due to be published in September 2011, and material for projecting PowerPoint should be available in October 2011.

The book will contain 770 hymns and songs, plus canticles and psalms. The music edition will cost £25, while the words only will cost £7.50 - these are introductory prices (see the Methodist website for more details). The large print, words only edition will cost £12.50. The electronic words edition is £25, but is only useable on PC, not on MacIntosh.

SUNDAYS AT SIX

During the summer at Keighley Shared Church they have been having a series of special services, and the final one is on Sunday 4th September when Rev Peter Mott will discuss with Rev Sandie Exley-Watts her 'Desert Island Hymns'.

Do try and come along and meet Sandie and find out more about the hymns that mean so much to her.

LEARNING AND CARING

LOCAL PREACHERS

On Sunday 10th July at a special service at Silsden we were delighted to welcome Tanya Short as a new fully accredited Local Preacher. We recognise the tremendous amount of work it entails to become a Local Preacher, and we congratulate her on completing the course of training and passing the various practical tests along the way.

We are also pleased to welcome Alan Somerville, who is a Local Preacher who has come to live in Oakworth. We look forward to sharing in worship with him in the years to come

FIONA & LES ALLAN

Fiona and Les were members of our church at Oxenhope before going to study for service overseas. In September 2006 they went to Bangladesh to work with the BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) and we have followed their experiences with interest.

They have had a fascinating 'walk with God' in Bangladesh, working in two centres and covering a variety of work, and also while they have been there their daughter Meena has been born, and another child is waiting to arrive. For a number of reasons, not least so that Meena can get to know her extended family, they have decided to return to the United Kingdom at the end of August.

From their latest newsletter it is clear that they have had a tremendous experience, although not always an easy passage, and now they want to continue that 'walk with God', wherever He may lead them. As they put it "Mission for us does not end when we leave Bangladesh, just as God's mission here does not end either. We are keen to see God at work and to play our part in that wherever we might live. This is a lifelong journey, a small part of which is coming to an end, and we look forward in hope and anticipation to the adventures that lie ahead."

Please continue to pray for Fiona, Les and Meena as they seek to find a home, work and the new way forward.

KEIGHLEY IS NOT AN ISLAND - NIGHTSHIFT

From Colin Meredith, a leader for Nightshift (a shortened item)

The aim of the initiative is to reach out to people who are out and about in Keighley on a Saturday night. We open the Shared Church, between 10pm and 1am, with volunteers drawn from most of the denominations in and around Keighley. It has been going for about 5 years, having the following aim and guidance:

- Our aim is to show God's love to the pubbers and clubbers in central Keighley (through words and actions).
- It is not hard-sell evangelism, nor is it just a social event. It requires sensitivity to all who come in, or we talk outside. If you get an opportunity to share your faith, great. If you do not feel confident about doing that, pass them on to the leader for that night. If the team is taking care of the hospitality, the leader is free to have a serious talk to those who want it.

Many come to Keighley from Bingley, Bradford, Queensbury, Colne and Skipton - in the past year we have also spoken to people from Paris, Spain, Birmingham, Scotland and Lincoln to name but a few.

When we started we had lessons in self defence and managing unruly people, but whilst many have had a drink or two, some a few too many I have only had to call the police once, and that was someone who hadn't taken their medication.

The church being open on a Saturday night is now an accepted part of the Keighley scene and the people who come in have different needs, often relationship problems. They may have lost a loved one, or are fed up that their lives are concentrated around drugs or alcohol. Many want to be open about their faith, but fear ridicule or being ostracised from their social circle.

Many visitors just want a listening ear, someone who is pleasant with them, and some come back many times. We thought they would all be youngsters, but have found that people of all ages are out and about at night. A little alcohol makes them drop their guard, and the open door to the church is a chance to look for a different answer.

The volunteers, like the visitors, come from many different backgrounds. We may be poor at talking about our faith - John Hudson said all we could do was plant seeds in people's minds.

We always need new volunteers, as existing ones leave for a variety of reasons. It doesn't matter how old you are, or how long you have been a Christian, just that you want other people to experience God's love. If you are interested and want to talk about it please contact Edward Pennick at the Circuit Office 01535 600338 and he will pass you on to one of the clergy or leaders.

CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Let us remember the members of the Team at this difficult time as they have to prepare for changes in the Circuit staffing, in preparing the budgets, and in guiding us through the many concerns, and opportunities, that the Circuit faces. Once again it is all voluntary work, on top of the range of responsibilities they encounter in their local church, home and work. Thanks.

DISTRICT SYNOD

The September Synod is to be held at Silsden Methodist Church on 10th September from 9.30 am - 4.00 pm, and help is needed with stewarding, directing cars to car parks, providing home-made cakes or biscuits, and running a crèche.

FELTMAKING WORKSHOP

Kirsty Hopkins is holding a workshop at St Peter's Church, Crosshills on Friday 2nd September from 10.00 am - 12 noon.

The cost is £15 and places can be booked by phoning 01535 633139.

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN & GAIL HUDSON

Dear friends,

Surrounded by boxes, we are settling in to our new home and looking forward to the next chapter of our lives - retirement!

We have been overwhelmed by the cards, greetings and good wishes from folk in the Airedale Circuit. We are conscious of the fact that there are a number of people who we did not get chance to speak to personally before leaving.

We do want to thank the Circuit through this Newsletter for the very special "farewell" service on Tuesday 19th July. We especially appreciated the balance between the serious and the humorous, marking as it did not only the ending of our time in Keighley but active Circuit ministry.

We thank you for the plants and the cheque and we look forward to using the money for something special. Above all else it is your love, prayers and good wishes which have touched us most. It has been a privilege to be amongst you and we wish the Airedale Circuit well for the future.

Our new address is: 26 Jacks Walk, Hugglescote. Coalville LE67 2XA.

If you are down our way we would be pleased to see you.

Peace and Love, John & Gail.

EVANGELISM

LEES METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

The regular coffee mornings are held on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00 - 11.30 am. All very welcome.

KEIGHLEY SHOW

On Saturday 3rd September at Keighley Show at Marley the Airedale Circuit will provide a Christian presence. We will have a small marquee where there will be a small display and free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. There will also be things for children to do.

Practical support, including goods and people will be very welcome, and as we are having a harvest theme gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables and biscuits will be helpful. Gifts for the day can be brought to the Circuit Welcome Service and left in the box provided.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Following the most successful two day spent collecting at Morrisons in May we have another opportunity to help the charity. On Friday and Saturday, 25 & 26 November we have permission to collect in Sainsburys in Keighley

We are always glad to receive new offers of help - we ask for people to offer to collect for just one hour. Please ring either Judith or Maurice Baren on 01535 643100. Last time we had collectors from 7 churches, can we make it 10 this time?

We are most grateful for the numerous gifts we receive for the charity - latest ones come from Long Lee, Ilkley Road, Silsden (a half share of a Keighley Vocal Union Concert), Wesley Place and Oxenhope, and Lees and the Shared Church also did House to House collections.

WEST LANE, HAWORTH - TREASURES OF THE BIBLE

On the 24th September, from 2 - 5pm, there will be an exhibition titled 'Treasures of the Bible', and also cream teas. All very welcome.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN - FELLOWSHIP DAY

Wednesday 19th October from 10.00 am - 3.15 pm, at Silsden when Rev Dr Roger Walton, the new Chair of the District will be the speaker.

HMS PINAFORE

The Proms on the Farm team proudly present The Halifax Gilbert & Sullivan Society production of the Concert version of 'HMS Pinafore'.

It will be performed at Silsden Methodist Church on the 12 November at 7.15 pm and tickets, which are obtainable from Twiggs Newsagent, Kirkgate, Silsden, are £5 each. Proceeds for Manorlands and Church Funds. All are very welcome - please try and give it your support.

*AN INVITATION SEEN OUTSIDE A METHODIST CHURCH IN THE USA
'Come just as you are - get changed inside.'*

Material for next Circuit News to Maurice Baren by 7th November please

Kate & Phil's Wedding



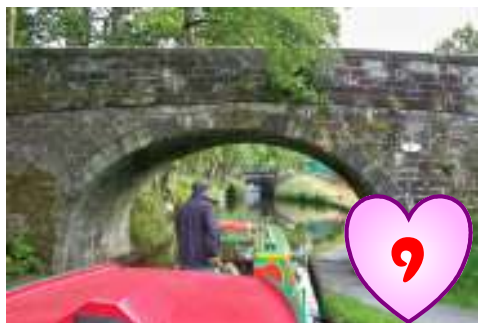
Congratulations to Kate Grimshaw and Philip Thompson who were married at our church on 3rd September 2011.



Wednesday Club



Archery in June at "High Adventure" in Cowling, followed by a Canal Cruise over at Hebden Bridge in July and an August evening of fun and games at Andrew & Jane's. Three more enjoyable evenings at Wednesday Club!



News Snippets

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new Minister, Rev Sandie Exley-Watts and her husband Phil.



We look forward to working with you for the next few years and pray that your ministry amongst us is a happy and fruitful time. Never tire of that lovely view from your manse window!

We hope you soon settle in and begin to feel at home here.



Congratulations

Rebecca Olsson and Craig Tillotson were engaged on 11th August and became the proud parents of Reuben Dexter (see photo) two days later! God bless you all.

Greenbelt

Some of our Youth Group members went to the Greenbelt Festival last month and had a great time!



Royal Appointment

Janet and Raymond Armstrong had a lovely time at Buckingham Palace on 19th July after receiving an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party. Whilst not being actually presented to the Queen, they were stood very close to her at one point. A most memorable occasion.

In Memoriam

We commend Joan Greenwood and Eileen Walbank into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy.

Pantomime

The script for Robinson Crusoe is progressing nicely and we shall start adding the musical numbers shortly. I'm sure we shall soon see 40+ excited young people as rehearsals begin!

Next Pantomime: 11-18 Feb 2012
ROBINSON CRUSOE

Strategy for the Future

Two or three years ago, the Methodist Church challenged local Circuits and churches to look at themselves with fresh eyes and consider whether there was anything they could do that would enhance their mission in the community in which they were placed. That is what sparked the thinking behind the plans we are currently considering as our strategy for the future.

At District Synod today, we have been looking at “Statistics for Mission” and concluded that many of the churches which are growing are the ones which have responded to this sort of challenge. Growth often relates to “fresh expressions of church” which are established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. Where attendance at worship is increasing, it tends to be in churches which have mid-week services as well as Sunday worship - and mid-week services are attracting significant numbers of young people.

Last week, our new Chair of District welcomed Sandie as a new Minister in the Airedale Circuit and reminded us all that she has not just been appointed to serve those who are already in the church but, more importantly, she is called to minister to those who are currently outside the church.

It seems to me that all of this ties in very well with what lies behind our strategy for the future. We looked at our strengths as a church and considered how we might enhance these further:

- We already have a number of different styles of worship - enabling us to cater for the needs of a wider cross-section of worshippers.
- The use of multi-media technology in worship and other gatherings is now more widely accepted and is being used more and more.
- We are known as a welcoming church and this encourages visitors to return again - some then come more regularly and, in turn, welcome others.
- We are seen as a community church, welcoming a wide variety of groups to make use of our premises - in fact we have two new groups starting next week. It is good stewardship to encourage the fullest use of what we have - as well as responding to the needs of the local community.
- However, I think it is our commitment to the use of drama as a means of serving our community that is our real strength and opportunity. Here, I include drama in worship, our acclaimed annual pantomime (which actually brings more people through our doors every week October-February - and especially in show week - than any other activity) and drama included in other group activities - especially KYDZ Youth Theatre who now prepare for and present two shows a year in our church.

I firmly believe that the plans being drawn up as our strategy for the future give us a golden opportunity to build on all of these things; to go for growth, to promote Christian discipleship, to enhance our mission in the community. The completed feasibility study is expected next week. May God guide our response to it. David



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th September
10.30 am

All Age Worship
Led by our new Minister
Rev Sandie Exley-Watts

Please bring flowers, fruit, veg,
tins for the displays with you to
Service on the SUNDAY morning

Gift envelopes will be available
for donations in lieu of produce
for the Methodist Relief Fund

Sunday School Prize Giving & JMA Awards

Sunday 9th October
10.30 am

All Age Praise Service

Led by Louise Makin and the
Young People, with our Youth
Praise Band and Songbirds



Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service
Sunday 13th November
10.00 am - (NB early time)

Led by Rev Terry Porter

At 10.45 am, those who wish to
parade round to the Cenotaph for
the Memorial Service will be led
by the Uniformed Organisations

Fundraising Events



Maureen Haigh invites you to bring your



Sunshine Buns

to church to be emptied on
Saturday 1st October
10.00 to 11.30 am
and to stay for a chat over

**Morning
Coffee**



Autumn Fayre

Saturday 5th November

10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Lots of stalls to buy from
Get your Christmas presents!

Have a Coffee and a chat

**Stay for Meat & Potato Pie
and Pea Lunch.**

Please sign the list in the porch
when it goes up.



Share fellowship as you spend!

Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a

Complete Clothing Company

Ladies, Childrenswear & Accessories

Fashion Show

Thursday 29th September at 7.30 pm

at Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets £2.00 including free raffle ticket

Proceeds for
Down's Support
and Church
Funds

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Sunday Worship & Young People



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 4 10.30 am Mrs Irene Mitchell - **Reader's Service**
11 10.30 am Mrs Tanya Short
18 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **First Service at Oakworth**
Harvest Festival All Age Worship Service
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
- 25 10.30 am Mr Brian Whitcombe - **Reader's Service**
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
- Oct** 2 10.30 am Rev Elizabeth Caissie
9 10.30 am Louise Makin + Young People - **JMA Awards +**
Sunday School Prize Giving All Age Praise Service
16 10.30 am Rev Alan Sharp - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
23 10.30 am Mr David Miller
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
30 10.30 am Rev David Cooke
6.00 pm **Revs Sandie Exley-Watts & John Rogers -**
United Holy Communion Service - Methodist Church
- Nov** 6 10.30 am Church Stewards - **Songs of Praise**
13 **10.00 am** Rev Terry Porter -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
10.45 am **Memorial Service at the Cenotaph**
20 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
27 10.30 am Rev Marc Pattern
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**

Sunday School / Junior Church also meet at 10.30 am

All Children and Young People are welcome

Creche facilities are available when required



Details of Circuit Events and Services can be found
in the Circuit News section of this Newsletter

Diary Dates



Tuesdays 11.30 am Pre-lunch Fellowship (alternate weeks)
12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club

SEPTEMBER 2011

Fri 2 7.30 pm Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - KSC
Sat 3 all day Keighley Show
Wed 7 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Sat 10 10.00 am District Synod - Silsden Methodist Church
Sun 11 all day **Yorkshireman Off-Road Marathon - Haworth**
Tue 13 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - "Sleep Hygiene" - Beth Hamilton
Tue 13 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Cullingworth Methodist Church
Wed 14 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - Cancelled this month
Sat 24 2.30 pm Circuit JMA Beetle Drive - Bingley Methodist Church
Thu 29 7.30 pm **Ladies' Group Fashion Show by Complete Clothing**

OCTOBER 2011

Sat 1 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags + Morning Coffee - Church Hall**
Mon 3 7.30 pm Pastoral Committee - Church Lounge
Wed 5 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Mon 10 7.30 pm Property Committee - Church Lounge
Tue 11 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - "Keighley Women's Aid - Helen Picken
Wed 12 7.30 pm Wednesday Club
Fri 14 5.00 pm Pantomime scripts issued - First read-through
Mon 31 7.30 pm Church Council - Church Lounge

NOVEMBER 2011

Tue 1 6.30 pm Pantomime rehearsals commence
Wed 2 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Sat 5 10.00-1.00 **Autumn Fayre + Lunch - in church**
Tue 8 6.30 pm Ladies' Group Meal - Lord Rodney
Wed 9 7.30 pm Wednesday Club
Information for December Newsletter to David this week please

DECEMBER 2011

Sat 3 2.00 pm Village Society Christmas Fair - Holden Hall
Tue 6 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch
Wed 7 11.00 am Monthly Prayer Time - in church
Wed 7 7.30 pm Wednesday Club - *The Flint Street Nativity* - Playhouse
Tue 13 2.00 pm Ladies' Group Christmas Party - Church Lounge

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Farewell John and Gail



From John and Gail Hudson

We both want to say a big "THANK YOU" for the excellent lunch, flowers and most generous gift last Sunday. It is with mixed feelings that we approach the time to leave Keighley sad to be leaving but looking forward to retirement! Your many good wishes from Oakworth mean a lot to us both. John & Gail



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