

OAKWORTH



METHODIST CHURCH



September 2015 Newsletter



Yachts and wildlife on Yeadon Tarn - taken on the Wednesday Club Walk in June - before we headed off to Murgatroyd's for our fish and chip supper!

Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends,

With this magazine comes information about plans to extend and improve the church building but I want to focus on another very important aspect of **Mission Possible**. Indeed, it was thought so important by the Circuit Leadership Team that we don't even have to raise money for it locally!

A great number of young people have been involved in the pantomime over the years. In the process they have learned many new skills, grown in confidence, made new friends and had an enormous amount of fun. They have also learnt from the care and concern, and from the example set by many of the adults involved, something about the Christian way of life. But we'd love to share more of the 'abundant life' we know in Jesus with them, in a much more intentional way.

For a time, 'Crossing the Bridge' offered that opportunity for some young people, but that's come to an end. So we are planning to employ a part-time Christian youth worker to be alongside the young people, and particularly through drama, to explore some of the big life-questions from various perspectives, including Christian perspectives. The exact job description is still to be decided, but as a preliminary, the circuit has offered us some of the time of Pastoral Lay-worker, Glenda Coogan. Many of you will have met her when she led Panto Praise this year.

Glenda will be working as a 'Chaplain' to the young people, and to some extent, their families, as she comes alongside them and gets to know them better, building up relationships. Part of her role will be a listening one, starting with the concerns they may have, rather than imposing anything on them. Hopefully, this will lead to engaging their interest in the deeper questions of life, through drama, and perhaps in a worship context. In other words, she will be 'preparing the way' for the Youth Worker.


No lone worker, whatever their skills and excellence, can do this on their own, however. Glenda, and later the Youth Worker, needs first and foremost, our **prayers**. This is something all of us can do! She also needs our active support and friendship, and so will the young people. Glenda will be leading worship in October and attending the next Church Council, but we can start praying now!

Shalom,

Sandie



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Timothy & Ronald in Uganda



We are delighted to learn that Timothy has graduated from the Global Care sponsorship scheme, having completed his secondary education and passing the final exams with a First Grade!

Timothy has written to us, thanking us again for sponsoring his studies over the last eight years and being there for him during that time. As he says goodbye to us, he adds that he is hoping to continue his studies at advanced level if he is successful in finding an alternative sponsorship scheme for that purpose.

We wish him well and pray God's continued blessing on Timothy, his mother, sister and three brothers.

As Timothy is no longer eligible for Global Care's support, they have asked if we would be willing to transfer our sponsorship to another child. This was discussed at the last Church Council meeting and the feeling was that sponsoring an individual rather than a scheme, such as Water Aid, made it more personal and likely to attract additional support in the same way as Timothy has.

We have now received details of our new child, who also comes from the Kampala region in Uganda. His name is Ronald Tumusime and he was 9 years old in June. He has had a difficult start to life.

Ronald lives in an extended family of five adults and eight children. His guardian supports them with subsistence farming but it is barely enough to feed them.

Consequently, Ronald has already missed a whole term of school as they couldn't afford to pay his fees. Ronald's health is poor. He is living positively with HIV and takes ARV's but a poor diet does not help.

He is described as a quiet and responsible boy. He helps out at home with fetching water and washing up. At school, when he is able to attend, his teacher says he is energetic but caring.

We look forward to getting to know him and supporting him over the coming years.



Pantomime Praise Service



Glenda Coogan and David led our Service this year around the theme of 'God is always there for us - we can reach out to Him'. It was good to see so many of our young people taking part in the Service, working together and enjoying themselves in the process!



Village Gala



News Snippets

Baptism

We welcomed Jacob Adam Kershaw into the Church family at his baptism on 7th June.

We also welcomed Finlay Reuben Wood and his brother Tristan Harley Wood as both were baptised on 23rd August.

We pray God's blessing on both families.

Haworth Ukulele Group

Andrew and Jane thank everyone for their generous support at the fund raising event at St John's, Newsholme last month. Haworth Ukulele Group were excellent and over £800 was raised for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice

On the evening of Saturday 26 September I am taking part in the Manorlands 'Starlight Hike' - a 10km walk that will seem like a marathon! The Hospice continues to provide much support to Helen and this is a gesture in return. Friends at Oakworth have been very supportive over the last four years and I now ask for your further help through sponsorship: my website is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnHRobinson> or just search 'virgin giving', select 'make a donation' and then enter 'John Robinson'. There is also a sponsorship form at the back of Church. My thanks in advance for what I hope will be a big response.

John (Helen's Dad)

Hansel & Gretel

The brand new script is now complete and Judith & David are working on the songs and dance routines to be included. Excitement mounts as we all look forward to rehearsals starting next month - when we shall be welcoming eight new cast members into the team.



In memoriam

We commend Elsie Calvert into God's hands, assuring relatives and friends of our prayers and sympathy.



Mission Possible ? Word Search

A frog was hopping around a farmyard, when it decided to investigate the barn. Being somewhat careless, and maybe a little too curious, he ended up falling into a pail half-filled with fresh milk.



As he swam about attempting to reach the top of the pail, he found that the sides of the pail were too high and steep to reach. He tried to stretch his back legs to push off the bottom of the pail but found it too deep. But this frog was determined not to give up, and he continued to struggle.

He kicked and squirmed and kicked and squirmed, until at last, all his churning about in the milk had turned the milk into a big hunk of butter. The butter was now solid enough for him to climb onto and get out of the pail!

The moral of the story? "Never Give Up!"

G I V E G I F D S M M O T T O B
N N R L N U E A T Q I O S W A M
I V I T I E N D R P U L R C T I
N E O T P A I L U M W I K A F L
R S N I P L A S G R Y I R R L C
U T R L O M H I G H C A O M O D
H I A S H T E C L K H G R N E S
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I E T L L T E V F U O L W I O I
O N E I T T E E E R E A C H R C
U S R F C N H D P O T F E P Y E
S R I H Z E D E N I M R E T E D

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



All Age Worship



Harvest Festival

Sunday 20th September
10.30 am

All Age Worship led by
Deacon Claire Gill

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)

JIGSAW Prize Giving - All Age Worship

Sunday 11th
October
10.30 am

Led by
Mrs Janet Clark



Remembrance Sunday

All Age Parade Service

Sunday 8th November

10.00 am - (NB early time)

Led by Rev Barbara Walls

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

Special Events



Yorkshireman Off Road Marathon at Haworth

Sunday 13th September

Please let Andrew or Jane know if you can help with preparation on the Saturday, provide a cake, or serve on the day.



Maureen Haigh invites you to bring your

Sunshine Bags



to church to be emptied on
Saturday 19th September
10.00 to 11.30 am

and to stay for a chat over
Morning Coffee

Autumn Fayre

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

Saturday 7th November

10.00 am to 1.00 pm



Share fellowship as you spend

Oakworth Ladies' Group invite you to a

Fashion Show by

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill®



Friday 20th November 7.30 pm

Tickets available nearer the time
from Ladies' Group members

Proceeds for
Parkinson's UK
and Church Funds



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Sep** 6 10.30 am Mr Dewar Wishart
13 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
20 10.30 am Deacon Claire Gill - **All Age Harvest Festival**
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
27 10.30 am Mrs Anne O'Shaughnessy
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
6.00 pm **Local Preacher Accred Service for Patricia Henny - Ilkley Road**
- Oct** 4 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan
6.00 pm **L Preacher Accred Service for Deac Maggie Patchett - Skipton**
11 10.30 am Mrs Janet Clark -
JIGSAW Prize Giving All Age Worship
18 10.30 am Local Arrangement
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
25 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
- Nov** 1 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
8 **10.00 am** Rev Barbara Walls -
Remembrance Sunday All Age Parade Service
10.45 am **Memorial Service at the Cenotaph**
15 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts
6.00pm **Circuit Service - Keighley Shared Church**
7.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
22 10.30 am Mrs Olive Bastow - **Reader's Service**
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
29 10.30 am Rev Dr Neville Richardson - **Holy Communion**
6.00 pm **Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - Ecumenical Service -
Advent Carols & Holy Communion - 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



Details of Circuit Services and Events can be found
in the Circuit Plan or the monthly Circuit News sheet

Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(Re-opens 8th September)

SEPTEMBER 2015

Thu 3 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Marsh Methodist Church
Tue 8 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - *South Africa* - Neville & Carleen Richardson
Sun 13 All day **Yorkshireman Off-Road Marathon** - Haworth
Wed 16 7.00 pm **Wednesday Club Film Night & Faith Supper** - Church
Sat 19 10.00-11.30 **Sunshine Bags & Morning Coffee** - Church Lounge
Thu 24 3.15 pm **Messy Church** - in Church Hall
Sat 26 7.15 pm KYDZ Youth Theatre 10th Anniversary Concert
Tue 29 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - Cowling Methodist Church
Wed 30 7.30 pm Meeting to finalise Tea at the Ritz - Church Lounge

OCTOBER 2015

Sat 3 10.00-2.00 **Mission Possible Appeal Launch Event** - see advert
Thu 8 7.00 pm **Wednesday Club - An Evening with Ian Dewhirst - Local Life between WW1+WW2 + Pie & Peas** - Church
Fri 9 4.45 pm **Pantomime Scripts issued - First read-through** - Church
Sat 17 2.00 + 4.00 **Tea at the Ritz** - in Church
Tue 20 1.45 pm Ladies' Group - Craft Talk - Ann Roberts
Thu 22 3.15 pm **Messy Church** - in Church Hall
Tue 27 7.30 pm Church Council - Church Lounge

NOVEMBER 2015

Tue 4 6.30 pm Ladies' Group Meal - at The Slow Food Deli, Keighley
Sat 7 10.00-1.00 **Autumn Fayre & Lunch** - in Church
Wed 11 7.00 pm **Wednesday Club Singalong with David+Linda Gunn**
Fri 20 7.30 pm Ladies' Group Fashion Show - by Edinburgh Woollen Mill
Thu 26 3.15 pm **Messy Church** - in Church Hall

DECEMBER 2015

Tue 1 12.00 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch
Wed 2 7.30 pm Wed Club - *The Cripple of Inishmaan* - Keighley Playhouse
Sat 5 2.00 pm **Village Society Christmas Fair** - Holden Hall

FEBRUARY 2016

Sat 13 - Sat 20 **30th Pantomime - Hansel & Gretel** - on stage in Church

Check our website for further information:
www.OakworthMethodists.org

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

Now consent has been given to proceed with the fundraising for **Mission Possible**, a programme of events is being put together. Do support them if you can.

Our **Mission Possible Appeal** Launch Event is on

Saturday 3rd October
10.00 am to 2.00 pm

FREE Coffee and Cakes!

See the latest plans for the exciting **Mission Possible** Building Extension Project

Look round the Static Displays showing what many of the groups who use our premises do

Donations to the **Mission Possible Appeal Fund** or promises to give over the next two years welcome

Sign up to the **Mission Possible £10 Challenge**

- we give you a £10 float to use to buy materials to make goods to sell or to launch your own fundraising event - you return the float with the funds you raise

Other events include:

Film Evening: 'Philomena'
Wed 16 Sept 7.00 pm

Evening with Ian Dewhirst
Thu 8 Oct 7.00 pm
Booking essential: contact David

Tea at the Ritz
Sat 17 Oct 2.00+4.00 pm
Booking essential: contact David

Wed Club Singalong with
David & Linda Gunn
Wed 11 Nov 7.00 pm



More details in the **Mission Possible Appeal** leaflet

A warm welcome awaits at all events!



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