

OAKWORTH



METHODIST CHURCH



June 2016 Newsletter



Some of the Pantomime Senior Dancers at the end of their routine at the hugely successful **Mission Possible Cabaret & Mini-Meal**.

Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends,

As I approach the end of my time here and impending retirement, I have very mixed feelings. I know that I will miss you all, and the journey we've shared together, very much. I'll say a bit more about that at the Farewell Service.

Many people are asking me what I intend to do in retirement. You may know that the rather quaint phrase used at synod for those of us requesting retirement is 'asking permission to sit down'.

Well I don't intend to do a lot of sitting down! Conversely, I'm hoping to get more fit by keeping up with the swimming; going for much longer walks with Phil and the dog; and taking up yoga or Pilates again.

Sandie's new address
from August:

34 Tyburn Lane,
Emley,
Nr Huddersfield,
HD8 9SR
Tel: 01924 840219

I'm also looking forward to being able to be much more available to help out with my grandchildren's child care. But I've long wanted to join a book club, which will involve sitting down. And actually, when I'm doing all that walking, I shall make time for plenty of 'standing and staring', enjoying all of God's creation. And yes, I want to make plenty of space in my life for a rhythm of 'work'/activity, for prayer, study and reflection, for really listening to whatever God has to say to me - and fun!

Every Christian is invited and challenged to be fully alive in Christ, sharing in the overwhelming generous abundance He offers us.

*'I came that they may have LIFE,
and have it abundantly'. John 10:10*

So often we let business, at any stage of our life, crowd out all that we need for that fullness of life. There are times, of course, when we just have to get on with whatever falls to us, but I'm seeing this next stage of my life as another chance to live as God intended us to. I'll let you know how I get on!!

We thank Sandie for all her support over the last five years and wish her a long and happy retirement. We offer a warm welcome to Rosemary as she joins us in September, refreshed after her sabbatical.



Shalom,
Sandie

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Farewell to Louise

Hi,

This is it, time to pen a final note and move on. For those who have not heard, I have been stationed to the West Pennine Moors Circuit. From September I will be serving Spring Vale Church and New Church in Darwen, and Rhyddings Church, Oswaldtwistle.

I have really appreciated the 14 years I have spent in Oakworth, then in the Airedale circuit as a local preacher. I want to say a huge thank you to all the people who have offered help, advice & guidance, shared experiences and participated in worship. I will carry your insights with me into my new post.

Thank you for your generous gift of garden centre vouchers which I will use as I transform the manse garden from a weedy grass patch.

I hate long goodbyes and it seems a little early to be saying goodbye if I am not starting in Darwen till September but in June I am on attachment in Elland, Calderdale Circuit. In July I have a leavers retreat and my son's graduation - then I am going on holiday, returning just in time to move in August. So I will miss the leaving service and I won't have that final moment.

It would be lovely if any of you are available to come to my Welcome service at Antley Methodist Church, Accrington on Wednesday 31 August at 7.30pm.

I will continue to pray for you all as you carry out God's mission in this Circuit as I hope you will hold me in your prayers.

Shalom,

Louise

Final Service

Louise's Final Service in the Circuit was at Oakworth in May and she was presented with some Garden Vouchers as a thank you for her support in many ways over the years.

Mothering Sunday



Louise also led our Mothers Day All Age Parade Service in March and the young people enjoyed working with the puppets one last time before helping to distribute daffodils to all the ladies.



Coffee & Cakes

After the Service, most folk stayed for Coffee & Cakes and fellowship, donating £135 in support of Ronald's education in Uganda. Thank you!



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



Since the March Newsletter was published, another £6,000 has been raised through the local fundraising appeal, including £502 from three Film Evenings (showing 'Paddington', 'The Love Bug' and 'The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'), £932 from two Coffee Mornings with Craft and Plant Stalls, £655 raised by Oakworth Social Club at a Race Night (particularly delighted with the community support at that event) and £1,475 at the Cabaret Night and Mini Meal, organised by the Panto Parents with excellent support from all the groups - who put on a superb show, ably fronted by our MC, Phil Smith, with live music from new panto recruit Scarlett and Glen.



**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

The closing date for applications for the Circuit Youth Worker is fast approaching (includes 10 hours per week at Oakworth) - if you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to apply.



Job Vacancy

Youth, Children and Family Worker

Full-Time, Fixed-Term (3 years) Appointment - Based in churches around the Circuit with a particular focus on Oakworth and Silsden

Do you have a passion for sharing God's love and encouraging people of all backgrounds with their faith journeys?

Do you have an excellent rapport with children and young people and can you work well with their families?

Do you enjoy leading different styles of events and worship?
Are you experienced in the use of drama to help challenge and engage people and lead them towards Christian faith?

If so you may be ideal for this role in developing and sustaining the Circuit's ministry to young people, children and families.

Required from 1 September 2016 or earlier if possible

Further details from the Superintendent Minister,
Rev'd Ruth Crompton, by telephone (01535 652353)
or email: ruth.crompton@airedalemethodists.org

A job description, person specification, and application form can be obtained from Edward Pennick (Circuit Administrator):

e-mail: office@airedalemethodists.org Tel: 01535 653842

Airedale Methodist Circuit Office, 80 Kirkgate, Silsden, BD20 0PA

Closing Date: 17.06.2016

With the Youth Worker in post from 1st September, it is crucial that we complete the building work next year if possible. The Worker will work with all our young people's groups and their families - including Pantomime and Messy Church - to see what is possible.



News Snippets

In Memoriam

We commend Neville Richardson and Joyce Stewart into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy.

Guiding Group Sports Day

Congratulations to our Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Groups who all came First overall and First in the Relay Race for their sections at the annual Keighley Division Sports Day. This is the 16th consecutive year that our Guides have lifted the two trophies. Well done to you all!

Wednesday Club

We all enjoyed the Games Evening at Milner Bank in April and the Meal at the Bronte Hotel in May. The next two months see us out walking, before embarking on a season of Wednesday Club fundraising events for **Mission Possible**. Do join us if you are able.

Spring Market

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Spring Market in April. We never cease to be amazed at the amount raised at these events! In spite of the fact that we were not able to have a Plant Stall this year, the event still brought in £745 - which was £140 up on last year. Almost all the stalls took more than last time and the ever-popular Meat and Potato Pie & Pea Lunches raised £220 on their own.

It was a good morning with a lovely atmosphere as everyone enjoyed browsing or chatting over refreshments.



Pantomime News

The Pantomime Party at the Fell Lane Scout Hut was enjoyed by all as they watched the Hansel & Gretel video out-takes and joined in the games and dancing with great enthusiasm.

Workshops to audition for Sinbad went really well and the main roles have all been cast. Auditions for new cast members take place this month. David has started work on updating the script and everyone is already looking forward to the rehearsals starting in the Autumn!

18th-25th
February
2017

Sinbad

another gripping pantomime adventure

the Sailor

31st Oakworth Methodist Pantomime



Don't forget to order your Hansel & Gretel DVD - only £8

Power of Prayer Word Search

The story is told of a man who got a permit to open the first tavern in a small town. The members of a local church were strongly opposed to the bar, so they began to pray that God would intervene. A few days before the tavern was scheduled to open, lightning hit the structure and it burned to the ground. The people of the church were surprised but pleased - until they received notice that the would-be tavern owner was suing them. He contended that their prayers were responsible for the burning of the building. They denied the charge. At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, the judge wryly remarked, "At this point I don't know what my decision will be, but it seems that the tavern owner believes in the power of prayer and these church people don't."



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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!

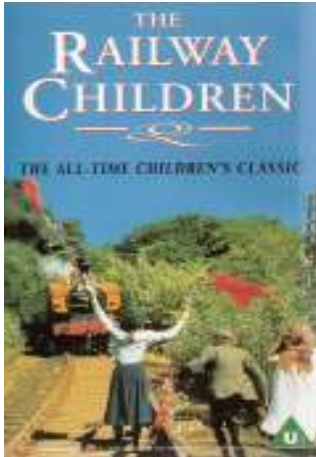


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Mission Possible Family Film Evening

The Railway Children

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 24th June 6.30 pm

on the giant screen in Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

After the enforced absence of their father, three children move with their mother to Yorkshire, where during their adventures they attempt to discover the reason for his disappearance.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

Look out for details of the next Family Film Evening on 15th July



Hansel and Gretel and
the Gingerbread House

Pantomime Praise Service

Sunday 26th June 10.30 am

All Age Worship

Featuring excerpts from the Pantomime

Led by David & the Panto Team

followed by

Mission Possible Coffee and Cakes in the Hall

Do stay for refreshments and a chat

Donations towards the Mission Possible Appeal



Mission Possible Cream Teas in Kath's Garden

Small Groups any time over the Summer months -
Please contact Kath to make arrangements ☎643592

Village Gala



Saturday 2nd July

**2.00 pm: Procession leaves
Lane Ends**

**2.30 pm: Entertainment in
Victoria Road Playing Field
(includes children's sports)**

**Please see Ruth if you can help
in the Refreshment Tent**

KYDZ Keighley Youth Theatre present

Pirates of Treasure Island



Shiver me timbers! Orphans find a blood-stained map and sail into danger with a pirate crew.

Shipwrecked on a desert island they face cannibals, mad old Ben Gun and a wise-cracking dodo - but who are the real bilge rats?

Come on me hearties, watch our comedy drama packed with scurvy songs like It's Raining Men, Hard Knock Life, Beat It, Bad Romance and Black Magic. Arrrr!

Friday & Saturday July 22 & 23 at 7.15pm

Book on www.ticketsource.co.uk/kydztheatre

Barbecue

*One Sunday in August
from 1.00 pm*

- look out for details later

Milner Bank, Newsholme



Mission Possible Beetle Drive + Pie & Pea Supper

Wednesday 17th August 7.00 pm - Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - please let Maureen Dyson know if you are coming

Mission Possible Evening of Big Band Music

with Gerry & the Hattricks and vocals from Michaela Smith

Friday 2nd September 7.30 pm - Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets £6 from David or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org -



Tea & Biscuits
included



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Jun** 5 10.30 am Mr Maurice Baren - **United Service at Exley Head**
12 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
19 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
26 10.30 am David and the Panto Team - **Pantomime Praise**
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
- Jul** 3 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Keene
10 10.30 am Rev Nigel Ogley
17 10.30 am Rev Sandie Exley-Watts - **Holy Communion**
This will be Sandie's final Service at Oakworth
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
24 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**
4.00 pm **Faith Tea at Keighley Shared Church Hall -**
for Rev Sandie Exley-Watts & Deacon Claire Gill
6.00 pm **Farewell Service at Keighley Shared Church -**
for Sandie, Claire, Ann Fox & Louise Makin
31 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine
- Aug** 7 10.30 am Mr David Varley
14 10.30 am Miss Doth Lund
21 10.30 am Mr John Hopkinson
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service - Christ Church**
28 10.30 am Rev David Cooke
3.00 pm **Service at Oakworth Manor**



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

J.I.G.S.A.W. will be closed for the Summer Holidays and All Ages will worship together from July 24th to September 4th inclusive



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 19th July to 30th August inclusive)

JUNE 2016

Tue 14 5.30 pm Panto Praise rehearsal
Tue 14 6.30 pm Sinbad auditions for new cast members
Wed 15 5.00 pm Wednesday Club Walk - Yeadon Tarn + Murgatroyds
Fri 17 Closing Date for Circuit Youth Worker Applications
Tue 21 5.30 pm Panto Praise rehearsal
Fri 24 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening** + Fish & Chip Supper
Sun 26 11.30-1.00 **Mission Possible Coffee & Cakes** (after Panto Praise)

JULY 2016

Fri 1 Interviews for Circuit Youth, Children & Family Worker
Sat 2 2.00 pm **Village Gala - Victoria Road Playing Fields**
Tue 12 7.30 pm Strategy Team Meeting - Plans & Fundraising update
Wed 13 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Walk
Thu 14 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Fri 15 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening** + Fish & Chip Supper
Fri22-Sat23 7.15 pm KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show - 'Treasure Island'

AUGUST 2016

Sat 6 4.00 pm Wedding
Sun ?? 1.00 pm **Barbecue - Milner Bank, Newsholme - details later**
Wed 17 7.00 pm **Mission Possible Beetle Drive** + Pie & Pea Supper
Fri 31 7.30 pm Louise' Welcome Service - Antley Meth Church, Accrington

SEPTEMBER 2016

Fri 2 7.30 pm **Mission Possible Big Band Concert** - Gerry & the Hatricks
Tue 6 7.30 pm **Circuit Welcome Service - Bingley Methodist Church**
Thu 8 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Sun 11 All day **Yorkshireman Marathon - Haworth**
Wed 14 7.00 pm **Mission Possible Island Truffles & Treats** + Afternoon Tea
Thu 15 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting - St Peter's, Cross Hills
Sun 18 10.30 am **Harvest Festival All Age Worship**: Rev Rosemary Nash
Sun 18 11.30-1.00 **Coffee & Cakes** - Fundraising for Ronald + meet Rosemary
Fri 23 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening** + Fish & Chip Supper

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£27,772 has been raised so far from donations, promises and gift aid for the church/community fundraising appeal (target £33,500) - bringing the total amount raised/promised to date for the whole project to **£155,600** (total cost £260,000). Details and photos of the latest successful events can be found inside this Newsletter.

We are delighted to report the receipt of our first charitable trust grant at the end of May - £3,450 from the Allchurches Trust. Other grant applications are at various stages in the application cycle and we look forward to the next successful one.

Building Regulations Approval for our Building Extension came through last month and the Architect is now drawing up the detailed plans ready to go out to tender. We are now very hopeful that the building work can start next Easter.

Donations and Promises to the **Mission Possible Appeal Fund** are always welcome - just complete the form in the **Appeal Leaflet**.

