

OAKWORTH



METHODIST CHURCH



June 2017 Newsletter



Looking up Bingley five-rise locks on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. The May Wednesday Club walk took us from Morton Lane to the top.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I had prepared something else for the Newsletter. However, as we all awoke this morning it was clear that a dark and heavy cloud has been cast over all our hearts since the tragic horrors in Manchester last night.

My emotions are vying for attention. I feel anger against the perpetrators of this heartless murder of innocents, and deep sorrow that ideologies can become so warped that they are seen as justification for such dreadful acts.

I am finding the words of Jesus in Matthew 5 v 23 very challenging: *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."*

I am also mindful of the words of Galatians 3 v 28: *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* So I don't see those who died as strangers - but as my own sisters, brothers, father, mother, children, and friends.

My heart is with the bereaved, with the families who are left shaken and devastated by the loss of their loved ones. I am filled with gratitude and awe for the bravery shown by the tireless men and women of our emergency services, I am overwhelmed with admiration for the everyday people who became our heroes last night.

I give thanks for the love and the unity that has been pouring forth and bringing everyone together in our time of grief. I am moved by all the kindness and compassion shown by the people of Manchester, who have been opening their homes for those who can't reach their own. Strangers offering a bed for the night, or a lift home in the early hours of the morning.

Manchester is a great and resilient city. It has survived horrors before. It is surviving again now.

While the wounds are healing, and the lost are being honoured, there must always be hope. It is what guides us and glues us together, giving us strength in our shared humanity.



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A prayer for Manchester

Loving and compassionate God
On another day when horror and
violence are seen
This time on our own shores rather
than far off
Take from us the desire to act in anger
Turn our hearts to compassion for the
injured and bereaved
Turn our faces to justice and peace
Our minds to right-thinking and right-
responses

Mothering Sunday



Barbara Walls led our Mothering Sunday Parade Service this year, during which these prayer flowers were created and the young people distributed daffodils to all the ladies.

After the Service, most folk stayed for Coffee & Cakes and further fellowship, donating £170 in support of Ronald's education in Uganda. Thank you!

Ronald recently wrote to thank us for his Christmas Gift and he says, "I love you so much". His annual report says, "Ronald is a brilliant boy. He



would be performing well if his health was stable. He is a jolly kid and loves his mother so much. He is living a positive life and he is on ARVs (HIV treatment). His mother is very grateful for all that you do for her son. God bless you."

Thank you

Rosemary has only been 'our Minister' for nine months but we thank her for her encouragement, enthusiasm, care and concern; for her storytelling, her sense of humour and for being there when needed. May God richly bless her as she moves to Sunderland in August



This morning I have been reminded of the words of the Persian poet Shams Tabriz who said, "*The universe is a complete unique entity. Everything and everyone is bound together with some invisible strings. Do not break anyone's heart; do not look down on weaker than you. One's sorrow at the other side of the world can make the entire world suffer; one's happiness can make the entire world smile.*"

I feel the pain of last night, and I also feel the hope of human solidarity. Our hearts are bound together, and we will carry each other through.

In Christ,

Rosemary X

May Your peace:

A peace the world so often mistakes for weakness

A peace the world so often fails to understand

Be with those affected by Manchester's loss and pain

And strengthen our resolve to stand for all that is right Amen

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



The Appeal Fundraising highlight of last quarter was the Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert in April. Including the choir, there were over 150 in church enjoying the singing and £625 was raised.

The Lees Ladies' Craft Stall at the Spring Market was a colourful sight. £155 was raised from the stall and the sale of some items afterwards.

Another 3 Film Evenings raised a total of £395, with average audiences of 33 people enjoying "Night at the Museum 3", "Alice through the Looking Glass" & "The BFG".

Roman Originals' latest outfits were showcased at the Ladies' Group Fashion Show in March, raising £177.

The Wednesday Club K2 talk raised £56; Oakworth Pre-School donated £120 from their Spring Family Fair; KYDZ Youth Theatre donated £20 from their Spring Show and other donations of £125 were received.

Thanks for all the support.



MISSION POSSIBLE UPDATE

The **Mission Possible** Building Project

- Tenders received last October were much higher than expected – mainly due to the restricted access at the rear of the building where the annexe will be added.
- The last few months have been spent on a complex value-engineering exercise to reduce the cost of the project to a more acceptable level without compromising what we set out to achieve.
- Our architect completed a new set of plans using a more cost-effective building process and left out the proposed solar panels, as the feed-in tariff no longer provides a reasonable return on the investment.
- We believe we have managed to reduce the total project cost from over £608,000 to around **£425,000** – a significant saving of over 30%. We await the outcome of the re-tendering to confirm this.
- We are still in good heart in spite of the set-back and delay. The aim is still for the building work to commence at Easter 2018, for completion in late Summer 2018.
- Church Council have confirmed the new budget figure so the business plan can be completed and submission of large grant applications to the Arts Council and other major charitable grant making bodies will follow.
- Finding this level of funding will not be easy but I take heart from stories of other churches that have successfully completed large costly building projects and our own experience with previous projects. We believe that God will continue to provide if we move forward in faith.
- We need look no further than the wonderful response to the **Mission Possible Appeal** as evidence of this. The public Appeal was not launched until October 2015 but almost £30,000 had already been donated locally prior to that as well as the two substantial bequests totalling over £60,000.
- The public Appeal has so far raised over £50,000 from fundraising and donations/promises (personal and local groups/businesses), bringing the total figure for fundraising and donations since the inception of the project to over £80,000. Incredible but true! Included in that are the following:
- Paul Reynard, a local company director, has recently confirmed an offer to supply modern low-energy light fittings to replace all the present church lights and fit out the new annexe free of charge. This is a cost saving of several thousand pounds and we gratefully accept the offer.
- We also thank Keith Howarth who has offered to make a new Communion Table and Communion Rails as part of his contribution to **Mission Possible**, saving us over £1,000.
- Thank you to everyone for your support thus far – do please keep us in your prayers as we move forward in faith.



News Snippets

In memoriam

We commend Tyson Mather and Ken Brook into God's hands, assuring relatives and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy.

Wednesday Club

We all enjoyed the K2 photographs & talk in April and the walk along the canal from Morton Lane to Bingley five-rise locks last month. We look forward to the Playhouse Tour, a walk round Yeadon Tarn and Beetle Drive fundraising - do join us if you are able.



Spring Market

Thanks for your support at the Spring Market in April. Sadly, takings were well down at £560 but everyone enjoyed the fellowship and lunch.

Luncheon Club

Another crisis has been averted as we welcome new cook Nicola Bower onto the Team. Lunch Club celebrates its 21st Anniversary in September!

Kool Kids

Jo and Peter lead this popular new group for 8-13 year olds fortnightly on Mondays with table games, crafts and some Christian input. Do give it a try!

Pantomime News

The Pantomime Party was enjoyed by all as we watched the **Sinbad the Sailor** video out-takes and joined in the games and dancing with great enthusiasm.

Audition Workshops for **Little Tommy Tucker** went really well and main roles have been cast. Auditions for Dame's Pupils & new cast members take place this month. David has started work on updating the script and everyone is looking forward to the rehearsals starting in the Autumn!

Little Tommy Tucker

10th-17th February 2018

another exciting pantomime adventure



32nd Oakworth Methodist Pantomime



Don't forget to order your Sinbad the Sailor DVD - only £8

The New Priest Word Search

The new Priest was so nervous at his first mass that he could hardly speak. Before the second week in the pulpit he asked the Bishop how he could relax. The Bishop said, "Next week, put some vodka in the water pitcher. After a few sips, everything should run smoothly."

The next Sunday, the new priest put the suggestion into practice and was able to talk up a storm and felt just great. Upon returning to the rectory, however, he found a note from the Bishop ...

- Next time sip your drink, rather than gulp.
- Next week there is a taffy pulling contest at St. Peters, not a Peter pulling contest at St. Taffys.
- There are 10 Commandments, not 12.
- There are 12 Disciples, not 10.
- David slew Goliath, he didn't kick the living daylights out of him.
- The recommended way of saying grace is not Rub-a-dub-dub, thanks for the grub, Yea God!"
- We do not refer to Jesus Christ and his Apostles as "J.C. and the boys."
- We do not refer to the cross as "The Big T."
- Last but not least, we do not refer to the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost as "Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook."

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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 APPEAL

Mission Possible Evening of Brass Band Music with Silsden Town Band



Saturday 10th June 7.30 pm at Oakworth Methodist Church

Tickets £6 (inc Tea and Biscuits) from Madeline ☎642610 or David ☎215784
... or pay on the door ... or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org

Mission Possible Family Film Evening

Eddie the Eagle (2016)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 23rd June 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal



All Age Pantomime Praise Service

Sunday 25th June 10.30 am

Led by David & the Panto Team

Featuring brief excerpts from the Pantomime

followed by

Mission Possible Coffee and Cakes in the Hall

Do stay for refreshments and a chat

Donations towards the Mission Possible Appeal



Village Gala



Saturday 1st 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

Mission Possible Family Film Evening

La La Land (2016)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 14th July 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

An American Oscar-winning romantic musical film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone as a jazz pianist and an aspiring actress who meet and fall in love in Los Angeles.

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Mission Possible Beetle Drive + Pie & Pea Supper

Wednesday 16th August 7.00 pm - Oakworth Methodist Church

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

Mission Possible Evening of Music from the 50s+60s

with the **KYDZ Youth Theatre Band**

Retro Echo

Saturday 2nd September 7.30 pm

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

Audience members are encouraged to come in dress from that period

Tickets will be available from KYDZ Members or David ☎215784 or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org

Proceeds towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- Jun** 4 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
11 10.30 am Rev Marc Pattern
4.00 pm **Circuit Easter Offering Service** - Kly Shared Church
18 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls - **includes Holy Communion**
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service** - Christ Church
25 10.30 am **All Age Pantomime Praise Service**
- led by David and the Panto Team
- Jul** 2 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
9 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter
16 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan -
UNITED SERVICE - at Exley Head Methodist Church
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service** - Christ Church
23 10.30 am Rev Jennifer Lunn
30 10.30 am Rev Rosemary Nash - **includes Baptism**
This will be Rosemary's final Service in the Airedale Circuit
- Aug** 6 10.30 am Rev Ruth Crompton - **includes Holy Communion -**
UNITED SERVICE with Exley Head at Oakworth
13 10.30 am Mr Michael Webster
20 10.30 am Rev David Cooke
6.30 pm **Ecumenical Heartbeat Service** - Christ Church
27 10.30 am Rev Alan Raine



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 23rd to September 3rd inclusive



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed 25th July to 29th August inclusive)

JUNE 2017

Fri 2 7.45 pm Wednesday Club - Playhouse Tour
Sat 3 10.30 am Garden Gang - tidying Church grounds
Thu 8 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Sat 10 7.30 pm **Mission Possible Silsden Town Band Concert**
Mon 12 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
Mon 12 7.30 pm Circuit Consultation - Cowling Methodist Church
Tue 13 6.00-7.30 **Panto Praise Rehearsal - in Church**
Tue 13 7.30-8.00 **Little Tommy Tucker: Dame's Pupil Auditions**
Fri 16 10.00 am Friendship Group - Sewing Days Cafe
Thu 22 6.00-7.00 **Panto Praise Rehearsal - in Church**
Thu 22 7.00-8.00 **Little Tommy Tucker: New Cast Auditions - 8-9s**
Fri 23 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**
Sun 25 11.30 am **Mission Possible Coffee & Cakes: after Panto Praise**

JULY 2017

Sat 1 2.00 pm **Village Gala**
Sun 9, 16 or 23 ?? **Barbecue - at Milner Bank, Newsholme**
Wed 12 7.00 pm Wednesday Club Walk - Yeadon Tarn + Fish & Chips
Thu 13 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Fri 14 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**
Mon 17 5.30pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
Fri 21 10.00 am Friendship Group - Sewing Days Cafe
Fri21+Sat22 7.15 pm **KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show**

AUGUST 2017

Wed 16 7.00 pm WedClub **Mission Possible Beetle Drive + Pie&Peas**
Fri 18 10.00 am Friendship Group - Sewing Days Cafe

SEPTEMBER 2017

Fri 1 7.00 pm **Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Barbara Fairburn - Cullingworth**
Sat 2 7.30 pm **Mission Possible KYDZ Band Concert: Music from the 50s+60s**
Sun 10 All day **Yorkshireman Marathon - Haworth**
Mon 11 5.30pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s**
Thu 14 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**

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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations since the inception of Mission Possible have now reached £80,075, bringing the total project amount secured to date to £183,030. Details of these figures can be found on the charts at church.

The Local Co-op Community Fund have adopted one aspect of Mission Possible (under the title 'Oakworth Methodist Pantomime Facilities Upgrade') as one of their chosen charities to support over the next six months. Please visit our profile page to see how to support this: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/6678/>

As the value-engineering exercise finally comes to an end, we have managed to reduce the total project cost by over 30% to £425,000. Turn to page 5 of this Newsletter for more information on the story so far as we begin working towards this new target figure.

Donations to the Mission Possible Appeal are always welcome.

