

OAKWORTH



METHODIST CHURCH



June 2018 Newsletter

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**



The Dream is Alive!

Pastoral Letter



Dear friends,

In the two weeks leading up to Pentecost, Rev Barbara Glasson, vice chair of the Yorkshire West Methodist District and leader of Touchstone Centre in Bradford, walked along the canal towpath all the way from Liverpool to Leeds on a pilgrimage of peace, sharing messages of hope with people she met on the way. As she passed through our circuit some of us went to join her. We set out in good spirits, on a lovely sunny day, to walk from Silsden to Bingley. We hadn't gone far before we came across a large sign which said 'Towpath closed'. Not the most promising of starts! We didn't need to worry though: we had with us a guide, who was able to point us to a place further along the canal where we could pick up our route. The diversion led us on a path none of us had walked before. As we waved goodbye to our guide, we confessed that we had no idea where we were going, only that, if we got it right, we would end up in a farmyard and find some steps leading up to the canal.

The diversion took us along lanes lined with hawthorn, past flocks of sheep and very inquisitive lambs, to a field where a very wobbly, newly born calf was struggling to find its feet. We stopped to watch as it tottered around and used its mother as a leaning post when it needed a rest. It's good to have someone to lean on when things aren't going as you expected! There was great rejoicing when we reached the farmyard at the end of the road, until we found ourselves faced with a choice of paths. Which one lead to the canal? A white van came up behind us. A hand came out of the van window and pointed to the middle path, as a disembodied voice called: 'It's that way!' We followed without stopping to ask how he knew where we were heading and there, sure enough, were the steps we'd been looking for: we'd reached the canal and we were back on track.

The path of life doesn't always lead us the way we had expected, but no matter where we find ourselves, we can be assured that God is never far away. God sends guides to point us in the right direction, companions to share the journey, and messages of hope, love, joy and peace for us to find in unexpected places along the way. We just have to learn to look out for them, instead of hurrying past and trying to go it alone.

Wherever life's journey takes you this summer, may you find hope and encouragement in the signs of God's presence in the world around you and share his peace with those you meet on the way.



Every blessing!

Barbara

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News Snippets

Pre-School

Congratulations to Hazel Richmond on her appointment as Pre-School Manager. Hazel has a wealth of experience working with young children but the Pre-School age group is her passion and she is really excited to be in this role. She is married with two children - husband Matthew is one of Peter's old school friends who appeared in our pantomimes many years ago!!

We look forward to working with her.

Finance Update

Many thanks to those who responded to the plea for help in covering the projected deficit in this year's revenue accounts. Additional donations, increases in regular giving and paying the insurance premium monthly instead of annually all contributed to getting us back on an even keel.

Mothering Sunday

Representatives from Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers boosted the congregation at our Mothering Sunday Parade Service, led by Chris Holmes. The children distributed daffodils to all the ladies present and took some for their mothers too.



Ronald in Uganda

The latest thank you letter and report confirm that Ronald's health and school progress have improved dramatically this year now he is on food supplements.



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MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



Several successful events have helped boost the **Mission Possible** total by over £2,000 this quarter. Three Film Evenings brought in a magnificent £883 - 103 people came to see 'Paddington 2', 79 came to 'The Greatest Showman' and just 10 came for 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi'! All 3 great films were enjoyed by all - as were the fish and chips in the intervals! (We have now eaten our way through over £2550 of fish and chips at 26 Film Evenings and we are indebted to Oxford Fisheries for making up the orders so quickly each month)! The Wednesday Club 'Sound of Music' Singalong Evening added £95 to the pot, the Lees Ladies' Coffee Morning and Craft stalls raised £490, the Ladies' Group Haworth Ukulele Group Concert made £176, KYDZ Youth Theatre donated £60 from their Spring Show, Pre-School gave us a £100 donation from Aviva and other donations added £288 to the grand total. Thanks again for all the support.



Many of you will have seen the report in the Keighley News on 10th May confirming that, after several years of preparatory work, our exciting **Mission Possible Project** is finally ready for lift off. Sufficient funds are now in place to appoint the contractors once the tenders have been confirmed at the end of May. Building work is scheduled to commence in July, for completion in October. Local tradesmen such as decorators and carpet fitters will then move in to put the finishing touches to the premises. The hope is that the whole project will be complete by the end of November.

Just to remind you all, we plan to add a two storey Annexe to the rear of the building to bring everything under one roof and improve the layout of the existing church premises at a cost of £425,000:

- To make the church more visible and welcoming with a new front entrance facing the main road, with improved parking and enhanced finishes internally.
- To remodel the Sanctuary area to improve access/use of space and provide new multi-purpose staging to create more flexibility for All Age Worship and more creative dance and drama productions.
- To create designated safe storage space for church and community users to enable it to meet Fire Risk / Health & Safety regulations.
- To enable more flexibility in available room space for existing and new user groups with kitchen and toilet facilities at both sides of the building.
- To ensure safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children through sensible segregation when the building is in use by multiple users at the same time.
- To improve Pre-School facilities/security to meet Ofsted requirements and facilitate up to 30 hours per week provision.
- To reduce our carbon footprint and costs with Solar PV, LED lights and heating controls.

Extensive discussions held with Church and Community groups helped to put together this package to address needs identified by both Church and community. The response has been tremendous, with £377,245 already secured towards the cost. A staggering £87,760 has so far been raised locally through donations and fundraising. The Methodist Church has contributed £156,000 from National, District and local Circuit funds. Over £70,000 has been pledged to date by external charitable organisations and £63,500 has come from bequests.

We are hoping that 5 outstanding grant applications and further fundraising will enable us to reach the target by the end of the Summer. Meanwhile preferential loan facilities and guarantees are in the process of being arranged in case the current £48,500 shortfall is not fully covered by the end of the project.

We are so grateful to everyone for their wonderful support!



MISSION POSSIBLE DIARY

The church front door will not be accessible once the contractors arrive on site. Please use the Hall door round the other side of the building until the work is finished.

Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Toilets will be in use as normal whilst the work progresses.

From 3rd June, Worship will take place in the Lounge/Reception area as preparations begin for the building work.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the long list of tasks we have set ourselves to complete during the 2 week school holidays - including moving countless boxes and items, building screens/shelving, painting, digging up/potting plants, etc. The list is summarised below. See the poster on the screen at the back of Church for more details. Please let David or Peter know when you are available to help and what with. Thanks.

Monday 28 May (Spring Bank Holiday): 10.00am onwards

Empty all storeroom shelves (high and low-level) into Hall

De-construct wooden shelving in all stores

Carry all stage, scenery and flooring from outside store into Church

De-mount all backdrops and frontdrops from above stage

Dismantle suspended ceilings in various areas

Strip wall paper in Church

Tuesday 29 May: 10.00am onwards (help needed with lifting/holding)

Construct temporary partition wall in Hall for duration of works

Paint partition wall and move cupboards in front of it

Wednesday 30 May: 10.00am onwards (as above)

Construct new storeroom in Church for duration of works:

Three 12' high partition walls with floor-to-ceiling shelving in Church

Thursday/Friday/Saturday: Flexible based on progress & availability

Finish shelving in new Church Store

Transfer everything from old storerooms into new Church Store

Saturdays 2+9 June: 10.30am onwards

Garden Days: Digging up and potting plants from Church gardens, ready for plant sale.

Empty outside stage store into Church and dismantle shelving etc

W/c Monday 4 June: Days and times flexible upon availability

This week, everything in the four rooms at the back of church needs completely gutting to leave an empty shell:

Carpets, curtains, cupboards, sink, water heaters, radiators, doors/frames, skirts, window sills, notice boards, sockets, switches, pipework ... and 2 stud partition walls to dismantle



The Manufacturer's Way Word Search

Derek had been seconded to the Health & Safety department of a local council. It was based in an old mansion-style house with a huge chandelier in the front hall. Once a year the hall was cordoned off, scaffolding was erected and staff members would climb up to dust and check this beautiful ornament. The staff had all been on a scaffolding safety course and they all had the required hard-hats and safety harnesses. A health and safety expert would supervise to make sure they weren't taking any unnecessary risks. It was a very expensive and complex operation.

Then Derek found a box with a large handle in it. Naturally curious, he looked up and observed that the handle belonged to - the mechanism that would lower the chandelier to within inches of the floor. Thereafter, this was used to lower the chandelier for cleaning, saving the council a lot of money.

Some time later, Derek was speaking to one of the Health & Safety guys, who was surprisingly unimpressed. "Our way worked fine," he muttered. "Yeah," Derek agreed, "but the manufacturer's way worked better".

It's a truth that applies to more than just chandeliers. If you want to make a difference in the world, or even in your own life, you could try doing it your way, but the manufacturer's way will always be better. So, why not ask God's opinion first? Jesus is the handle that keeps the whole world turning. So don't put Him away in a box, once you've found Him, hold on to Him!

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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!





Saturday 23rd June

2.00-4.30 pm

Cream Teas & Plant Stall

at Oakworth Methodist Church

Proceeds for Church Funds

All Age Pantomime Praise Service

Sunday 24th June 10.30 am

**Led by Rev Barbara Fairburn,
Jo Dolman & 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



**Little Tommy
Tucker**



Mission Possible Family Film Evening

Darkest Hour (2017) (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 29th June 6.30 pm

on the big screen at

Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its empire.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

Sunday 1st July 10.30 am All Age Worship

The Morning Service from the Methodist Conference in Nottingham will be relayed on our big screen.

Friends from other churches will be joining us.

Village Gala

Saturday 7th July

2.00 pm: Procession leaves Lane Ends

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



Sunday 15th July 10.30 am

We are delighted to welcome back

Rev Stacey Fischer Gehring

to lead our Morning Service

Stacey, Geoff, Evie & Carys are spending a week's holiday in Stacey's favourite place - West Yorkshire!!

Come and meet the family at worship - and/or over coffee and cakes 11.30am - 1.30pm

Mission Possible Family Film Evening

Peter Rabbit (2018) (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 28th September 6.30 pm

on the big screen

at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Feature adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic tale of a rebellious rabbit trying to sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden.

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Sunday Worship



A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together

- June** 3 10.30 am Rev Terry Porter - **with Holy Communion**
10 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan
17 10.30 am Mrs Glenda Coogan - **United Service at Exley Head**
24 10.30 am **All Age Pantomime Praise Service** -
led by Rev Barbara Fairburn, Jo Dolman & the Panto Team
11.30 am **Mission Possible Coffee & Cakes** in the Hall
- July** 1 10.30 am **Morning Service from Methodist Conference in Nottingham will be relayed on our big screen - All Age Worship**
8 10.30 am Mrs Chris Holmes
15 10.30 am **Rev Stacey Fischer Gehring** - All Age Worship
11.30-1.30 Refreshments in the Hall when friends from other Churches will join us to catch up with Stacey, Geoff and the family
22 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **with Holy Communion**
29 10.30 am Local Arrangement Service based on the theme:
'Walk with me' Circuit Pilgrimage
4.00 pm 'Walk with me' Circuit Pilgrimage Service
at Bingley Methodist Church
- Aug** 5 10.30 am Mrs Irene Mitchell - **Reader's Service**
12 10.30 am Mr David Clark
19 10.30 am Mr Maurice Baren
26 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **with Holy Communion** -
United Service at Exley Head



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 29th to September 2nd inclusive



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Diary Dates



Tuesdays 12.15 pm Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
(closed from July during the *Mission Possible* building work)

JUNE 2018

All month various see **Mission Possible Diary on page 6**
Mon 4 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall**
Fri 8 10.00-12.00 **Family Fun Time - in Church Hall**
Tue 12 5.00-7.00 **Panto Praise Rehearsal - in Church Hall**
Thu 14 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Fri 15 10.00 am Friendship Group: Visit Dove Cottage Nursery, Halifax
Mon 18 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall**
Tue 19 5.30-6.45 **Panto Praise Rehearsal - in Church Hall**
Tue 19 6.45-7.30 **Old Mother Hubbard: New Cast Auditions - in Hall**
Wed 20 6.30 pm Wednesday Club - Yeadon Tarn Walk + Fish & Chips
Sat 23 2.00-4.30 **Cream Teas & Plant Sale - for Church Funds**
Fri 29 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**

JULY 2018

Mon 2 5.30 pm **Kool Kids - Table Games, Crafts, etc for 8-13s - Hall**
Wed 4 2.00 pm Wednesday Club Garden Visit: The Grange, Carleton
Sat 7 2.00 pm **Village Gala**
Tue 10 7.30 pm Circuit Consultation - St Andrews, Cowling
Thu 12 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Fri 20 10.00 am Friendship Group - Exley Head Lounge
Fri20+Sat21 7.15 pm **KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show - Exley Head**

AUGUST 2018

Wed 15 7.00 pm Wednesday Club - Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds
Fri 17 10.00 am Friendship Group - Exley Head Lounge
Sun 12, 19 or 26 ?? **Barbecue - at Milner Bank, Newsholme**

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun 9 All day **Yorkshireman Marathon - Haworth**
Thu 13 3.15 pm **Messy Church - in Church Hall**
Sun 16 10.30 am **Harvest Festival All Age Worship**
Wed 19 2.00 pm Wednesday Club - Bowling Night at Shipley Bowl
Fri 21 10.00 am Friendship Group - Exley Head Lounge
Fri 28 6.30 pm **Mission Possible Film Evening + Fish & Chip Supper**

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We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations have now reached £87,760, bringing the total amount secured to date to £377,245. Almost 89% of the budget is now covered.

Two further grant pledges totalling £35,000 were received in April and the Yorkshire West Methodist District confirmed that their £8,600 grant has been increased to £25,000. We are awaiting responses from five other Trusts/Foundations over the next few months and hope these will cover the remainder of the budget.

Final consent has been received for us to appoint contractors as soon as the tenders have been confirmed at the end of May. We are now hoping that preparatory building works will be able to commence in June, with a July start date for the contractors.

