

You are all invited to The Silsden Manse Garden Party. This will be held on Thursday August 18th 2-4pm and 6.30-8pm. Offers of scones to serve cream teas will be gladly received and there will be a bring and buy stall. Whilst more of a social occasion in the summer months, any proceeds raised will go to "The Lord Mayor's Appeal" which is for YoungMinds. This is a UK leading charity committed to improving the emotional well-being and mental health of children and young people.

Kath's Coffee Day
Thursday August 18th from 10.30am - 4.30pm, and 6.30 - 9pm held at Sowden's Cottage, at Upper Marsh between Haworth and Marsh. All the proceeds go to Manorlands. It is a major event in the calendar, and has raised thousands of pounds for their work.

Saturday 22nd October, The Eldwick Church.
Concert by a local ukulele group and two local male singers. Please make a note of the date in your diary. More details next month.

From the Superintendent's Desk

Dear Friends,

They used to say that August was a slower month in the world of the church and ministry. People are often away on holiday, activities within the church shut for the season and even worship sometimes seems a little sparse in attendance. Well those of you who are observant will have noticed the "used to say"! August so far has proved to be quite busy. With members of staff moving on and three new members of staff moving in, preparing manses and workloads is proving to make August busier than usual. I want to express my thanks to the Circuit Property team and in particular to William Jowitt who has worked as project manager at the Fellwood Manse which has had a considerable amount of work done on it. Thank you to Paul Squires for all his hard work painting the properties and anyone else who has put time and energy into making the manses for David and Jackie the best they can be.

My summer so far began well with our two week holiday but I was to return and within a couple of days find myself housebound after a dancing incident. I use the word incident rather than accident in that at the tender age of 55 years I should have more sense than be doing high kicks! Fortunately the damage was less severe than initially thought. In the past few weeks when I have been unable to drive and been very unsteady on my feet my computer has been my closest work colleague. It does mean that I have almost caught up on lots of paperwork, but I have felt somewhat isolated. Thanks to everyone who has either sent a card, rung or dropped flowers off, you really are a caring lot.

There is a wonderful children's story book called "Jesus' day off". Feeling exhausted, Jesus goes to the doctor who orders him to take a day off. He does but in so doing gets even more despondent as he feels he should be out and about healing people, teaching and preaching. It isn't until God points out to him later in conversation that where he played Frisbee with his halo the trees are laden now with fruit, where he did cartwheels living water springs have popped up and where he rode by on his donkey people were healed. It is a lovely story illustrating that we need rest to recuperate and that even when we don't think we are having an effect we may truly be changing a person's life through the power of God.

So over the summer, or what is left of it, take time to relax, don't underestimate the power of God in your life and remember to count your blessings daily.

God Bless until September.

Ruth

Diary Dates August

13 Farnhill Fellowship Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in Farnhill Institute

18 2-4pm & 6.30-8pm Ruth and Gerald's Manse Garden Party. All welcome.

18 10.30-4.30, 6.30-9pm Kath's Garden Party Sowden Farm, Haworth

29 Haworth Methodist Chapel 10.30am - 2pm. Mini-Mart—morning coffee & light lunches, plus a selection of stalls. Any interested stallholders please enquire from Hazel Bancroft 01535 646038

31 Revd Louise Makin's Welcome service at Antley Methodist Church Accrington in The West Pennine Moors Circuit (Post Code BB5 0DE), 7.30pm

September

5 Local Preachers Meeting at Lees Methodist Church 7.30pm

6 The Airedale Circuit Welcome Service for Revd David McAloon, Deacon Jackie Fowler and Ms Jo Dolman - Youth, Children and Family Worker. At Bingley Methodist at 7pm

11 Rev Ann Fox Welcome service at Starbeck Methodist 93 High Street, Starbeck, Harrogate, HG2 7LH in the Nidd Valley Methodist Circuit at 3pm

We are still short of collectors for the Action for Children collection in Morrisons Supermarket on 10th August - any offers of just 1 hour would be extremely welcome. Also, most unexpectedly we now have the opportunity to collect in Sainsburys on 30th Sept. - again just 1 hour, please. Please phone Judith or Maurice Baren to see the gaps - 01535 643100.

My name is Joanne Dolman - the new Youth, Children and Family worker. I originate from Bath, from a large family. I have worked a lot with children, as a Nursery nurse, a Teacher's Assistant with special needs children and volunteering at an orphanage in Kenya. At my last church, Halmer End Methodist in Staffordshire, I helped with all children's activities, including Brownies, the youth club and toddler group. I was a church steward, a Messy Church Leader and a church godparent. I have a BA honours degree in Mission and Ministry. Interesting fact: I skydived from 10,000 feet to raise funds for Parkinson's. I am looking forward to becoming part of the team and community.



Joanne Dolman - Circuit Youth, Children & Family Worker

Hello, My name is David McAloon. I am a new Probationer Presbyterian. I will be living with my wife, Carol and our daughter Grace in the Ridgeway Mount Manse in Keighley. I am 50 and come from the North East. My work background is as a health care assistant in theatre and I've been a Local Preacher and Church Steward for many years. I describe myself as an encourager and enabler, but that does not mean that I don't have ideas of my own. My worship style could be described as mostly traditional and sacramental, however I sometimes like to try new ideas and music. I am greatly looking forward to working with you all.



(More next month when we introduce you to Deacon Jackie, and some other new members of staff.)

The Airedale Circuit says "Farewell"...

The last Sunday in July saw our Circuit farewell to all those who were moving on. For one member of staff, Sandie, it marked the beginning of her retirement from the Active ministry. Sandie is not moving too far away and those of us who attend Synod may well get to see her as she will still be residing in The West Yorkshire District. Thanks to all who came to say farewell, we did them proud.



The closing date for the post of full-time church worker is August 12th...it is not too late to apply...see Circuit website for details or contact Ruth Crompton.

A challenge for all those who never know what to do with their Sunday evenings.

For the next three Sunday evenings (6pm on August 7th, 14th and 21st at Silsden Methodist) we will be looking at some of the books out there that you might have read or think of reading over the summer. We will take them and explore what they have to say to us in the real world, not the world of words on a page, or imagination but of living and of faith. You don't need to have read the books but the themes under exploration will be: assisted dying, domestic violence and step-sisters (relationships). Books under scrutiny are The Secret of Happiness -Lucy Diamond, Perfect Match -Jodi Picoult and Me Before You- Jojo Moyes.

**Mission Possible Evening of
Big Band Music**

**with Gerry & the Hattricks
and vocals from Michaela Smith**

**Friday 2nd September 7.30 pm
at Oakworth Methodist Church**

Tickets £6 including Tea and Biscuits
from Madeline ☎642610 or David ☎215784
or email DHowarth@OakworthMethodists.org
or book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org



Please submit any items for the September newsletter by Monday August 22nd to Gerald Crompton (Editor) news@airedalemethodists.org or 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road, Silsden Keighley BD20 0BN. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to Gerald.