

Dear Friends

Last year we walked the circuit. The pilgrimage began in January amidst wind and snow and has ended with a number of our churches considering how they might develop their prayer life, introducing times of prayer before coffee mornings, having prayer meetings and one church has introduced a rather impressive prayer tree! The journey through 2018 has been one of listening and discerning. So what now where might we find God leading us? I know that Rev Dr Barbara Glasson's presidential year is going to have the theme of story and it would be good to explore story a little more around the circuit. What is the story of your church, your community your own story? Each of us has a story to tell and when we share together our stories we become more connected. This year Penny will be inviting each church to contribute to the Circuit Newsletter something of your story in the present moment as a means of us learning about each other. So I hope throughout this year we may continue to share stories together and explore the next chapter in the life of The Airedale Circuit. So here is a prayer to set us on our way.

As we share our stories
Tell tales of long ago
and listen to adventure in the here and now
may we hear the voice of God
intertwined within our story.
Just as Jesus told stories about God
encourage us to step out in faith
to share stories of our God
and God's touch upon our lives
throughout our neighbourhoods
and in our churches
this we ask in the name of
Jesus Christ. Amen

Happy New Year

Ruth

Diary Dates for January

Tuesday 8 January

Toddler Praise at Silsden 9.15–9.45 am

Tuesday 15 January

Toast, Tea and Toddler Praise at
Steeton Methodist Church
9.15–9.45 am

Tuesday 15 January GIFT Circuit Youth Fellowship starts back after the Christmas break with a social event at 6 pm

Wednesday 16th January at 4.30 pm
Circuit Executive Meeting

FEBRUARY REMINDERS

4th February Local Preachers Meeting at Exley Head

5th February Circuit Leadership Team Meeting

Lees Methodist Church - Meeting Point

This fairly new group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons. We meet at 1.45 for 2pm. 8th January Chris Bown from Salvation Army—'Meeting Society's Needs'. All very welcome

As a reminder **Lees Methodist Church** have a regular Coffee Morning on the first Saturday of every month. All welcome

Tea, Toast & Toddler Praise Next meeting Tuesday 15 January 2019 at Steeton 9.15-10.15 then monthly on the third Tuesday. Contact Jo Dolman for more details.



FAMILY FUN



MORNING

7TH January

*Play Games!
Have Fun!*

10:00am-12:00pm

Silsden Methodist Church



WELL DONE TO THE ACTION FOR CHILDREN STORE COLLECTORS

The recent store collection held on 7th December at Sainsburys, Keighley in aid of Action for Children raised a magnificent £514.07. 14 collectors were involved, who represented seven of our circuit's churches. Thanks are extended to all who stood there collecting, and to all who gave. Well done everyone.

Hello

First of all a very Happy New Year to you all.

I have now been in the Circuit for 3 months as Circuit Administrator and whilst I have had heard and seen many names I have yet to meet many of you. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. I live in the Eccleshill area of Bradford and worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church at Undercliffe, where I am Church Secretary and produce the weekly notice sheets. I also organise the Sunday morning coffee rota and help lead the Sunday morning Youth Sessions once a month.



I am Mum (and other words) to Kathryn who is 21 and away at University in Manchester most of the time. She is studying Musical Theatre.

In my spare time I love theatre, cinema and walking. I have been walking the length of the Leeds Liverpool Canal in stages and have about 40 miles still to do. God willing I will complete this in 2019 and then it will be on to another walking project. I hope to meet with more of you soon, and look forward to reading your stories as Ruth mentions. In the meantime I wish every success to all churches in 2019. I would like to thank **Gerald Crompton** for all his hard work in preparing the newsletter for the time he has. I am sure that you all appreciate all he has done. Penny Moon

The Methodist Church  Yorkshire West Young People's Network
Creating a better and more joyful world for children and young people

TRAMPOLINING

for young people aged 11-19
at Adrenaline Trampolining,
Liversedge

To book please return a booking form by Friday 13th January, along with your payment to:
YWYPN Trampolining, Yorkshire West District Office,
19 Wentworth Court, Rastrick, Brighouse, HD6 3XD

Where: Adrenaline Trampolining,
22-26 Halifax Rd, Liversedge WF15 6JQ

When: Saturday 26th January 2019

Time: meet at 3.30pm, for trampolining at 4,
finish at 6pm

What: share food, meet new people,
play games, go trampolining!

Cost: £15 per person

For more information contact Laura Tunnacliffe on
07531819106 or youth@ywmethodist.org.uk

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33rd Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

Old Mother Hubbard



a Wild West pantomime adventure on our new stage!

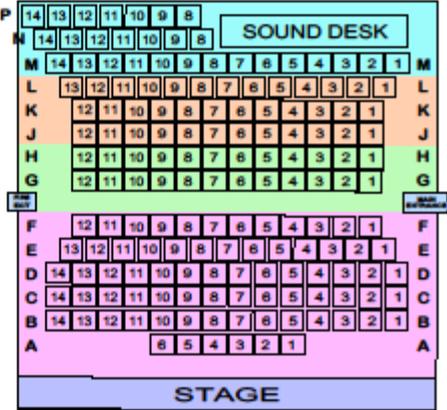
7pm Saturday 16th Feb, Monday 18th Feb
Evening Tuesday 19th Feb, Wednesday 20th Feb
Shows: Friday 22nd Feb & Saturday 23rd Feb

2pm Matinees: on both Saturdays

Seating Plan

with extra seats this year!

Adults £8.00,
Children £6.00,
Senior Citizens £7.00



Book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org
or ring Peter Howarth ☎07968 618312

Tickets on sale from 2nd January 2019

Please contact Jo Dolman as soon as possible if you wish to go on the above Trampolining event so that she can arrange transport

Please send items for the February newsletter by Monday 21 January to Penny Moon, Circuit Administrator office@airedalemethodists.org or 01535 653842 or post to 80 Kirkgate, Silsden Keighley BD20 OPA. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to Penny.