

**Lent Lunch** at Steeton Methodist Chapel 12th March. 12 noon start. Soup and roll. On 28th March at St Stephens their Lent Lunch will be held 12noon. They come to ours, we go to theirs, the money made is put together for Christian Aid.

**A Daffodil Coffee Morning** will be held at Long Lee Chapel on 18 March 10-12 noon. All proceeds to Sue Ryder, Manorlands. Daffodils for sale, a raffle and coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

**Celebration Concert by Haworth Band** at West Lane Methodist Church Haworth. Saturday March 18th 6.30pm. Pay at the door, charge £5 tea and biscuits included. Please come along and enjoy a good evening of entertainment by our local band.

**Easter Fair** at Steeton Methodist Chapel Saturday 25th March 10-12 noon. There will be tea, coffee, hot cross buns, biscuits, bric a brac stall, cake stall, greeting card stall, hand knitted chickens, raffle, Easter Bonnet competition- Adults and Children, Entance £2 in aid of Window Fund, Everybody welcome.

**Dear Friends,** Pancakes eaten, foreheads marked with ash made from last year's palm crosses - we have begun our journey through Lent.

This Lent, as usual, there are a variety of Lent groups available. From discussion groups, watching films such as "Les Miserables" and "The Theory of Everything", to a quieter more reflective style in the Worth Valley Hub. And in the centre of Keighley we are exploring something of what it means to be a disciple, using some material from Jesus Shaped People - so lots on offer.

Not all the details are listed here but most of them are, so take your pick as you would be most welcome at any of the groups.

Lent is a great time to set aside some time to reflect on the significance of faith in the day to day course of daily living, so enjoy and if you think "This is not for me" give it a go anyway, you may be surprised.

God bless you in your soul searching. Ruth

#### **Lent Courses around our Circuit**

**Bingley** Tuesday 7-14-21-28 March, 4 April 7.00pm

**Cross Hills—Eastburn-Cowling CDFC Lent Course at St Peter's Crosshills.**

Wednesday 8-15-22-29 March, 5 April 7.30pm  
The Mystery of Everything

**Keighley Shared Church** Thursday 16-23 March, NOT 30th March, 6-13 April & 27th Apr 2pm  
"Preparing for Jesus"

**Keighley Churches Together at the Salvation Army**  
A series of films and discussion. TBC.

**Silsden** Sunday 12-19-26 March, 2-9 April 6.00pm  
'Another story must begin'. Based on Les Miserables.  
Film shown Friday 10th March 7.30pm.

**40 Voices** is a project of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network Yorkshire Plus Region of the Methodist Church. During Lent 2017 they are inviting 40 people to share something of their prayer life and so to help us to pray.

What does it mean to pray and how do you pray? Where do you pray? When do you pray? What helps you to pray?

Many people struggle to pray. We might manage OK in Church on a Sunday but individually during the week, prayer often gets pushed to the side as we are too busy, too stressed or indeed find it difficult to quieten our minds or even find a place of stillness.

All of us long to find a deep connection with God but often the struggles of life just get in the way. Adults also have an incredible hang up about what is the 'right' way to pray! During Lent from Wednesday March 1st to Saturday April 15th we will posting a prayer a day on our blog site. Here you can follow the blog and get the prayers posted daily into your email box.

Also you can like the 40 Voices Facebook page and follow 40 Voices on twitter where you can find out more information about 40 voices.

#### **Diary Dates**

**1 Mar** Ash Wednesday

**3 Mar** Women's World Day of Prayer

**4 Mar** 9.30- 1.30 Launch of JPIT North (see Feb. news)

**14 Mar** 7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Exley Head

**26 Mar** Mothering Sunday

**I am planning a craft event in Holy Week** at Silsden, alongside their Chatterbox, for the under 11s, which will consist of 4 or 5 tables of craft to just drop in and do between 10-11:30am on 11th April and 12th April. I am wondering if you would like the craft on any of the other days within that week at your churches, please let me know, thanks.

I am also seeking extra help to be in the room with me at Silsden and if needed around the circuit please. Thank you for your support God bless,

**Jo Dolman** Circuit children, youth and family worker

# Annual Quiz

At Bingley Methodist Church

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Starting at 6.00 pm.

Tickets £6.00 including  
a fish and chip supper.

Teams of 6 people. Scratch teams can be arranged on the evening for those additional people who would like to participate, but places must be booked in advance for catering purposes.

Places must be booked by contacting:

John Wyborn 01274567784 or  
johnnewyborn@hotmail.com by 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note non-attendees who have booked a supper will be billed.

## Stainer's 'Crucifixion'

Ilkley Road Methodist Church Choir, Riddlesden

The Choir will perform Stainer's 'Crucifixion'  
on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
with Steven Robinson (conductor) and John Taylor  
(organist). The soloists will be Alan Parkinson (tenor)  
and David Bainbridge (baritone).

Do please come along and give them your support in  
this act of worship.

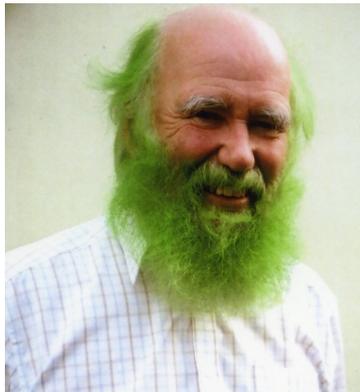
## Date for your Diary

Crosshills Methodist Church will be holding their  
annual Christian Aid Quiz

on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, doors open at  
6pm. Please let Diane know 01535 633139  
if you are coming and how many.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

This photo of Maurice Baren was taken when he had a green head for one of his many fundraising events. As you can see below, he is now planning a head shave which hopefully will take place in September.



Please submit any items for the April newsletter by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## Maurice Baren @ 80! - Sponsored Head Shave 'Action for Children' & 'End Polio Now'

This year I will reach the age of 80 – I can't believe it! I'm seeking to raise £10,000 to share between these charities. To any donations received I will add 10% of my money, up to £1000. Do please give the project your support if you can. **Action for Children** – Methodism's own child care charity, which now has over 500 projects across the UK, but reaches out to wherever children and families are in need. Its work includes covering adoption, fostering, respite care, family centres, and so much more. With the cuts in Local Government finances their work is desperately needed.

**End Polio Now** – Some will remember polio in the UK, it causes paralysis and even death in children. 30 years ago there were 300,000 cases a year worldwide, now through work of Rotary and other partners less than 50 last year – no cure, must be totally eradicated. The Gates Foundation are offering £2 for every £1 Rotarians collect. Do please help.

Please send cheques to Maurice Baren, 4 Branwell Drive, Haworth, Keighley BD22 8HG

I enclose a cheque for £.....made out to the **Rotary Club of Keighley**

Gift Aid (please circle) Yes/No Gift Aid adds 25% value to your gift.

Gift Aid declaration – I wish to Gift Aid my sponsorship to the Rotary Club of Keighley

Registered Charity 514420 I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and that I have paid tax equivalent to the sum being reclaimed under this donation. The refund will be divided between the charities.

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Signature.....Please give your email address, if you have one, so I can thank you.....