

**Friday 1st September at Steeton Methodist Chapel** Fashion Show 7pm until 9pm. In aid of Christmas trees for the village. Tickets £5

**Sat. 16th September** St John's Church Cononley Coffee Morning in the Village Institute from 10.30 until 12.30. Coffee/Tea with Biscuit, Bacon Butties, Cake Stall, Book Stall, cards etc, Raffle & Tombola. No entry fee.

**A brand new circuit youth fellowship called GIFT (growing in faith together)** starts Sunday evenings once a month with the first one on 17th September 6:30pm-8:00pm being held at Steeton (alternating monthly between Steeton Methodist & Oakworth Methodist).

A place to come, share, learn and grow in faith and fellowship in a fun way!! Leading onto a youth alpha course. Contact Jo Dolman for details.

**Monthly Youth (11+) Drop In!!** Friday nights 7pm-9pm at Silsden Methodist Church. Starting 8th Sept., (1st Friday after that). Contact Jo Dolman for details.

**Welcome to a new Methodist year.** As you will see from this newsletter, we welcome Rev Barbara Fairburn into the circuit. Please remember her in your prayers as she settles down to life amongst us. As we look to the year ahead with all its twists and turns we look forward in anticipation and hope, knowing that as we journey through we do it together as a Circuit and with God alongside us. May our prayers be for a year in which God blesses all we do and that we have a deepening awareness of his call upon our lives as individuals, as churches and as a circuit. Remain blessed, Ruth.

**Hello. My name is Barbara Fairburn** and I'm looking forward to joining the circuit team. I have been in ministry for 12 years, and have served in Leicestershire and Morley. I began my working life as a primary school teacher and then went on to teach English in Sweden before returning to UK to work with international students at Royal Holloway University. I have a wide range of interests both in ministry and worship styles. I have especially enjoyed encouraging dementia friendly church, supporting Messy church and exploring prayer and worship through labyrinths, prayer beads and pilgrimage. I am interested in walking, art and crafts, music, getting to know other cultures and reading. I am also interested in family history: I may not sound as if I come from these parts, but I grew up hearing my grandmother's stories of life on a farm on Lees Moor and will enjoy exploring the area she knew so well. I look forward to working with you.



### **Maurice Baren's Sponsored Head Shave for End Polio Now and Action for Children**

- it's happening on September 30th, it won't happen again for 5 years !

If you would like to support his Head Shave, please make cheques payable to Keighley Rotary Club and send to Maurice Baren, 4 Branwell Drive, Haworth BD22 8HG. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

### **Dear friends,**

Paul and I would like to thank you so very much for the lovely leaving gift. Your kindness and generosity really touched our hearts. We will always remember you with fondness and love. With every blessing to you as we enter a new connexional year.

**Rosemary and Paul Nash**

### **Diary Dates**

**1 September** 7pm Welcome service for Revd Barbara Fairburn at Cullingworth Church

**2 September** The concert at Oakworth Methodist Church has been **CANCELLED**

**4-8 September** after the renovation work at Cross Hills Methodist Church, the church will be open from Monday 4th to Friday 8th 10am- 12 noon to come and have a coffee and look around. All welcome.

**5 September** Safeguarding awareness training, Silsden Church 7.30pm-9.30pm

**9 September** Autumn Synod for the new Yorkshire West Methodist District including Inauguration and Celebration Service at 10am at Huddersfield Mission.

**12 September** 7.30pm at Bingley. Circuit Meeting.

**20 September** 7.30pm at Steeton. Local Preachers' Meeting.

**1 October** 6.00pm at Cross Hills. Circuit Local Preacher Accreditation Service for Chris Holmes and also re-dedication of the worship space.

**5 October** Action for Children Store Collection in Morrisons See over for more details.

**Many thanks** to everyone who in any way supported the Circuit Garden Party held recently at the manse in Silsden. An amazing £373.50 was raised for PeerTalk  
*Ruth and Gerald*



St. Peter's Methodist Church  
has been refurbished.

**Come and see!**

- = Sunday 3rd September: 10.30 a.m.  
Worship led by Rev. Peter Bedford.
- = Monday 4th to Friday 8th September:  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee Mornings.

***The tea and coffee is on us!***

  
The **Methodist** Church

Saturday 14th October

St John's Church Cononley

**Minus the Main Course**

in the Village Institute from 7.00pm  
3 starters followed by 3 puddings

Tickets £10 from Cononley Post Office  
or Elsie Clarke (01535 633956)

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for people who could help us to create very simple and easy costumes and props for our new Open the Book Project.



If you feel you could help us out, please contact  
Grace McAloon on:  
[grace.mcaloon@hotmail.com](mailto:grace.mcaloon@hotmail.com)  
or  
07787318384

## FUNDRAISER FOR A YOUTH EVENT

**STEETON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 15th October**

**12pm - 2pm**

**Sit and relax, have some refreshments  
and your car washed**

**£3 per car**



**Action for Children Store Collection  
in Morrisons Supermarket**

We have a slot to collect on Thursday 5th October from 9am-5pm. It would be good to have two collectors on all day, one at each end of the store - we only ask collectors to offer 1 hour. It will be a lost opportunity to support our Methodist childrens charity if we can't fill all the slots. Please phone Maurice and Judith Baren on 01535 643100 or email [mauricebaren@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebaren@gmail.com) with your preferred time.

Thank you very much for all you do for Action for Children.

St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Cowling  
invite you to:

**'An Evening of Light Brass Band Music' -  
performed by Silsden Town Band  
led by Musical Director Gordon Eddison**

**Saturday 14th October @ 7.30pm  
Tickets £6 incl. Tea & Biscuits 01535 635101**

**Please submit any items for the October newsletter** by Monday 25th September to Gerald Crompton (Editor) [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto: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.