Airedale Methodist Circuit
in the Yorkshire West District

NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

Letter from Pippa Lupton, Aire Valley Church Worker:

It's hard to believe it's almost summer, especially as I'm writing this on what could possibly be the wettest day of the year. I'm drying off with the fan heater in the pre-loved shop having thought I was safe to come to work without a raincoat seeing as it's June!

On one of the very few nice days of weather we have had so far this year, at the end of May, I was able to take a group from Airedale Circuit to the Cliff College festival for the day. The festival this year was called 'rerouted' and the seminars and Bible studies each day focussed around this topic, around God calling us to pick up and leave places of comfort and familiarity to do something different, when things change and we have to go in a new direction. Although we only attended on the final day, the whole festival was live streamed onto Facebook and YouTube so I was able to tune in each morning to watch the Bible studies that followed on from each other.

The morning Bible studies were being run by Matt Miofsky and focussed on the exodus story, specifically looking at Numbers 13. The Israelites being rerouted by God to go to the promised land. When we joined on Monday morning the previous days Bible studies had gotten to the point where the Israelites were wandering in the dessert, they had started having doubts and were considering going back to Egypt. But God brought them to the dessert outside the promised land and having arrived at the promised land only 2 years after setting off the people got nervous about something new, they had found comfort in wandering, they weren't sure about the thing that God had brought them to. Even after hearing reports about the promised land (Numbers 13:27) and that everything God had promised was true, they still have their doubts choosing to blow the problems and challenges out of proportion and see them as something bigger than Gods promise. Matt compared this to God opening a door for us and us peaking through and choosing to stay in the comfort of what we already know well, claiming to not be ready for new things, seeing the problems and challenges as an excuse to not leave the comfort of what we have always done. The closer we get to the thing we have prayed for, the less we see the promise and the more we see the challenges. I suppose we would call it 'getting cold feet.'

If we compare this to what we're doing now in our ministry as the Airedale circuit, as a group we have prayed that we can make positive change to continue the God's work and the ministry of the Methodist church in Airedale and to reach new people. Sometimes this is involving letting go of things, moving out of the comfort zone and trusting God's promise. We need to continue moving forward and not get cold feet.

We can already celebrate some of the work we have done, as a circuit we took the step out in faith to open the New Place in Keighley and just less than 2 months in we are already seeing the incredible fruit that is coming from this.

We can celebrate our incredible volunteers across the Circuit who continue to give up their time alongside work and life commitments to choose to support the ministry that goes on in our chapels and churches and communities.

We can celebrate the people around the circuit who continue to pray for all the ministry that goes on in our communities.

Continued overleaf…

Over the past few months there have been some difficult conversations surrounding 'bright hope for tomorrow' but surely this is our chance as a circuit to embrace doing something new, and creating a sustainable and fruitful church in Airedale and instead of just doing the praying and then backing off because the challenges of moving out of our comfort zone are too much, we can choose to be rerouted by God even if it means we are uncomfortable for a while.

When I visit undertake pastoral visits and visit people around the circuit I hear about the thriving churches, youth groups and Sunday schools of the past, of the ministry of all the chapels some of which are now closed and it does genuinely give me hope that through making positive change, trusting God and continuing to move forwards we can be rerouted and see growth and fruitfulness in our churches, even though it may look very different to what we have experienced in the past. But also it reminds me that even if our buildings close, the ministry does still live on in the people who were impacted in that place. *Pippa*



YOU'LL FIND CONTENT EACH WEEKDAY ON
INSTAGRAM @FRESH_AIRE1
AND FACEBOOK @FRESH AIRE

Silsden Bereavement Group

A support group for those struggling with unresolved grief. This is a chance to talk with other people in a similar situation, to share your journey and to receive support and guidance. I am a palliative care Nurse and bereavement counsellor and will be on hand to help in any way I can. We meet on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of every month 10.30-12.30, in the Quiet room.

Please feel free to contact Jo Onions on 07927 769400 or see her website group for more details. Otherwise you are very welcome to just turn up on the day.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY?

Please don't forget…. TAXIS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU!

If you want to go to any Circuit events, services or meetings over the winter months and would struggle to get there, just tell Esther in the office and she will book you a taxi, at no cost to you.
Please leave a message on 07904 883288

On Sunday 14 July Ilkley Road will be celebrating their 141st Chapel Anniversary

Beginning with a faith lunch at 1pm, all are welcome. Please bring and share something for lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

This will be followed by a service at 3pm when we will share in worship and celebrate the life of Ilkley Road in all its fullness.

Members will be sharing highlights of their memories during the service and there will be displays of photographs and memorabilia.

Opportunities to pray and worship together (outside of Sunday Mornings):

@ Steeton Methodist Church
Prayer and Praise on the first Thursday of the month
7pm to 8pm

@ Silsden Methodist Church
Prayer gathering, first Monday in the month at 7pm

@ Silsden Methodist Church
'Born in Song', every Friday 10.30-11am

@ Silsden Methodist Church
Praise Service, fourth Sunday in the month, 6pm

@ Lees Methodist Church
Café Worship, third Sunday in the month, 1pm

@ Bingley Methodist Church
Communion, second Monday in the month, 1pm

@ Cullingworth Methodist Church
first Wednesday in the month
9am Prayer
9.45am Communion

@St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills
Weekday Communion Service, first Wednesday in the week
9.30 am

Little Stars

At Steeton Methodist Church

9.30 to 10.30am

Second Tuesday Of the Month

March 12 /April 9/May 14/June 11/July 9

Admission free

Bible stories, songs, and crafts for toddlers

Coffee & Catch up for the adults

Contact Joanne Stokes 07786087877

Or Audrey Wynn Or just turn up

Prayer in the Worth Valley

Worth Valley Church

Part of the Airedale Methodist Circuit

Prayer walks

Prayer Walk

Weekly on Wednesday mornings in July for 1 hour (including coffee and prayer at either end)

Meet at each Chapel at 10.30am – walk/pray the community and meet for a coffee at the end

3rd July 2024 - Keighley

10th July 2024 - Oakworth

17th July 2024 – Lees with Cross Roads

24th July 2024 - Oxenhope

31st July 2024 – Marsh

Sunshine and Showers

A 6 week course about prayer and how to pray.

Coming in September 2024!

Sunshine and showers | Prayer's beautiful messiness

Worth Valley Prayer Rambles

Longer walks through the valley using footpaths (and maps)

Keighley to Oxenhope – Keighley Church Aug 14th 10am

Oxenhope to Keighley – Oxenhope Methodist Church Aug 21st 10am

Bring sandwiches and a drink...dress for the weather!

Messy Church

2nd Tuesday of the month:

Bingley Messy Church

3.45-5.30pm

Silsden Messy Church

3:30 – 5:30pm

2nd Thursday of the month:

Oakworth Messy Church

3:30 – 5:30pm

3rd Saturday of the month:

The Eldwick Church Messy Church

3 – 4:30pm

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Please share any items for the July newsletter with Esther in the Circuit Office before July 15th 😊

THE ELDWICK CHURCH

PRAISE SERVICES THIS SUMMER!

6.00 pm: Sundays 2nd June, 7th July & 4th August

Come along & sing with the worship band!

Refreshments from 5.30 pm



CARING CHURCH

THIS SESSION IS FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS NOT JUST PASTORAL VISITORS

This is a CELEBRATION of *all* pastoral care that goes on within our congregations and Churches. It will include information, resources and support on various topics including prayer, mental health and dementia.

Worth Valley - 30th May Oakworth @ 7pm

Aire Valley - 8th July Cullingworth @ 7pm

Eldwick Church - 10th June @2pm

Craven - 12th June Silsden @ 2pm

for more info please contact Pippa pippa.lupton@airedalemethodists.org

Airedale Methodist Circuit in the Yorkshire West District

Methodist Women in Britain

YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

Please join us for a

SUMMER AFTERNOON EVENT,

with a speaker followed by afternoon tea,

on Tuesday, July 16th at 2pm at Silsden

Methodist Church (BD20 0AL)

Speaker: Rev Clare Stainsby

Superintendent Minister

and hymn-writer.

For catering purposes please contact Jean Delaney by July 8th if you plan to be present.

Email: jn.delaney@btopenworld.com

Telephone: 01484 651960

REFRESH @ THE ELDWICK CHURCH

NEW START TIME!

1.00 pm: 3rd Saturday in the month

Cafe Will be open for drinks & biscuits -no charge!

Fairtrade + Eco Church Stalls

Pre-loved baby and toddler clothes

3pm Messy Church

Crafts, songs, a story and some shared food

THE ELDWICK CHURCH



SILSDEN Repair Café

Bin it? No way!

WHAT

Help, advice and assisted repairs with skilled volunteers. Refreshments of tea, coffee, toasted teacakes are also for sale as well as second hand books.

WHAT CAN I GET REPAIRED?

Clothes, fabric toys, knitted garments, upholstery, furniture, electrical appliances (not microwaves or computers), clocks, toys, picture frames, jewellery, knife/ tool sharpening including re-grinding screwdrivers and lots more!

COSTS? A voluntary donation. All donations are used to cover Silsden Repair Café costs and for the wider work of Climate Action Silsden.



WHERE

SILSDEN METHODIST CHURCH

Kirkgate, Silsden, BD20 0PA

WHEN

2024 SATURDAYS 9.30AM - 12NOON

20th January	20th July
17th February	17th August
16th March	21st September
20th April	19th October
18th May	16th November
15th June	14th December

PLUS: PLASTIC FREE SILSDEN POP UP REFILL SHOP

PLASTIC FREE -SILSDEN- SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

TOILET CLEANER WASHING UP LIQUID SHOWER GEL LAUNDRY LIQUID SHAMPOO

HAIR CONDITIONER ANTI BAC LIQUID SOAP FABRIC CONDITIONER ANTI BAC SURFACE CLEANER

FRIENDLY SOAP AND SHAMPOO BARS

ENERGY HELPDESK - The Energy Helpdesk volunteers can advise on how you can improve the energy efficiency of your home and on grants that are available to help cover the cost of things like insulation and boiler upgrades.

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Yorkshire West Methodist District

Are you a busy volunteer?
Have you always got things to do for Church?
Would you like to nurture your own faith more?

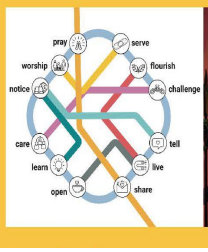
Then read on as this is for you ...

A Retreat for (Busy) Volunteers

across the Yorkshire West District

Saturday 20th July 2024
10am to 1pm
@ Bradley Methodist Church in the Skipton & Grassington Circuit

Take a morning out for you, a space to connect with God, to be, to reflect on your journey of faith







For More Information:

- Please contact David Goodall by email (mission@ywmethodist.org.uk) or phone (07854 308513)