Airedale Methodist Circuit
in the Yorkshire West District

# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

*Letter from Rev. Nel Shallow:*

I have been thinking a lot recently about Elijah and Elisha, two significant characters within the Old Testament. Elijah ascends into heaven and Elisha takes hold of the mission and ministry associated with Elijah.

The account in 2 Kings 2 says that Elijah takes hold of the cloak which has fallen from Elijah as he ascends; the word cloak is a big word which can also mean splendid or glory, and is often translated as mantle. Elijah hadn't died in our human sense, his mission and ministry is simply completed, and now is the time for Elisha to take hold of the splendid work of God.

There is a verse in the New Testament which resonates with this sense of taking hold of the new splendid work of God: 'I run with passion into His abundance so that I may reach the purpose for which Christ Jesus laid hold of me' (Philippians 3:12-14).

For me, Elijah symbolises the great and good work of God for which we are truly grateful and surely give thanks. Elisha represents the new thing God calls us to behold, the new splendid work of the Kingdom, for which Jesus has taken hold of us for such a time as this.

May we move with holy passion into the abundance of God purposes for us; taking hold of that for which Christ Jesus takes hold of us.

*Rev. Nel*

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## June is our Methodist annual Bible Month and this year the focus is on Genesis.

We will be reflecting on Genesis each weekday morning in Fresh Aire on FaceBook.

And we will be hosting two Bible Journalling evenings at The New Place (Fell lane, Keighley).

*Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 25th June, 7pm to 8.30pm.*

These will be very relaxed evenings with cheese & biscuits and a nice glass or two of something fizzy (non-alcoholic). All resources will be freely provided. Please let Nel know if you'd like to come along, and maybe bring a friend! These evenings will be suitable for those who don't usually come to church but are interested in creative storytelling or exploring Christian spirituality.




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

**Silsden Bereavement Group**

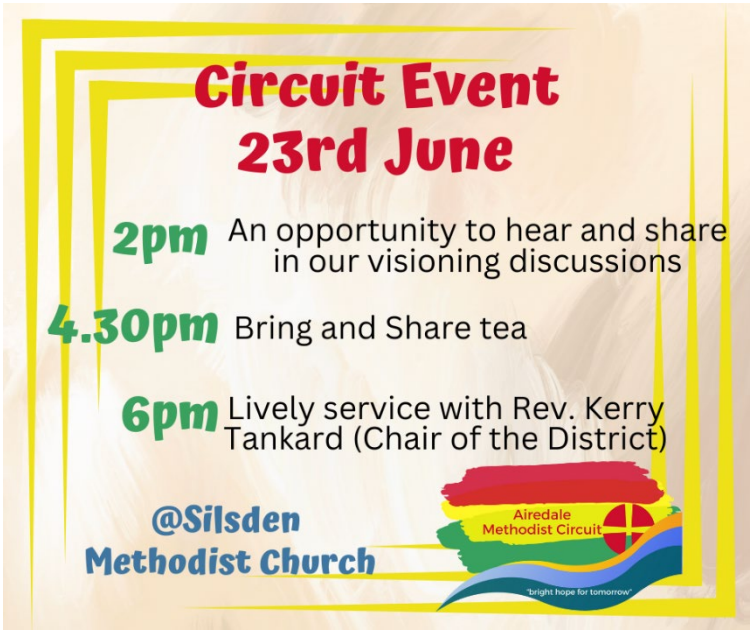
A support group for those struggling with unresolved grief. This is a chance to talk with other people in a similar situation, to share your journey and to receive support and guidance. I am a palliative care Nurse and bereavement counsellor and will be on hand to help in any way I can. We meet on the 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 JUNE?

**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







<u>Opportunities to pray and worship together (outside of Sunday Mornings):</u>

@ 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

Prayer Service, St Peter's Cross Hills every Wednesday
9.30 -10 am



## Mission Possible Film Evening

## Arthur's Whisky (2024) (12)

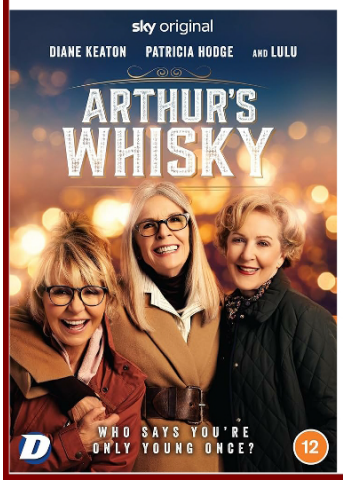
**Friday 28th June *6.30 pm***

**on the giant screen**
**at Oakworth Methodist Church**

**with Fish & Chips in the Interval**

**All welcome - just turn up on the day**

Donations welcome to cover cost of food and film




A charming, feel-good comedy about living in the moment. When Joan's husband dies, she discovers he had invented an anti-aging elixir that literally takes the years off. Sharing it with her two friends Linda and Susan, the three rejuvenated women waste no time in painting the town red, but they soon realize it's a very different world to the one they remember.

Please share any items for the July newsletter with Esther in the Circuit Office before June 10th 😊

## You are invited...

## to chat with Esther about safeguarding!

do you have questions about
* risk assessments
* online safety
* letting licenses
* GDPR

or anything else bothering you...

drop in anytime on 17th June, between 2.30-7pm, at Silsden Methodist Chapel

(open to anyone, in any role)

**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
3:30 – 5:30pm

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Methodist Women in Britain

## YORKSHIRE WESTDISTRICT

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Thursday 6 June 2024 at 7pm**



We invite you to an evening with Helen Kim Scholars Madeleine Reed (Britain) and Heidi Hogan (Ireland) as they share their global experiences as Younger Women in Leadership Development roles with the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

Email lindacrossley@sky.com for the link enabling you to join the event.

Please share this information and encourage others to join.

