Airedale Methodist Circuit
in the Yorkshire West District

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

Letter from Sarah McDonald-Howard, Pre-Loved Manager and Gathering Pioneer:

Have you ever noticed what a funny thing time can be? As a child, I remember waiting for the school summer holidays and it seemed like they took an eternity to arrive. Now, as a parent, the school holidays always seem to hurtle towards me at an alarming rate!

I write this piece during the last week of term. There are many mixed emotions - as a parent, I am worried about how to occupy Orion (my 10-year-old son) for the next six weeks. I am looking forward to taking some time off as a family and visiting other family members, but I also remember the stresses and arguments that often accompany family get togethers as well as the knowledge that there are often pressures to spend more money than we would probably choose to. I wonder how many of you can relate to these worries?

But there are also many things that I am excited about this summer. At the New Place, we have an exciting programme of crafts and activities over the next six weeks, and we have created such a warm and welcoming space that we already have regulars who are attending and are looking forward to spending more time with us this summer.

As a New Place for New People project, we are continually looking at what we are offering, and constantly evolving as a community. From September we are adding to our regular activities and will be holding worship every month, as well as expanding on the opportunities for fellowship, prayer and storytelling.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us as with donations or DIY skills and who regularly donate their time to assist with our activities. Knowing that we are backed by the support of our Circuit empowers us every day, so I ask that you hold us in your prayers as we look to the summer holidays and the start of the new Connexional year, moving into a new phase of the project.

Sarah

What a delight for Silsden Methodist Church to host the wedding of Robert and Paul in July!

It was a service full of joy and celebration, with readings and prayers led by friends and family, as well as beautiful music, flowers and of course food!

Since the Methodist Conference vote in 2021, Methodist churches and ministers can be licensed to conduct the weddings of same sex couples - and Airedale Methodist Circuit is proud to say we have done just that!

Please do get in touch if you know someone who would like their wedding in church :)



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

If you want to go to any Circuit events, services or meetings 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

It was also wonderful to celebrate with Ilkley Road (and friends of) on July 14th at their Chapel Anniversary and hear about all the wonderful work and fellowship that has gone on over the last 141 years!
Thank you to those who organised it!





WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST?



2024 Photograph Competition

Come join a photography contest with the theme of 'nature and the environment through the year'.

Photos must be submitted before 30 September, 2024.

The best photos for each month will be in our calendar for 2025.

www.kcb.church

Location

All photos must have been taken in the area of Kildwick, Farnhill, Cross Hills, Cononley and Bradley.

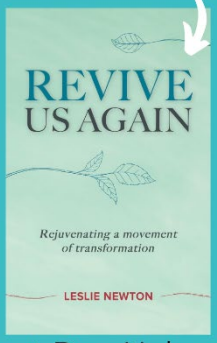
Contact Us

Email - Photo@kcb.church for an application form

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

July and August
Tuesdays 7pm
on Zoom

The book:



Please contact Rev. Nel Shallow or Pippa Lupton for a Zoom link

Follow 'Fresh Aire' on Facebook for weekly videos

Aire Valley Church

Part of the Airedale Methodist Circuit

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!

SILSDEN Repair Café

Bin it? No way!

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

Our little courtyard space at The New Place is one of our projects over the Summer. A lovely family have very kindly donated money from a funeral to fund some tubs and plants, we are very grateful for their generosity. But the outside space needs weeding and tidying! If you have any spare time on a Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday afternoon, between 2pm and 4pm, during July and August we would be very grateful for your help; please bring gardening gloves and secateurs! Contact Rev. Nel for more information.
(Image shared by The Methodist Church on Facebook)



Message from Eastburn Methodist Church:

There will be no Coffee Mornings at Eastburn during August.

They will re -start on Tuesday 3 September 2024.

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.

Please share any items for the September newsletter with Esther in the Circuit Office before August 12th

Would you be interested in volunteering with The Methodist Church nationally…?

Job Title: Member of the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee

Seeking volunteers with a special interest in the Conservation of Historic Places of Worship for the Methodist Church's Connexional Listed Buildings Advisory Committee.

Do you have expert knowledge of the ecclesiastical historic built environment? Non-conformist architecture and heritage? Expert knowledge of the conservation of our fixtures of architectural and historic significance? Or knowledge of Methodist liturgy and worship in a historic Place of Worship? Do you want to be part of an expert group and use your skills and gifts to help reimagine and re-purpose our historic places of worship for growth and sustainability?

Contact Esther in the office if you would like more details sent to you. 01535 653842 (Deadline for application submissions: 25th August)

Please keep this page!
If information needs to be updated, a new version will be sent out in a future

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, 7pm

@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

@Long Lee Methodist Church
Short reflective Communion, 2nd Monday each month, 7pm

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

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

@ The New Place
Methodist Way of Life Quiet Reflection, fourth Wednesday each month, 7pm
Evening Cafe Service, third Sunday each month, 6pm.

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

@ Cullingworth Methodist Church
second Wednesday in the month
9.30am Prayer
10.45am Communion

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

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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