Airedale Methodist Circuit
in the Yorkshire West District

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

Letter from Edwin Tate, Circuit Finance Officer:

While staying with our family this summer, the Paris Olympics resulted in us spending more of our time than usual watching television. On this occasion the inspiring feats of determination from the athletes were contrasted by the distressing scenes on the news of violence erupting in our towns and cities.

Despite the stark differences, it seemed to me that both demonstrated the power of our motivations to drive us to extraordinary acts – whether for good or for ill, for building up or tearing down.

Jesus paid significant attention to our inner motives, for example when calling out the link between anger and the horrific consequences it can provoke, or when reminding us how the things that we say reflect and flow out of what is in our hearts.

As another Methodist Year is about to begin, I think it is good to be reminded of the life giving power of our faith to transform our motives which is as relevant and desperately needed by our world now as it ever has been. When I think about it – which I readily admit is not as often as it should be – this power begins for me in our relationship with God who loves us and values us unconditionally, just as we are, without exception, as demonstrated by Jesus's willingness to give his life for us regardless of our many flaws and failings. This transforming, redeeming love has a unique power to release us from what is past and to overflow into a life-giving love for those around us, for example in the acts of care and compassion that we see so readily in the churches across our Circuit.

The beautiful and enduring impact of this love was demonstrated to me in a recent conversation in a church in a different location with a person who spoke of how his anger and aggression as a young man, which spilled over into many harmful behaviours, had been extinguished when he came to accept that despite everything he had done, he was loved by Jesus. His change in heart had transformed his life and his interactions with others for very many years. This also brings hope of what may be possible for others trapped in cycles of negative behaviours given the right kind of witness to what we believe in.

As we journey together as a Circuit my prayer would be that we support and care for one another as we explore where God may be leading us in order to be a sustainable and life - giving presence in our communities for many years to come. The faith that we share is precious, and the hope and joy that we can offer through it to others are beyond value. *Edwin*

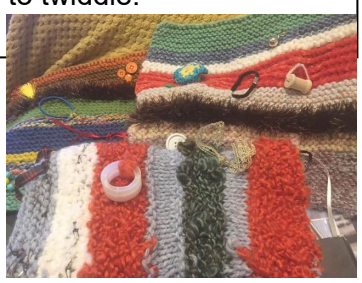
Faith Filled Olympics, an example: Andrea Spendolini-Sirieix won a bronze medal in the synchronised 10-metre diving event with team mate, Lois Toulson.

In an interview after the event, said she and Toulson prayed with their coaches before every competition.

The 19-year-old added: "Bringing God into the competition takes that pressure and stress away. I give God all the glory."



Message from the Crafty Chatters of Cross Roads, who meet each Monday in Lees Methodist Church, 2-4pm: We have a supply of Twiddlemuffs and Twiddlemats and no outlet for them at the moment. If you work or volunteer at a hospital or know of a residential or nursing home locally who might need some please do let us know. The Twiddlemats are suitable for children. Maybe you have a relative who could use one? If you know of an outlet we would be very grateful if you could deliver them for us. Our items are handknit using donated oddments of yarn and decorated with buttons and items to twiddle. Please do get in touch.



GOOD BYE SARAH!

Our lovely Pre-Loved Manager and Gathering Pioneer is off to pastures new.

She has been a fantastic asset to the staff team for the past year and we will miss her greatly. Prayers for Sarah, Kerry and their son Orion as they move.



"It's been a really great year with the Circuit and it really saddens me to have to say goodbye. As some of you know, my wife, Kerry, got a new job in November last year down in London. She has been working away 3 days a week and it has been difficult (and expensive!) for us as a family so we have made the decision to move closer to her work.

It's hard to pick out highlights from the last year as it's been a whirlwind of great times. From working alongside some great colleagues, to creating a beautiful Christmas grotto in the shop, fun shopping trips to furnish The New Place and the amazing progress we've made creating such a lovely community at The New Place.

It's all been amazing and I will miss everyone very much.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support over the last year - especially to the lovely team of volunteers I've worked alongside, it's been brilliant. Keep up the good work!" *Sarah*







WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

SILSDEN Repair Café

Bin it? No way!

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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





Please share any items for the October newsletter with Esther in the Circuit Office before September 9th 😊

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, 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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