Airedale Methodist Circuit

in the Yorkshire West District

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This month's letter takes the form of a poem and a prayer!

January Re-Solution
by Rev. Nel Shallow

Today is not a clean slate
or a witness protection new person life

Today is a continuation of who we are
an ongoing of our days

No midnight portal to another planet
no fairy dust
or magic wand to unbreak bones
take away pain
disappear tears
or undead the loved

We awaken this morning
in our same dimension
our usual body
ordinary life
with late night dishes waiting

We still carry our yesterday self
our December being
the years of our living

We bring ourselves the same into this day
only the date has overnight changed

Here though is a beginning
potential & promise
awaiting us as the calendar turns
the next chapter begins
and our story unfolds a little more

The possibility of a re-solution
a determination to be better
do differently, improve
rich with intention
lushly optimistic
proclaiming with bell tolling fireworks;
“yes, we will try”

No quick fix
or instant transformation

We resolve
step by steadfast step
imping and stumbling
one word at a time
each unfolding action
as our direction realigns with hope

Be gentle with your unfurling this morning
journey wisely through these coming days
show yourself mercy
bless your soul with compassion
wash each faltering in forgiveness
drink deeply from grace

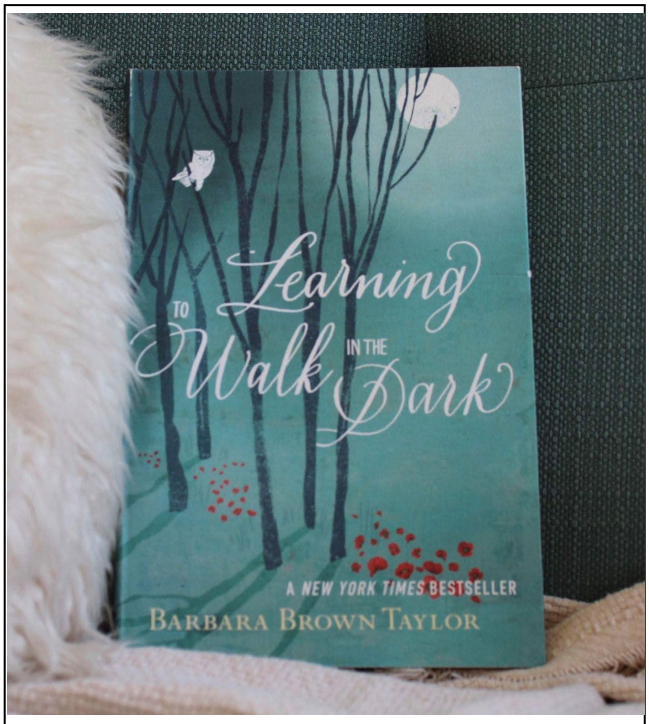
Onwards, re-solving

A New Year’s Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY?

Please be aware that the Circuit weekly prayer meetings on Monday mornings, will pause for 23rd and 30th December, returning in January.



Notice from Rev. Nel

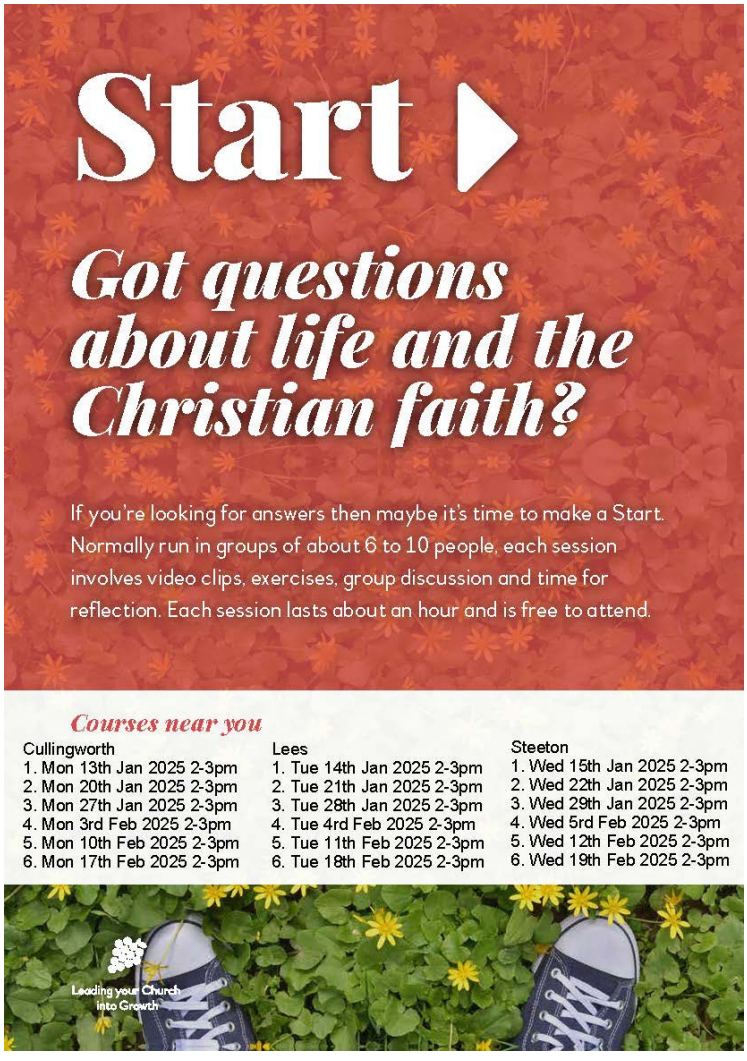
Friends, we will be hosting another **Fresh Aire Book Group in January and February reading 'Learning to Walk in the Dark' by Barbara Brown Taylor,** the perfect book for dark wintry days and evenings.

Once again we will offer a weekly chatty video, and weekday morning reflections.

These reflections will be on the Fresh Aire Facebook Page.







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, 10 am
Prayer Service, St Peter's Cross Hills every Wednesday, 10 am
(followed by coffee at 10.30am)

@ 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
9.45am 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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