NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

This month's reflection is written Rev. Nel Shallow:

Recently the news has reported that Autumn has arrived early this year with blackberries already ripened, crops needing to be harvested, and trees losing their leaves. Whilst eating blackberries in August is a lovely treat, nonetheless these are worrying signs of a climate in crisis. The trees are heat-stressed, and dropping branches in order to preserve their health.

Within our Church calendar, September 1st is the beginning of a month-long Season of Creation. A 'time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together' (seasonofcreation.org)

This year the Scripture passage for the Season of Creation is taken from Isaiah 32:14-18 …

'Palaces and bustling cities will be abandoned;
hilltop *posts* and watchtowers will serve as caves for animals;
wild donkeys and flocks will enjoy the wide open spaces.
So it will be until God pours out the Spirit from up above,
and *the land comes alive again*—desert to fertile field, fertile field to forest.
Then justice *and truth* will settle in the desert places,
and righteousness will infuse the fertile land.
Then righteousness will yield peace, and the quiet and confidence
that attend righteousness will be present forever.
My people's homes and hometowns will be filled with peace;
they'll relax, safe and secure'

September 1st is a Day of Prayer for Creation, and this Season of Creation concludes on 4th October which is the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology.

If you would like to learn more about the Season of Creation here is the website: seasonofcreation.org.

You can also download a Celebration Guide via the website for your own use or for Local Arrangement service ideas.

Love, Nel



DO YOU HAVE LEGO?!

The New Place Keighley is looking for complete (or close to complete) Lego sets and Lego people. If you fancy donating - we'd love to take it off your hands!!

Contact Adam on 07300 859290 or pioneer@airedalemethodist.org

The Circuit is going through a Visioning process, discerning the next steps.

If you would like a reminder of where this process has been and is heading, all the Bright Hope for Tomorrow updates are now on the website - including Bright Hope 8 which was shared last week:

https://www.airedalemethodists.org/vision/

(Scroll down on the website page 🙂)

THE NEXT CIRCUIT MEETING IS ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

WHAT'S ON?

New to Silsden!

Dementia Hub

at

Silsden Methodist Church

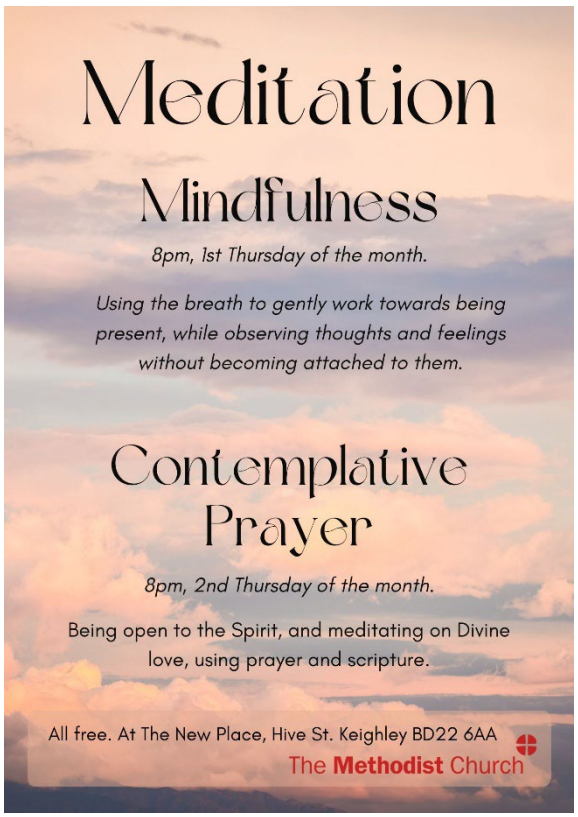
Wednesdays 10-11.30

Pop along and have a chat with a representative from

Dementia Friendly Keighley

about any concerns *or* for information around dementia.

Keighley
Working to become
Dementia Friendly





SILSDEN COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT SHOW

Saturday 27th September

- Church open for entries 9.30- 12.00pm
- Judging takes place 12.30- 2.00pm
- Church open to view entries and results 2.00- 4.30pm
- Entries can be collected 4.30- 5.30pm

Sunday 28th September

- Harvest Worship led by Kerry Tankard and followed by lunch 10.30am

Each entry will cost 50p and there will be prizes of First £2, Second £1 and Third 50p

For further information, including rules, please see The Silsden Methodist Facebook Page and for any queries please email Claire at clairecorp@hotmail.com

Dates for the diary from the District Office…

Dear all,

In September the District will be hosting the Methodist Collection of Modern Art as part of Bradford 2025.

The Revd Richard Andrew will be visiting the District as part of the launch of the exhibition, and there will 2 opportunities to share time with him. Both opportunities require booking as numbers are strictly limited.

FRIDAY 5th September

10:00am – 12:30pm (registration/refreshments 9:30am)

Lakeside Creative Arts Centre, WF2 6QQ, Gallery 1 & 2 (upstairs)

This workshop is free, but tickets must be booked in advance.

"Our Story, Our Song" A session led on the Presidential theme by Revd Richard Andrew

Join us for a morning of reflection led by the President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Richard Andrew, as we journey together through this year's presidential theme: "Our Story, Our Song". Discover how our lives as Methodists are shaped by those who accompany us on our journey, and the experiences that form our shared story of faith.



Booking is available via this link: (please call the Circuit office if you would like help booking!)

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lakeside-creative-arts-centre/our-story-our-song/e-jojxra

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

10 – 2.30 The Bradford Faith Trail.

You can share in the Bradford Faith Trail in the company of the President. The trail leaves St. Peters Catholic Church, **651 Leeds Road, Bradford, BD3 8EL** at 10 a.m. and then visits Abu Bakar Masjid (11.15), Shree Lakshmi Narayam Hindu Temple (12.15), and Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gudwara (1.15) where a vegetarian lunch is provided, before moving to Bradford Cathedral (2.45).

While at the Cathedral, the part of the Methodist Collection of Modern Art there will be formally opened.

If you wish to book, please contact Lesley on admin@ywmethodist.org.uk

Places are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you book, and are unable to attend, it is essential you inform Lesley so place you have taken can be reallocated.

Kerry

Revd Kerry Tankard, BA (Hons), MA

District Chair

Message from District office about Bradford City of Culture 2025:

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a version of the Art Trail leaflet and the What's On guide for the Everything Is Connected exhibition, open to the public from Friday 5th September until Sunday 12th October inclusive.

If you're at a church in the District or at one of the main exhibition venues, or covering one of the city centre venues, printed leaflets will be reaching your Circuit office in the next few days if they haven't already.

(There are spares held at the District Office - please get in touch if you run out!)

Last week I recorded an interview with UCB1 Radio (United Christian Broadcasting) which was broadcast yesterday morning, Monday 11th August at 10.40 on the Talking Point with Vicky Gibbens show (0900-1300). You can find the interview at 1h40 mins in - it's approximately 10 minutes long - at this link:

https://www.ucb.co.uk/radioplayer/uk/?rpOdId=f966097c75bdb9b61b8574013c95b37b8f739cdfa8371503761453b30bec9ea7&rpSt=1109&rpSrp=index

The What's On guide is not exhaustive - our Artist in Residence (Imogen Joyce) and Creative Writer in Residence (Becky Cherriman) will be running various events and activities which they are finalising the details for and will be publicised very soon.

You can find out more on all parts of the exhibition and all events at https://itsoninbradford.co.uk/ from later this month (it's not all been added to the website yet so keep checking back in the next few weeks!) A link to this will be on https://ywmethodist.org.uk/bradford2025/

Everything is FREE to attend but some events do require booking so do note dates and deadlines when you're browsing online.

I hope that you enjoy the exhibition and events, and I'm sure that I will meet with many of you over the coming weeks!

With best wishes,

Verity Smith (Ms)

Faith & Arts Development Lead - Bradford 2025

Request for donations from Pippa: 'Homeless not helpless.'

One of our circuit members volunteers with the 'Homeless not helpless,' this is a volunteer led charity which started 5 years ago. The volunteers undertake a range of tasks such as: collecting items, working in the unit sorting donations. The volunteers also undertake outreach work including cooking meals and going into Bradford on a Wednesday night to take tents, sleeping beds, hot/cold food, hot/cold drinks. The outreach also includes listening to people and being kind. Anything up to 120 people come to the arches for help.

Homeless not helpless are currently in need of certain items, and would be very grateful for any items received. There will be a yellow collection box at Silsden Methodist chapel, where items can be deposited. This will be emptied every Monday morning. Alternatively you can give items to Pippa, by arranging to see her via email pippa.lupton@airedalemethodists.org

Items needed are:

Biscuits Roll on deodorant (NOT spray) Baby wipes Shampoo Shower gel
Ladies sanitary pads (NOT tampons) Small underwear for men MUST be NEW
Medium underwear for men MUST be NEW Small (sizes 6 to 10) knickers for ladies MUST be NEW
Medium (size 12 or 14) knickers for ladies MUST be NEW



U are invited to a FREE ART workshop

as part of Bradford City of Culture 2025

DATE: WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

10am tbc, Civic Centre, North Street, Keighley, BD21 3RZ

DATE: TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

10am-12pm, The New Place, Keighley, BD22 6AA (toddler friendly session)

4.30-5.30pm, Long Lee & Thwaites Brow Village Hall, BD21 4TT (booking needed)

DATE: SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

2-4pm, The New Place, Keighley, BD22 6AA

DATE: WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

10am tbc, Civic Centre, North Street, Keighley, BD21 3RZ

DATE: SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

2.30 - 4.30pm, Long Lee & Thwaites Brow Village Hall, BD21 4TT (booking needed)

DATE: SATURDAY 27TH AND SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

All Day drop in, Airedale Centre

Airedale Methodist Circuit

in the Yorkshire West District

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

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

@ The New Place
Methodist Way of Life Quiet Reflection, fourth Wednesday each month, 6pm
Evening Cafe Service, third Sunday each month, 5pm

@ 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

At St James' Church in SILSDEN

Messy Church

2nd Tuesday of the month:
Bingley Messy Church
3.45-5.30pm
Silsden Messy Church
3:30 – 5:30pm

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