Airedale Methodist Circuit
in the Yorkshire West District

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

Today's reflection is by Rev. Tracy Birks:

Dear Friends
Blessing and Grace to you all as we embrace November.

Here in Yorkshire, I feel my way through the year - and the odd days with a winters sunshine doesn't stop the cold penetrating through the many layers I put on at this time of year.

November is the gateway through which we peer into Advent and the coming of Jesus. A time of waiting in hopeful expectation yet we are not quite there yet. Even though the shops and TV commercials would have us believe otherwise; as our usual shopping products are condensed into ever smaller spaces to make room for trees, turkeys, gifts and Christmas jumpers.

Yet November should not be hurried through with our eyes set on December. This is a month of significance and remembering.

We greet this month by observing 'All Saints' and 'All Souls' Day. At this time of year there feels a thinness of the space separating us and those who have gone before us. It is a time for remembering them before we move into all saint's day to honour and celebrate the known and unknown - folk and saints who have walked in faith as beacons of God's love in their communities.

In the middle of the month we again gather to remember the men, women and sometimes animals that gave their lives for our peace, that we might live our lives in freedom.

Then we gather at the end of the month to begin our Advent journey, longing for the hope of God's light breaking into the darkness and the coming of Jesus into our hearts and communities.

So, before we start to dust off the nativity sets and get the Advent candles at the ready, let's spend November preparing our hearts and minds to look to the past and to the future and to still ourselves.

Perhaps November can be a time to pause, a time of stillness and reflection. To step out of the busyness and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, so we enter Advent as the bearers of light and hope for all those we meet on our journey as we travel through December to embrace the Christ Child.

With love and peace,

Rev. Tracy

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 available on the website:

https://www.airedalemethodists.org/brighthope/

Remembrance services 2025

Sunday 9th November:

9.30am - Marsh

10am - St John's Cullingworth, Oakworth, Eldwick

10.30am - Bingley, Ilkley Road, Long Lee, Cross Hills, Eastburn, Silsden, St Stephen's Steeton, St James' Lees, Oxenhope

WHAT'S ON?

METHODISM IN OUR MADNESS

29TH NOVEMBER -
10AM - 12NOON
@ THE NEW PLACE

A SESSION RUN BY REV NEL AND PIPPA, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A METHODIST. WE WILL ALSO SHARE LUNCH TOGETHER.

MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN NOVEMBER





Mission Possible Film Evening

Last Christmas

(2019) (12)

Friday 28th November *6.30 pm*

on the big screen
at Oakworth Methodist Church
with Fish & Chips in the Interval
All welcome - just turn up on the day
Donations to cover cost of food and film

Kate is a young woman subscribed to bad decisions. Working as an elf in a year-round Christmas store is not good for the wannabe singer. However, she meets Tom there. Her life takes a new turn … that seems too good to be true.

Silsden Repair Café:

3rd Saturday of the month
(except December – 13th),
9.30-12pm at Silsden Methodist Church

STOP DRAUGHTS

SilsdenRepairCafe

With huge thanks for support from Lowbridge Upholstery

PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

Drawing on ancient prayer practices and scripture to make space to listen to the Divine

7PM, 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. FREE

AT THE NEW PLACE
HIVE ST. KEIGHLEY BD22 6AA

Mindfulness Meditation

7pm, 1st Thursday of the month. Free.
The New Place, Hive St., Keighley BD22 6AA

Do you want to relax?
To be more present?
To calm your thoughts and feelings?
And find stillness?

Using simple breath work we will practice being in the present moment

The **Methodist** Church

New to Oakworth!

Dementia Hub
at
Oakworth Methodist Church

Thursdays 10.00-12.00 noon

Pop along and have a chat with a representative from Dementia Friendly Keighley about any concerns *or* for information around dementia.

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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





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