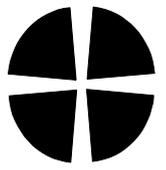


Guiseley Methodist Church



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Newsletter

December 2017

and

January 2018

Sunday Worship

December 2017 Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
3 rd	9 am Holy Communion led by Rev Roger Smith 10.30 am Toy Service and Parade Service	United Service at St Oswald's
10 th	Holy Communion led by Rev Leslie Holmes	Circuit Service at Bramhope
17 th	Rev Roger Smith Nativity Service	Rev Roger Smith Carol Service
24 th	Rev Cayte Norman 4.30 pm All-age Nativity led by Deacon Jenny Parnell	No 6pm service 11.15 pm Late night communion led by Rev Keith Reed
25 th	Christmas Day Family Service, Rev Roger Smith	
31 st	Mrs Lindsey Hurst	No evening service

January 2018 Services

	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6 pm
7 th	Deacon Jenny Parnell	United Service with Communion led by Rev Lesley Taylor
14 th	Rev Roger Walton (Chair of Yorkshire West District)	Circuit Service at Ben Rhydding
21 st	Holy Communion led by Rev Roger Smith	United Service at Yeadon
28 th	Rev Lesley Taylor	United Service led by Rev Roberta Topham



December

Sun 3 rd	2.30 pm	Primrose Court service led by Tuesday Prayers group
	3.00 pm	Community Carol Concert, Leeds Town Hall – see poster in foyer
Tues 5 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Rev Keith Reed
Wed 6 th to Sat 9 th		Christmas Tree Festival, Otley Parish Church – see flyer on noticeboard
Sat 9 th	10 – 4	Advent Quiet Day at Norwood – see poster on board
Sun 10 th	7.30 pm	Christmas Choral Concert at Bramhope by Ensemble Pro Victoria – tickets £12.50 – further details on poster
Wed 13 th	7.30 pm	Group 13 – Deacon Jenny Parnell
Thur 14 th to Sun 17 th		Ben Rhydding Festival of Cribs (see article)
Tues 19 th	9.30 am	Final Tuesday Prayers with Communion before break for Christmas
	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship Christmas Service
Sun 24 th	4.30 pm	All-age Nativity Service – dress as your favourite character



January

Sun 7 th	2.30 pm	Primrose Court Service led by Group 13
Mon 8 th	2.00 pm	Tuesday Fellowship join MWiB Epiphany Service at Otley
Tues 16 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Deacon Jenny Parnell
Wed 17 th	6.45 pm	Finance Committee
Wed 24 th	7.30 pm	Group13 – Mrs Chris Parapia “Parkinson’s Park”
Tues 30 th	2.15 pm	Tuesday Fellowship – Mr Alan Sheath

DON'T FORGET!!

SEW AND TELL - every Monday morning

OPEN THE BOOK - as rota

THURSDAY COFFEE STOP - all welcome



ROGER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Before moving here in the summer I lived in Cleckheaton where, for just over a year, Jo Cox was my MP and I feel privileged to have met her. She was full of energy and enthusiasm; she combined a love of the area where she had grown up with a passionate concern for those in need around the world; she inspired children and young people; she reached out across political divides. And, of course, as we all know, her life was brutally cut short on the streets of Birstall.

Jo Cox connected with people of faith. She didn't hold religious beliefs herself but understood the significant part faith plays in people's lives. This made her a very effective MP in a multi-faith constituency. I heard her speak at the Friends Meeting House about her work in Israel/Palestine with Oxfam. She told us about going into Gaza and meeting people longing for a better future. As an MP she was a strong voice for the suffering people of Syria.

She was also passionate about the needs of her constituency. It was one of the most poignant moments in all my time as a minister to open up Birstall Methodist Church on the day Jo Cox died so the police could use it 24/7 for rest breaks and planning their huge operation.

What connects all this with Christmas? Many of us will be looking forward to enjoying good things at Christmas, not just presents, of course, but time with family and friends, enjoying good things to eat and drink, hearing the Christmas story, singing carols, having some time to relax. Christmas can also be a stressful time, for some people it is a lonely time but I hope that, whatever your plans, some really good things come your way.

At the heart of the Christmas story is a vulnerable baby born in very difficult circumstances. That baby received some lavish gifts, was protected by love but faced real dangers. The Christmas story is not a cosy one but it does offer real hope for a troubled world.

Friends and family of Jo Cox have continued her work to combat loneliness with the Great Get-Together last summer and they've issued a challenge to make new connections with people this Christmas in #mincepiemoments. You don't have to eat lots of mince pies (or indeed any) but all of us can look for opportunities to connect with people we might otherwise pass by. This campaign doesn't have a religious motivation but it sounds like the real spirit of Christmas to me.

I look forward to sharing my first Christmas in Guiseley with you. I'm sure there'll be many 'mince pie moments' along the way when we realise afresh what Christmas is all about.

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas,

Roger

A thought for Christmas

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give"



Journey to the Cradle; Encounters with the Angel Gabriel

Advent Prayer Stations at Guiseley Methodist Church

Tuesday 28th November, 11 am - 9pm

(A drop-in, multi-sensory day)

An Advent Quiet Day at Norwood,

A chance to prepare for Christmas, with meditations, prayer, music, communion and quiet time

Saturday 8th December: 10 am - 4pm

Coffee from 9.30 am - with a Bring and Share Lunch

Advent and Christmas Services

Sunday 17th December 2017

10.30 am All Age Nativity

~ Revd Roger Smith

6.00 pm Candlelight Carol Service

~ Revd Roger Smith

Christmas Eve

10.30 am Revd Cayte Norman

4.30 pm Children's Nativity Service

~ Deacon Jenny Parnell

Come as your favourite character as we bring the Christmas story to life!

11.15 pm Christmas Communion

~ Revd Keith Reed

Christmas Day

10.30 am Christmas Family Service

~ Revd Roger Smith

Sunday 31st December

10.30 am Mrs Lindsey Hurst

No Room

**No room,
No place to be born,
No home.
No comfortable crib,
Unwanted refugee: Jesus**

**Malicious whispers,
Trick questions,
Unjust judgements
Seeking to break you
Unwanted healer: Jesus**

**Deserted, rejected.
Alone, tried
Silent
Whipped
Crucified Lord: Jesus**

**Risen, glorified
Waiting
No place to be born?
Be born in me Jesus,
That I may be born in you.**

by Adelaide Morley (submitted by Elizabeth)

AIREBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The December meeting of the society is a presentation entitled “Noel Nostalgia – What the Victorians handed down to us for Christmas” and will be held in Church on Thursday 14th December starting at 7.30 pm.

All are welcome to attend.

AHS Calendars are still on sale for £5 – please see me for further details.

Roger Halliwell 878609

WORLD MISSION

I want to thank everyone for their support of World Mission 2016/17, whether it be your prayers or coming to coffee mornings or special events, or collecting/donating money for the fund, which is vitally needed. The total given was £2900 of which you collected or donated £800. We now have 20 box collectors and also people who donate annually. Thank you very much.

The Self Denial envelopes are an important part of our giving and once again they will be in church on Sundays 7th and 14th January 2018. It won't be long! Thank you Catherine Mouncey (Sec/Tres)

A message of thanks and of Christmas Greetings

From Rev. John Sadler to the Guiseley Church Family

Dear Friends

Bereavement is a life changing experience and my journey at the moment is one of sadness and loss. I feel diminished at Betty's passing and am slowly coming to terms with all it means in the now and in the months ahead. I do however wish to express my profound thanks for the cards, the letters, the greetings I and my family received from Guiseley. The love and the prayers have sustained us and enabled us to find a quiet strength in our weakness. You will all appreciate that Christmas this year will be different for us and will understand that for me to focus on a large Christmas card list is putting pressure where really there is no need. Please therefore understand that I shall not be sending the usual amount of Christmas Cards and will be making an appropriate donation to Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

The Christmas message is also life changing in that Jesus enters our world of joy and sorrow, expressing perfectly the timeless realities of Grace, Mercy and Love. These are the priceless resources which enable us to bear the unbearable and find a sense of peace amid much anxiety. The Christ Child brings light into our darkness and hope in and beyond the shadows of despair.

I wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May God Bless you

John

Ben Rhydding Methodist Church

FESTIVAL OF CRIBS

Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, LS29 8PP

Thursday 14th December – Sunday 17th December 2017



**Come and join us and see the Nativity depicted in many different styles, from different countries and cultures.
Contemporary, traditional, hand crafted, edible and interactive!**

Thursday 14th December

Public viewing **12.00am – 5.00pm**

Friday 15th December

Public viewing **10.00am – 5.00pm**

Saturday 16th December

Public viewing **10.00am – 5.00pm**

Make your own Nativity **2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Children can enjoy making their own Nativity Scene

Sunday 17th December

Public viewing **10.00am – 1.00pm**

Family Crib Service **4.00pm**

Children can come dressed as their favourite nativity character

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

With reference to Creating Safer Space Training, several courses have now been arranged within the Circuit. Anybody taking up a new post or a “Regulated Activity” voluntary position is required to undertake Model A of the Foundation Course. If you have not had any training for a while (4 years or less), Refresher Training is required. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could check the dates below and book a place on an appropriate training course by contacting Mike Fawcett, Circuit Administrator on admin@wandamethodists.org.uk or 07885 585946. Please note it is essential to book your place no later than ten days beforehand.

Foundation Training – (For those who have not been on the course before)

Saturday 24th February – 9.30 am to 12 noon at Trinity Rawdon. Coffee and croissants from 9 am.

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 5 pm at Otley Methodist Church, includes tea and cake.

Refresher Training – (for those who have not been on the course for a while)

Saturday 27th January – 2 pm to 5 pm at Bramhope Methodist Church, includes tea and cake.

Monday 23rd April – 2 pm to 5 pm at Guiseley Methodist Church, includes tea and cake.

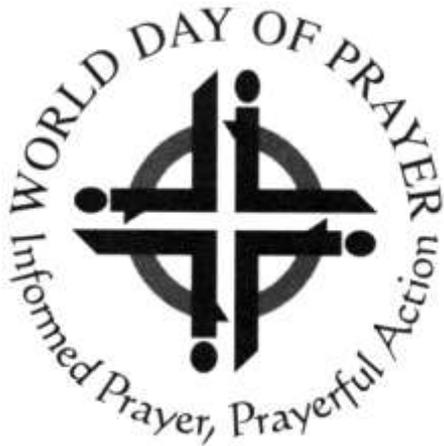
Wednesday 6th June – 7 pm to 9.30 pm at Christchurch, Ilkley.

If you have any queries, please let me know. Many thanks for your help.

Carol Davis
Safeguarding Co-ordinator – GMC

Coming Soon.....

The updated prayer card for our church and community. This gives the opportunity to pray for something different each day of the month. In this way we can all share in supporting our mission and activities throughout the year.



Women's World Day of Prayer - Date for your Diary

The 2018 Service will take place at St Johns Church, Yeadon on Friday 2nd March. The service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Surinam.

See the February newsletter for more information. Pamela

A message of thanks

Way back in the summer, local Guide Dog owner Kevin Beesting was seeking help to raise £5000 to sponsor a Guide Dog for another sight-impaired person. On his behalf, I brought a sponsorship form to a Thursday Coffee morning and this message is to thank the customers and helpers who donated so generously on that day.

I am pleased to report that Kevin achieved his target and has named the Guide Dog puppy after his late father, Lawrence. Jean Endersby



**Friends of Parkinson's Park Lantern Parade
Sunday 17th December**

Friends of Parkinson's Park invite you to join them for
a Lantern Parade

Please meet in the park, near the Advent tree, at 3.45pm
(Kelcliffe Lane entrance)
on Sunday 17th December

At 4pm we parade with lanterns, torches and drums to Guiseley Cross
The carol singing will begin at 4.20pm, led by Guiseley Brass Band

Refreshments will be served
Wellies or sturdy shoes are advisable

If wet please check our website - www.parkinsonspark.co.uk

Contacts: Vivien 01943 876950 or Jenny 01943 877360

Also there is to be a lantern making workshop at the Baptist Church
on Saturday 2nd December 10-3, aimed mainly at children but all
welcome.

More Yorkshire Humour (from Peter B)

Leaning on his gate, a Yorkshire farmer said to a passing neighbour “Now then, Bill. Is’t tha goin’ t’ gala next weekend?”

“Well, ah wern’t plannin’ ter, Jim. Not really my cup o’ tea.”

“Theur might want ter reconsider,” said Jim. “Ah’ve ‘eard there’s a lass goin in t’ fancy dress parade as Lady Godiva wi little on, riding a white hoss.”

Bill considering, then shifting his flat cap said, “Appen ah’ll go then. It’s a while since ah’ve seen a white hoss.

Depending on where you’re from, “Mama Mia” is either,

A classic Abba song, or,

A Yorkshire lad telling his mother he’s back home.

Yorkshire eh!

Seasonal advice

Don’t worry abaht ‘ow much thi eats an drinks between Christmas an’ New year, worry abaht ‘ow much thi eats an drinks between New Year an Christmas.

Old Amos says:-

The way some people grumble, you’d think they were paid to do it.

“Queer i’nt it? When tha’s young tha does a lot o’ wishful thinking, but when t’years pile up tha does a lot o’ thoughtful wishin’”



The **NEXT NEWSLETTER** is for February & March 2018. Please let us have your material by no later than 21st January via the

box in the vestry or by email to:

gmcmonthlynewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

Circuit & Church Noticeboard

'Viewpoint' will be our new monthly E-noticeboard for the Circuit. It will detail upcoming events within your church and will be emailed out to the circuit so that everyone gets a view of what is happening.

If you have any special services / events / social happenings etc. due to take place in January/February please give details by email, or call me on 07885 585946. Contributions should be sent to Mike Fawcett (admin@wandamethodists.org.uk) by the end of the first week of every month, for issue the following week.

Many thanks

Mike Fawcett
Circuit Administrator

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