

AROUND THE DALE

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Boys' Brigade

at Boothtown and Southowram
Methodist Church

On Wednesday 16th May, the 18th Halifax Company held its parents and friends night. This year it was attended by the Brigade Secretary, Bill Stevenson, who is based in Scotland. Here's something of what he wrote after the evening:

"Modern society is not always good at celebrating young people's achievements and it is great that in the BB we are able to do just that; seeing just how much it means to our members and the encouragement it gives them. Perhaps we should think of them as the Brigade's own equivalent of the Oscars.



"May I take this opportunity to highlight the Make a Difference

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Taizé Service

at Central
Methodist Church
Brighouse

Sunday 18th November at 6 pm



Bless the Lord, My Soul

Songs and prayers from the
Taizé Community
based in southern France

Everyone is welcome to
come and share
in this act of worship

For more details ring 01484 718807

Busoasis

Sharon Longman, project lead of Busoasis, is part of an organisation known as Police and Faith Together. A collaboration of faith based organisations who actively work on police related priorities in partnership with the police & police and crime commissioners.



Sharon was privileged to attend and speak at the reception and launch of this initiative in the Houses of Parliament on Monday 16th April, hosted by Holly Lynch MP. There were many high ranking police, faith leaders and MPs in attendance to hear about the work of projects such as Busoasis, who work in partnership with the police.

Sharon spoke about the work they had done tackling anti social behaviour in Calderdale, addressing loneliness and isolation, and interfaith working.

Many commented to Sharon what a great idea the bus was, and how wonderful that the Methodist Church is taking risks and working collaboratively to address issues within our communities.

Sharon Longman

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EASTER OFFERINGS

Thank you to all the churches who supported the 2018 Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering appeal on behalf of the World Mission Fund, the total money banked by Joan, our treasurer, was £1,775.11 with Gift Aided envelopes totalling £373 sent to London for tax reclamation.

Our Dedication Service was hosted by Mount Zion who served tea/coffee & cake beforehand in the cottage where we could have a chat with people we do not see very often.

Rev. Terry Keen led the service which had the theme 'Seek peace and pursue it' with people from across the circuit taking part.

The three stories read during the service gave us information about work with Sinhalese & Tamil women helped by the 'Transforming People' programme in Sri Lanka, the 'Tent of Nations' in Palestine where Muslim & Christian young people meet together and the Peace Studies Club at Kwassui Girls High School in Nagasaki.

It is good to hear about some of the work our money is supporting. Thank you to all who took part.

In 2019 the service reverts to Tuesday afternoon and will be at Hebden Royd Methodist Church, 2.30p.m. on 21st May; please book the date and join us there.

Rushbearing Weekend

Sowerby Bridge and Ripponden

The Rushbearing Weekend this year is on 1st and 2nd September. If you are new to the area then a look at the website www.rushbearing.com is to be recommended. You will see that:

“Rushbearing dates back several centuries to a time when church floors consisted of little more than stone flags or beaten earth and rushes were used as a winter covering. Each year, in late summer the rotten rushes were cleared out and new ones were taken to the churches in carts. Human nature being what it is, this annual custom developed into an excuse for celebration involving revelry, music, morris dancing and much drinking of strong ales.”

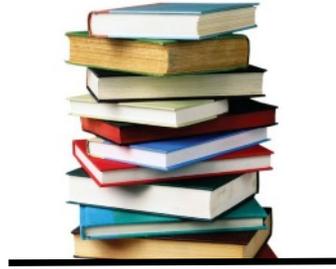
The rushcart is scheduled to visit St. Paul’s Methodist Church in Sowerby Bridge at 3.30pm on the Saturday, (but the church will be open from 11am, serving light refreshments – no strong ales!).

After the arrival of the cart the rushes will be received by Revd. Terry Keen, who will also conduct a short service. The Morris Dancing will then take place on the road outside. Parking in the area will be very tricky if left until



the last minute; but the event is always worth watching and where better to experience it than St. Paul’s on Tower Hill.

There’s a Library at Brighouse Central



Did you know that in the vestry at Central Methodist Church, Brighouse, there’s a theological library? Anyone can visit - access is available on Friday and Saturday mornings between 10am and 12 noon when coffee mornings are held. Just ask someone how to get to the vestry where the library is housed. Otherwise phone Graham Smith on 01484 718807 for other times.

The catalogue of books, CDs, and other media is available on the Circuit website. Visit <http://www.calderdalemethodists.org.uk/> (no spaces). Look under resources and open up the pdf.

Books can be borrowed and there is a register to fill in if you do.



This Newsletter

Do you have something happening in your church that you want to tell others in the Circuit about. Here’s just the place. Check the cut-off date on the back page.

Boys' Brigade

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Awards, another way in which we can recognise the achievements of our young people. The Brigade-wide awards celebrate the difference that young people in The Boys' Brigade make, and it would be fantastic to see more nominations coming in for these national awards. You can find out how to nominate a young person at: leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gomad.htm

Bill Stevenson

Straplines

Prayer is important when things get hard and you find it difficult to keep going. It's also worth remembering it's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.

There are worse things than getting a call at 4am when it turns out to be a 'wrong number' call. It could be a right number.

The smallest action is better than the greatest intention.

The person who risks nothing is usually the one who does nothing, sees nothing, has nothing and is nothing. To love is to risk.

John Wesley was once asked how he managed to attract the crowds when he was preaching. He replied, "I set myself on fire with the Gospel and the people come to see me burn."

A Weighty Subject



During discussion at a church supper which consisted of a sumptuous meal, the conversation turned to the subject of losing weight and the benefit of attending Weight Watchers. The minister's wife said she had found her own excellent solution. She said, "I try to avoid things that make me fat, like scales, mirrors, and photographs."



*"No, I preached last Sunday.
This week it's your turn"*

It is hoped that Issue No. 18 of this Newsletter will come out shortly after the next Circuit Meeting. Please send material to graham.smith@methodist.org.uk by **Monday 1st October 2018**

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