

AROUND THE DALE

The Newsletter of the Calderdale Methodist Circuit

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BUSOASIS

The Busoasis project is a bright yellow double decker bus provided by the Calderdale Methodist Circuit and is able to work with our ecumenical partners in sharing the love of God within our communities.

The idea is that it will go to various parts of Calderdale and be in place for a couple of hours at a time and provide a place where people can come on board chat, drink refreshments and do various planned activities. There is also the possibility of computer training and for youth work there are games consoles available. There is a canopy that pulls out over the main door area in good weather where people can sit outside too.

This is an opportunity for Churches from Churches Together groups to work in their community. The Busoasis

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From the Superintendent Minister

Dear Friends, welcome to the first edition of the Calderdale Circuit News Letter.

When I have visited churches and fellowship groups I have often been told: 'we don't know what is going on in this new circuit.' At Circuit Meetings and Church Councils I am told that we need better communication, hence the production of this Circuit News Letter. So here is the opportunity for our circuit groups and meetings to share their news and keep everyone informed.

I hope you are encouraged by the Good News stories in this first edition.

Best wishes

Alistair Newton

The Circuit Service

will take place on 2nd June at Southgate, Elland at 11 am. By worshipping together we show our commitment to one another.



project will also be at the various festivals around Calderdale throughout the year. A job was advertised for a Lead Bus Worker for the project. Please continue to pray for this exciting, pioneering project.

Once the project is up and running there will be regular updates on the Busoasis website and facebook. If your Church or Churches Together group would be interested in using the bus for joint work in your community or if anyone would like to volunteer to help out then please contact the Project Manager Paul Welch revpaulwelch@blueyonder.co.uk (See Circuit Directory).

We are also looking for a few extra volunteer drivers so if you know of any retired bus drivers or current bus drivers or HGV drivers who would like to help out then please get them to contact Paul. We are looking to launch the project on Saturday 4th May at 12 noon in Southowram and then at 2pm in Mytholmroyd Community Centre Car Park.

This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for the Church to get out in the community. The Busoasis project will also be working in conjunction with HYP (Chris and Laura) the two detached Youth workers who work with youngsters in the Town Centre. Most of all please pray

for this project that it builds relationships within communities and is able to show God's love to those who are unaware of His love for them. In March we had a Visit from the President of the Methodist Conference Rev Mark Wakelin who was very impressed with the project and the endless possibilities it could bring about.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Rev Paul Welch.



Rev Paul Welch with Rev Mark Wakelin and, of course, the bus.

BUSOASIS

- You can find out more about the Project by logging onto www.busoasis.org.uk
- Or you can Like Us on 'Facebook'.

It is hoped that Issue No. 2 of this Newsletter will come out shortly after the next Circuit Meeting. Please send material to graham.smith@methodist.org.uk by Monday 22nd July

Circuit Garden Party

Saturday 1st June

At Warley House Gardens, Stock Lane, HX2 7RU

Midday to 4pm

Amission is £1.00, with accompanied children under 12 free.

Guide dogs only.

We are still short of helpers for this event - especially folk able to **commit** themselves to helping on a stall, or running a game. Leaflets were sent to all the churches - but some never seem to find their way to the notice boards. Anyone interested in helping out can 'phone us on 01422 831431.

Paul Hinton

(Senior Steward at St. Paul's)



Here at Sowerby Bridge we had a most fulfilling Easter.

There had been an ecumenical series of Lent meetings, attended by a good number from St. Paul's Methodist, along with our friends from local Anglican churches and St. Patrick's Catholic Church - who hosted the meetings.

We had a service at St. Paul's on Maundy Thursday at which we were joined by members from Christ Church C of E. Then on Good Friday we had our Walk of Witness through the town. This started at St. Patrick's and ended at St. Paul's where we had a short service. The walk replicates 9 stations of the cross. At each stopping point a short prayer is said, followed by a verse from an Easter hymn. Some 90 folk joined in the walk this year, which certainly reminded the town that Easter has a true meaning.

Our Easter Sunday Communion led by Rev. Francis Neil was well attended and proved an uplifting experience.

Paul Hinton

(Steward, St. Paul's)

You are invited to come and meet.....

Sarah and Paul Wright

Mission Partners
working in Nepal!

**St Andrew's Methodist Church,
Halifax, HX3 0AT**

Sunday 16th June at 3:00 pm

Come and find out about their
life and work in Nepal,
as they share their experiences.

Faith Finger Tea at about 4.30pm

*Drinks provided,
please bring a contribution of food to share.*

6:00pm Circuit World Church Service

***Please support this
Circuit World Church event!***

There is limited parking at St Andrew's.
Space is available on Huddersfield Road,
Stafford Road and Coronation Road.

Allow yourself time to park!