

AROUND THE DALE

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FEEDING THE NEEDY AT BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL

Just when I'd decided it was time to hang up the volunteering hat, the Spirit called.

I had the right qualifications - a food hygiene certificate, cooking experience (over half a century in the family kitchen) and the ability to boss people around.

The Open Door Lunch project, an initiative from a team set up to look at Central Brighthouse's Social Responsibilities, is a project to feed those in need.



Every Friday Central's kitchen is buzzing from approximately 8.00 a.m. with preparation, aiming to serve a two course meal at 12 noon. At present there are three rotating teams (apt description) serving a variety of meal combinations from sausage and mash to roast chicken and from apple crumble to treacle tart and custard -

the menu varies with each team leader.

The first lunch was 7 months ago and the diners are made up of those who would go home to an empty house and some for whom this is the only cooked meal they have that week.

No charge is made for the meal but people do make donations as they feel able. Such is the generosity of some that the costs are well covered.

It's hard but rewarding and, of course, we always need more volunteers. But the increasing number of diners proves that the project is worthwhile.

A Team Leader

Your Circuit Newsletter needs YOU

Published three times a year, this Newsletter aims to inform local congregations about what's happening around the Circuit. So we need **YOU** to let us know what's going on in your neck of the woods.

The cut-off date for items to be included in the next issue is on the back page.

Please make it easy for the editor and send your news in good time.

Graham





Community Transport Calderdale

aims to provide transport for those residents of Calderdale who cannot access existing forms of transport provision for reasons of ill health, isolation, disability, poverty or social exclusion. We help our members access health appointments, supermarkets and other social events important to them. We are looking for more volunteer car drivers to help with our Community Car Service.

If you have some spare time, can drive safely and would like to make a difference please get in touch for an informal chat.

Phone on 01422 888080
email info@ctcalderdale.co.uk.
Our website is www.ctcalderdale.co.uk.



The people of the
Calderdale Methodist Circuit
joining together for
Music, Reflection and Prayer



Meeting every Wednesday at 10 am

May - Illingworth Moor Church
June - Salem Church
July - Boothtown and
Southowram Church
August - Highgate Church

A very informal get-together that started as a resource for Local Preachers but has now become a weekly event in the lives of a variety of people from different churches.

The theme is based on the lectionary readings for the week after the following Sunday.

Why not make this mid-week gathering a part of what you do.

All are welcome

For further details contact:
the Circuit Office 01422 359639
or check our website:

www.calderdalemethodists.org.uk

Heptonstall 250th Anniversary Celebration



We had a very interesting afternoon on Saturday 11th October when we had a visit from the Wesley Historical Societies of Lancashire and Yorkshire. They went for a walk around the village with Mr Norman Bailey, followed by a talk on Methodism in the area by Dr. John Hargreaves, followed by tea.

On the evening of the 11th we had a concert by the Elland Male Voice Choir and members of the Hebden Bridge Brass Band which was well attended and was brilliant.

On Sunday 12th October we had a very inspiring Circuit Service with the address being given by the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Kenneth Howcroft, followed by refreshments and reminiscences. A very enjoyable weekend.

**The Knitted Bible is coming
to Calderdale in May**

At Clifton Methodist Church

Watch out for the poster in your
church and on the web site

Good at Mission but...

Calderdale Circuit Training Day
Saturday March 14th, Salem Church

Former Circuit minister and ex-President, Revd Ruth Gee was the keynote speaker at this conference on sharing our faith attended by 40 or so from 15 different churches. She quoted the article by Stephen Skuce which says Methodists are good at mission (making contacts and serving those outside the church) but poor at evangelism (telling people about Jesus and welcoming them into the family of disciples).

Ruth asked us what came into our minds when anyone mentioned evangelism and replies included 'nervous', 'challenging', 'here am I - send someone else'. She read to us Mark 1 where Jesus tells his first disciples to follow and to learn to use their fishing skills to fish for people. Ruth used examples she had come across in her presidential year to illustrate the variety of evangelism and church renewal and growth – from Clapham to Nairobi, Shetland to Southampton. She advised that our evangelism needed to be integral, deliberate and intentional, not an extra for a few keen ones but it had to be contextual too, based on the locality and its needs and issues, often working in partnership and with people you already know. All disciples are called to be apostles too! We must get better at telling the story of Jesus and telling how important, even life-changing, it is for us. After all when we have any good news we always want to share it with others so why not THE GOOD NEWS.

Chris Robinson

**Our Open Days 2pm – 4pm.
with crafts and activities
for children (small charge)**

9th May – Love Cups Display

13th June – Staffordshire Pottery

11th July – Holidays

8th August – Cream Teas

Special Heritage Weekend

11th - 13th September

Wedding Dress Display

Saturday 10th October

Moody & Sankey

You are invited to join us at 2.45 pm

Aldersgate Sunday 24th May

Dr John A Hargreaves

Sunday 12th July

Songs of Praise

Sunday 13th September

The Vice President of Conference

Dr Jill Barber

Sunday 11th October (Harvest)

Mrs Paula Prosser

All at 2.45 pm

If you would like to volunteer at our Open Days or when schools visit please contact Paula Prosser
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Taizé Service at Central Methodist Church Brighouse

Sunday 24th May 2015 at 6 pm



**Celebrate Pentecost
and Wesley Day**
**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

It is hoped that Issue No. 8 of this Newsletter will come out shortly after the next Circuit Meeting. Please send material to graham.smith@methodist.org.uk by Friday 7th July 2015

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