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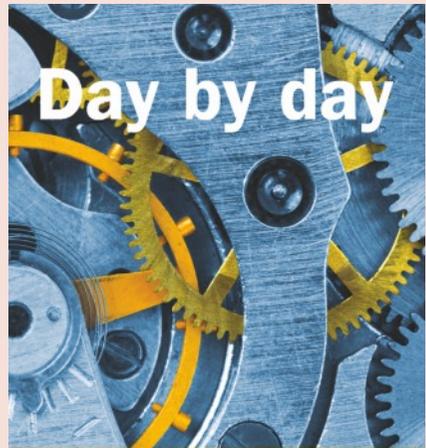
Welcome to our new Superintendent

Hello from your new Superintendent Minister Rev Terry Keen and his wife Linda. We are looking forward to being in Yorkshire once again having served in the Barnsley and Wakefield Circuits some years ago.



I am the eldest of five children born in the centre of Manchester and raised a Roman Catholic. Linda and I re-connected to the church in 1984 at Mission England in Liverpool but didn't become members of the Methodist Church until later. I was recognized as a Local Preacher in July 1998 and started the candidating process in the September.

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Prayers for a 'Spiritual Five-A-Day'.

'Day by day - exploring the rhythm of mission and discipleship' is the theme chosen by the Revd Loraine N Mellor and Mrs Jill Baker, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2017/2018.

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West Yorkshire District Synod

Saturday 6th May 2017



After a break of 12 years, once again, I was travelling to the Spring Synod at Bingley hoping for an encouraging day and I wasn't disappointed.

Synod is a place where it is good to meet up with friends and acquaintances from across the district and the buzz in the coffee room was quite loud.

Rev Ruth Crompton welcomed everyone and the opening worship was led by the Chair of District.

We then proceeded into the business part of the Synod. We heard reports from different circuits about the initiative The Story of Light and how we share our faith with the communities where we live.

A short video was shown of the wonderful work that is going on at



Touchstone and we heard heart warming stories of how the staff at Touchstone are reaching out to

allay the fears that have increased post Brexit. Touchstone is a safe place where people from that community can go and feel safe and be encouraged. It was good to hear how people of all faiths and none can meet together and share their experiences over food and by engaging in different crafts.

This was an important Synod for it was the last one in the West Yorkshire District, which is joining with part of the Leeds District and will become known as Yorkshire West.

We heard encouraging news about work with young people across the district and great news about a Messy Church training day that had been held in Huddersfield.

Before the break for lunch there was a presentation about All We Can by Tim Baker and Alex Crosse.

They shared how when there is a disaster in the world, the money we give is very effective and gets straight to the people who need it.



After lunch a special service was held, led by the Chair Rev Dr Roger Walton to celebrate the end of the West Yorkshire Methodist District. Two former Chairs were present, Baroness Rev Dr Kathleen Richardson and Rev Peter Whittaker. Rev Kathleen Richardson preached and the service culminated with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A well spent day, listening to encouraging stories of what God is doing across our District, enabling us all to realise that there is far more going on in Methodism than we see in our local church.

KMM

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.



A Season of Concerts and Flower Festival at Brighthouse Central

The Brighthouse & Rastrick Band will be making a welcome return on September 16th. This will be the start of, what is hoped will be, a week of musical events leading up to the Church's Flower Festival over the weekend of 22nd – 25th September, culminating in a Gala Concert planned for Saturday 23rd with something for all musical tastes.

Proceeds from these events will go towards Central's *Open to God/Open to All Project* as well as supporting their long term work (see more details about this in the Spring 2017 Issue).

Acoustically, Central has always been a popular venue for music lovers and, as one of the projects recently launched was the Brighthouse Central Music Academy, it seems fitting that music plays a part in the fundraising initiatives.

Tickets for all concerts will be available from:

The Ticket Kiosk at Central (Mornings of Thursday – Sunday)

Fawcetts Cards & Gift Shop, Commercial Street Brighthouse;

Rycorns Health Store, Bethel Street Brighthouse;

Treble Clef Music, off Bethel Street, Brighthouse;

and in Huddersfield from: Chooseys Tea and Coffee House, King Street.

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After studying at Hartley Victoria in Manchester, where I grew up, I was stationed in the Barnsley Circuit followed by Superintendency in Wakefield. My next appointment was to an ecumenical area where I was Superintendent and Chair of the ecumenical area working with URC, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Baptist clergy. This led to some interesting staff meetings and times of worship. My next station was the Crosby Circuit followed by this one to the Calderdale Circuit, both as Superintendent.

I enjoy leading Bible Studies, using multimedia and finding ways of supporting those living with Dementia to feel at home in worship. Some of my personal hobbies include collecting stamps, plane spotting, photography, writing routines for MS Access database software, travel and walking our 8-year-old German Shepherd, Ruby.

Both of us look forward to journeying with you over the next few years to where God is leading you. Together we will learn about each other and use those experiences to fulfil God's calling on our lives, our churches and this circuit.

Rev Terry Keen

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GOPEL STREET

RETELLING THE NEWS

on Friday the 13th October 2017

7.00 pm at Christ Church

Tickets £10 (Concessions £8)

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People are out on the street. Another generation is looking for answers - a rich young career girl, an angry gang leader, a charming church-goer, misfits, activists, crooked bankers, a surprising refugee and a bloke who bought himself seriously expensive jewellery.

People who stood face to face with Jesus. There are anecdotes, bust-ups, blogs and posts. It's a wild ride through issues of life, death and miraculous street food.

Despite their differences and social divisions, 140 characters want to meet one extraordinary person. Jesus has arrived in their street and he's on the lookout for trouble - looking to do something about it.

Four young people - two women, two men - like the first evangelists, tell the startling story of what happened, just now, on the street.

The result is a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and the spoken word.

GOPEL STREET is a collaboration

between award-winning writers, including rapper and hip-hop artist Testament. Riding Lights is doing what it does best: bringing everyone together to hear some of the good news with wisdom, laughter, energy and insight.



"This was a job done by a pro."

It is hoped that Issue No. 15 of this Newsletter will come out shortly after the next Circuit Meeting. Please send material to graham.smith@methodist.org.uk by **Monday 25th September 2017**

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