

Tuesday 15 December

7.00 pm Bible Study Group
7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 16 December

10.00 am Coffee Morning
11.30 am Christmas Lunch served
7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Saturday 19 December

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 20 December

10.30 am Service led by Mrs Janet Clark
Stewards Joyce Dykes and Rosalie Large
Music Katherine Watson
Door Rosalie Large and Rachael Slater
Coffee Lindsay Schofield and Lindsey Butler
Flowers Joyce Dykes
4.00 pm Carol Service

Tuesday 22 December

7.00 pm Bible Study Group
7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 23 December

10.00 am No Coffee Morning
12 noon No Lunches served
7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Christmas Day Service

10.00 am Service led by Rev Barbara Walls

Saturday 26 December

10.00 am No Coffee Morning

Sunday 27 December

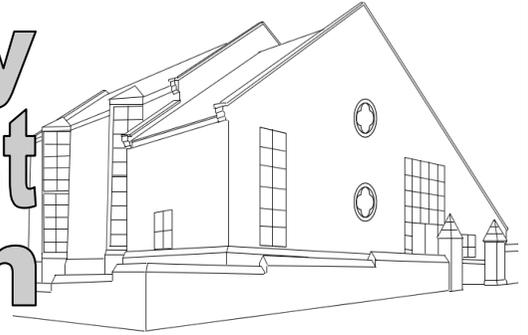
10.30 am Local Arrangement

Stewards

Music Ian Horsman
Door Susan Atherton and Elaine Slater
Coffee Rosalie Large and Joan Moore
Flowers Katherine Watson

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Bingley Methodist Church



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Sunday 13 December 2015

**10.30 am Service led by
Rev Alan Raine**

Stewards Joyce Dykes and David Varley
Music Anthony Butterfield
Door Joan Wright and Gill Neasham
Coffee Millie Emmerson and Joyce Hutchinson
Flowers Barbara Walls
4.30 pm Flute Concert

We welcome you to our church today. We sincerely hope that you will receive a blessing from the service.

If you would like a visit from our Minister, or if our Church Stewards can help in any way, please let us know.

Coffee and tea will be served following this morning's service, please stay and join us.

Items for Sunday 20 December's News Sheet to be handed to Pam Butterfield (01274 774637) by Wednesday 16 December at the latest.

This afternoon—Flute Concert

The Windstruments Flute Orchestra have kindly agreed to come to our church this afternoon at 4.30 pm to give us a Christmas Concert. Admission is free but there will be a jar for donations to our church.

Please come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Bible Study Group

This group is continuing to meet to discuss 'Advent' on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.

Next Sunday 20 December

We are having a retiring collection next Sunday to help the people of Cumbria who have been affected by the flooding. This has come from The Cumbria Methodist District.. Please support them if you can.

The Eldwick Church

On Saturday 19th December from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Sunday 20th December from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm there will be a display of 'The Eldwick Angels' in the church.

The Angels have been made by members of the church and the community.

Refreshments are available on both days and please go and have a look at the Angels.

Prayer for Syria

We pray for peace.
Peace for our world.
Peace for all peoples.
Peace in our land.

We pray for peace
In the name of the Prince of Peace,
Hear our prayer.
Amen.

Christmas Cards

Once again we have decided to use the 'One Card for the Whole Church' system of sending cards to friends at church.

Instead of sending individual cards you send one card which is placed on the sliding doors in the Small Hall and the money which you would have spent on individual cards is put into the collecting box for Action for Children. From today the box will be by the Serving Hatch in the Small Hall to receive your cards and donations if you wish to participate. Thank You.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be held on 20 December at 4.00 pm and will be led by our Minister Rev Rosemary Nash. We would be very pleased to see as many of you as possible. As the dark nights are with us, if any of you need a lift to church, if you mention it to a steward I am sure something can be arranged.

Christmas Day

Our Christmas Day service will be led by Rev Barbara Walls and is at 10.00 am not 10.30 am.

Sunday 27 December

Katherine and Ann have agreed to arrange the Sunday Service on Sunday 27th December. If anyone would like to suggest a carol to be sung at the service (preferably one which we have not already sung) please let either of them know by the end of the Carol Service on 20th December.

One or two volunteers will be needed. Please can you help?

Circuit Prayers

This week we are asked to pray for the church at Cononley.

"To Worship in Stillness"

The next meeting which will be led by Rosemary is on Thursday 7 January at 7.00 pm. There will also be meetings on 4 February and 3 March.

Wednesday Lunches

There will be no Wednesday Lunch on 23 December and 30 December. The first one of the New Year will be 6 January.

Why are we here?

Local preachers

For many of us the name lay preacher equates to the local preacher of our youth and although never John's intention, they were very necessary when the number of churches increased. In the days when few people could read or write, preachers private opinions could have a great influence. When freedom of worship was granted by parliament, meeting houses and chapels were only licensed by magistrates for the preaching of the gospel. Preachers were restricted to a locality not more than a walking distance from their homes (seven miles!) hence the name local preacher. As Methodism grew rapidly, initially with very large circuits (Haworth extended up to Whitehaven), paid itinerant preachers were trained but probably outside the law. Unless they were personally known to the magistrates or lingered too long in one locality the chances of being apprehended by them was low. Johnathan Reeves, a local preacher from Keighley, was arrested and taken to York Castle on the crime of being a dangerous man to the person and government of King George. Fortunately Lady Huntingdon stepped in and the case was annulled. Nothing like having friends in high places!

Sent in by Eddie