

Tuesday 22 December

7.00 pm Bible Study Group

7.30 pm No 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

Tuesday 29 December

7.30 pm No Badminton

Wednesday 30 December

10.00 am No Coffee Morning

12 noon No Lunch served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Saturday 2 January

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 3 January

10.30 am Service led by Rev Nigel Ogley

Stewards Stephen Wilkinson and Lindsay Schofield

Music Roy Hemsley

Door Anne and Eddie Hamlin

Coffee Catharine Sykes and Maggie Newby

Flowers Joan Moore

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Bingley Methodist Church



Minister: Rev Rosemary Nash—Tel: 01274 568163

Sunday 20 December 2015

**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

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 27 December's News Sheet to be handed to Pam Butterfield (01274 774637) by Wednesday 23 December at the latest.

Today 20 December

We are having a retiring collection today 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.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be held this afternoon at 4.00 pm and will be led by our Minister Rev Rosemary Nash.

Flute Concert

The Concert which was held last Sunday raised £265.00 for Church Funds.

Our grateful thanks are given to the Windstruments Flute Orchestra for giving their time and talents to entertain us. Thanks are also given to the helpers who organised the refreshments, and you for coming to listen and enjoy the afternoon.

The Eldwick Church

Today 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 and please go and have a look at the Angels.

Bible Study Group

This last meeting for the present for this group is on Tuesday 22 December at 7.00 pm.

Circuit Prayers

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

Christmas Day

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

Outreach Leaflets

If you know of any house in Bingley that has changed hands in the last two months, please let Carol Lake know. Thank You.

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?

Winter Fayre Thank You

We've received a thank you letter from The Welcome Project: "Could I ask you to convey our sincere thanks to the congregation at Bingley Methodist Church for their most generous donation of £788.03 raised at your Winter Fayre, which will be used to further the work at The Welcome Place Café at the Shared Church in Keighley".

Lunches and Coffee Mornings and Badminton

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

The next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 2 January.

Badminton will start again on 5 January.

Coffee Money

The coffee money for September, October and November amounted to £194.71 and this has been sent to Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire.

The money for December, January and February will be sent to Candlelighters, a charity which supports children with cancer and their families. Find out more about their work at www.candlelighters.org.uk.

"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.

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



November

| Date | Collection |
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| 1 November | 241 20 |
| 8 November | 233.00 |
| 15 November | 239.00 |
| 22 November | 201.50 |
| 29 November | 234.05 |