

Monday 30 March

7.30 pm Circuit Service

Tuesday 31 March

7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 1 April

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunches served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Good Friday 3 April

10.45 am Short Service

12.15 pm Lent Lunch

Saturday 4 April

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 5 April

10.30 am Easter Day Service led by Rev Rosemary Nash

Stewards Barbara Beardmore and Joyce Dykes

Music Roy Hemsley

Door Maureen and Bob Maskell

Coffee Rosalie Large and Joan Moore

Flowers Maureen Maskell

Tuesday 7 April

7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 8 April

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunches served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Saturday 11 April

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 12 April

10.30 am Service led by Miss Kathryn Whitaker

Stewards Pam Helyar and Carol Lake

Music Anthony Butterfield

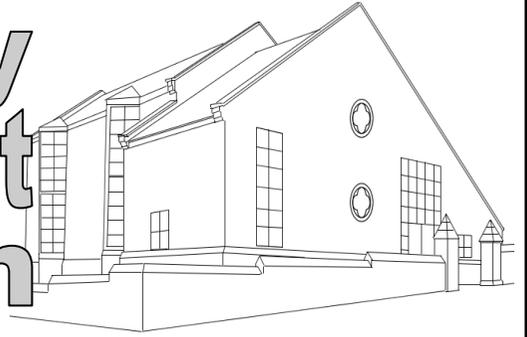
Door Evelyn and Roy Hemsley

Coffee Katherine Watson and Dorothy Mawson

Flowers Joyce Hutchinson

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Bingley Methodist Church



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Sunday 29 March 2015

**10.30 am Service led by
Rev Malcolm Sharrock**

Stewards Carol Lake and Pam Helyar

Music Anthony Butterfield

Door Anne and Eddie Hamlin

Coffee Lindsay Schofield and Lindsey Butler

Flowers Mignon de Jager

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 5 April's News Sheet to be handed to Pam Butterfield (01274 774637) by Wednesday 1 April at the latest.

Fifth Sunday in the Month

Today is a Fifth Sunday when we have a special collection for the Disaster Fund so we can respond to the requests for help as quickly as possible. A plate will be at the back of the church for your donations if you wish to do so.

Thank You

Easter Sunday

Next Sunday will you please bring a flower to church with you as we will be decorating the cross, which has stood empty, with flowers in celebration of the Risen Christ.

Easter Offering Envelopes

Each Easter the Methodist Church invites congregations to make a donation to the World Mission Fund through the Easter Offering Envelopes. The envelopes will be on the chairs next Sunday if you wish to make a donation.

Holy Week and Easter Services

On the Hymn Book table there are sheets with times and places of services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Also there is a poster in the Small Hall showing Circuit Services.

Rev Ruth Parry

Ruth will be away on Sabbatical during April and is visiting India. While there she is going to the church where Roy was ordained while he was in India. Our Banner Group have made a banner for Ruth to take as a gift and on Easter Sunday a photograph of the banner will be shown on our projector as part of our Easter Day Worship.



News

Why are we here?

Considering that the first Methodists attended their Parish Churches and were led by John Wesley, an Anglican clergyman, how is it that we have our own buildings and clergy?

One reason surely comes from Bishop Ryle's opinion of the state of the clergy at that time. "The vast majority of them were sunk in worldliness and knew nor cared anything about the profession. They neither did good themselves nor liked anyone else to do it for them. They hunted, they shot, they farmed, they swore, they drank, they gambled. They preached as seldom as possible and when they did, their sermons were so unspeakably bad, that it is comforting to reflect that they generally preached to empty pews."

Even allowing for some personal exaggeration, all was not well. No wonder attendance was poor and independent Chapels thriving.

To be continued.

Sent in by Eddie.

Buns for Missions

Thank you to everyone who bought Buns for Missions. We raised £25.00 which was excellent and this time it has gone to JMA.

Thank You to the children who did the decorating of the buns and a special Thank You is given to Susan and Rachael who supervised the proceedings.

Coffee Money

The coffee money for December, January and February amounted to £159.37 and has been sent to Love Bread. A community supported bakery, aiming to bring the many benefits of baking real bread to communities.

The coffee money for March, April and May will be donated to Pancreatic Cancer UK: the only national charity fighting pancreatic cancer on all fronts: support, information, campaigning and research. You can find out more about their work at www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk.

Lenten Lunches 2015

The Lent Lunches are continuing each Friday during Lent ending on Good Friday. From 12.15 pm to 1.15 pm, Soup, Bread and Cheese Lunches will be served in the Small Hall at our church. The cost is £3.00 and there will be a Bring and Buy Stall. The proceeds are for Christian Aid.

A Trip to Wentworth Castle

If any one would like a day out at Wentworth Castle and Gardens on Thursday 21st May please see Stephen. There will be a guide and coffee, lunch and tea are included. The rhododendrons will be in bloom. and the renovated Victorian greenhouse will be open. The gardens have featured on Songs of Praise and the Antiques Roadshow! The cost is £40.00.

Circuit Prayers

This week we are asked to pray for the churches at Cullingworth and Oakworth.