

Tuesday 5 January

7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 6 January

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunches served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Thursday 7 January

7.00 pm "To Worship in Stillness"

Saturday 9 January

10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 10 January

10.30 am Service led by Deacon Claire Gill

Stewards Pam Helyar and Barbara Beardmore*Music* Anthony Butterfield*Door* Evelyn and Roy Hemsley*Coffee* Joan Wright and Gill Neasham*Flowers* Barbara Beardmore**Tuesday 12 January**

7.30 pm Badminton

Wednesday 13 January

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunch served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

Saturday 16 January

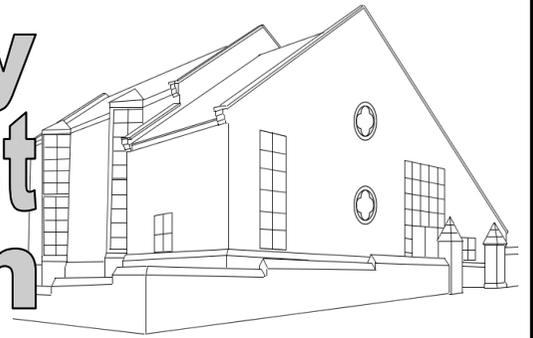
10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 17 January

10.30 am Covenant Service led by Rev Rosemary Nash

Stewards Jean Varley and Rosalie Large*Music* Katherine Watson*Door* Maureen and Bob Maskell*Coffee* Dorothy Mawson and Pam Downs*Flowers* Jean VarleyWebsite: www.bingleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Bingley Methodist Church



Minister: Rev Rosemary Nash—Tel: 01274 568163

Sunday 3 January 2016

**10.30 am Service led by
Rev Nigel Ogle***Stewards* Stephen Wilkinson and
Lindsay Schofield*Music* Katherine Watson*Door* Anne and Eddie Hamlin*Coffee* Catharine Sykes and Maggie Newby*Flowers* Joan Moore

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 10 January's News Sheet to be handed to Pam Butterfield (01274 774637) by Wednesday 6 January at the latest.

Christmas Cards

The amount raised for Action for Children through sending one card to the whole church and putting the saved money into a donation box was £50.10.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this.

Cumbria Appeal

The retiring collection for the Cumbria Appeal on 20 December mounted to £100.00. Thank you to all who contributed.

Winter Fayre Thank You 1

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".

Winter Fayre Thank You 2

We've also received a letter from Manorlands Hospice: "We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for sending in your fantastic donation of £788.03 which you raised through your Winter Fayre – we hope you enjoyed it!

Your donation could enable us to cover the cost of a nurse for a week working in the hospice and have enough left over to buy a nebulizer to help a patient with breathing difficulties.

Thank you once more for your gift and support."

Changes in the Circuit

Copies of the letter which was read out in church on 13 December are on the hymn book table.

Flower Rota 2016

The new rota is now being distributed. There are four blank dates. If anyone who is not on the rota would like to fill one of the dates please see Pam B as soon as possible before she fills the gaps by other means.

Winter Fayre

The Winter Fayre after sales have so far amounted to £131.40. This money will be put into Church Funds. Thank you to all contributors.

Messy Church Sheep Trail

The winners of the prizes in the Messy Sheep Trail were Isaac Smith, Max Roberts, Ariana Lewis and Jessica Dean.

1lb Jam Jars

If anyone has any clean 1lb jam jars, preferably with the labels already off, would you please bring them to church as our stock of jars is very low. No jars—no marmalade!!

Circuit Prayers

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

Sunday 10 January

Our Service on 10 January will be led by Deacon Claire Gill and not Mrs Joan Jones as stated in the Plan.

"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.

Bingley Food Bank

As the year draws to a close it seems an appropriate time to report on the progress of the Food Bank. We continue to serve a steady number of clients and thanks to the generosity of the people of Bingley and District we receive a steady supply of food for which we offer our grateful thanks. Whilst we currently have no particular shortages, we continue to require the staples like milk, sugar and cereals. Finally, a big thank you to all our willing volunteers who do a sterling job.

Peter Meer

Pantomime

Oakworth Methodist Church is once again producing a Pantomime which will commence on Saturday 13 February and run until Saturday 20th February on certain dates.

Information is in the Main Entrance and Small Hall.

Why are we here?

Methodist Union, 1932

Methodism reached its peak membership in the late 1800s. From a minor sect, it had developed respectability (and fashionability). After the First World War, there was a serious falling away of membership, which with so many individual churches, affected us more than other denominations. If only we could combine (Wesleyan, Primitives and Uniteds in particular) and close some, we would have larger congregations with more secure finances and take pressure off ministers and preachers alike. As usual human nature stepped in and although Skipton managed to close one of its five churches, in general, for many years it made little difference. Even into the 1950s some Prims and Wesleyan churches kept their own ministers as congregations stayed loyal to their family churches often spurning one on their doorstep to travel considerable distances to the one they knew.

Sent in by Eddie