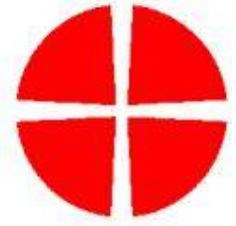


# Guiseley Methodist Church

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## Newsletter **October 2009**

### Sunday Services

	<b>Morning 10.30 am</b>	<b>Evening 6.00 pm</b>
4th	Mr Keith Tattersall	Mrs Diane Coleman
11th	9.00 am Rev Keith Reed ~ Communion	Circuit Service at Menston
	10.30 am Rev Nick Baker ~ Harvest Festival and Family Parade Service	
18th	World Church Sunday Rev Elaine Joseph	Mr David Tate
25th	Rev Nick Baker ~ Communion	Rev Nick Baker ~ Taizé

# Calendar for October 2009

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Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	The Big Country Chorus – Barbershop Chorus at Guiseley Methodist Church in support of Leonard Cheshire Homes
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Women’s Fellowship ~ Rev K Reed
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	World & Neighbourhood Committee <b>Harvest Festival 2009</b>
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 12.00	Church open for decoration and receiving of harvest gifts
		5.30 pm	Harvest Meal
		6.45 pm	Barn Dance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Parade and Family Service</b>
			Prayer Pilgrimage
		6.00 pm	Circuit Service at Menston
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Group 13 ~ Rev Nick Baker
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>World Mission Sunday</b> Preacher: Rev Elaine Joseph <b><i>Last date for items for the November Newsletter</i></b>
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Circuit Network meets at Yeadon
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Mrs Lynne Bootland
		7.30 pm	Family Committee
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Simeon Wood Concert
<b>November</b>			
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Women’s Network District Lunch at Guiseley Methodist Church

*All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love*

## **A Walk in the Cloisters**

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Have you ever wandered through the peace and solitude of the cloisters of an ancient abbey and tried to imagine what life must have been like for those living the communal monastic life, in a much simpler age? We tend to think of the cloisters as quiet space, for prayer and reflection, silence and solitude. In fact this was, it seems, one place where speech was permitted and was therefore deeply communal space. The cloisters also became the place of communal hand and foot washing - and the shaving of beards and tonsures - and the place where clean laundry was collected. In some of the great abbeys of France, Italy and Spain, the intricate carvings on capitals of the pillars and arcades, telling the stories of saints and Biblical heroes, or representing interwoven foliage and mythical beasts, turned the cloisters themselves into a wonderful storybook. In the heat of summer, cloisters can offer welcoming shade and cool.

The cloisters, therefore, offered a place of contrasts – of silence and conversation, of prayer and service, of physical recreation and of rest. They often framed a ‘secret garden’ at the heart of the monastic complex. Amidst the pressing demands of our daily 21<sup>st</sup> Century lives, we might all benefit from a ‘virtual walk around the cloisters’ each day. The visiting of space within ourselves, that is still and sheltered space, but which reminds us of our interdependence and service of one another; space which is a calm place of constant learning and reflection, where the light and shade of our souls interplay and find integration..

We may even be fortunate enough to have found this kind of physical external space – in a garden or a courtyard, public or private – where we can consciously seek refreshment for body, mind and spirit. Such spaces, whether tucked behind busy streets or in the depth of the country can become truly sacred space – an invitation to stand on holy ground. Let us tend those spaces – within us and among us – as the place of encounter with God. **Liz Smith**

**District Chair**

## Dear Friends

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What proportion of people in India work in agriculture? The answer will be revealed in our Harvest weekend. The theme for our weekend celebrations is 'Enriching Harvest' and focuses on how enriching harvests enriches lives. A particular spotlight is placed on India and MRDF's work (Methodist Relief and Development Fund). Harvest is a time of giving thanks recognising God's generosity, and recalling that not everybody is able to share the benefits of harvest. So we will dance, we will sing, we will eat, we will pray and generally make a pleasing noise unto the Lord (depending on who is singing?!) and respond to God's prompting to enrich the harvest for all people.

Guiseley Methodist Church is deeply blessed with the number of children who are involved with the life of the church. Our shared ministry continues to grow in this respect and it is vital that we continue to be at the forefront of providing a welcoming and safe space. As the understanding of caring and nurturing children continues to grow so the way we care must also grow and change. Along with the other Ministers in the circuit I have already learnt much through 'Creating Safe Space' – a helpful opportunity to learn how we can ensure the best for our children. There will be opportunities for all involved in working with children and more information will follow. I would also like to ask you to pray for Hilary Murden who has a particular responsibility within the Leeds Methodist District which is helping all our churches to respond to this so together we can share the good news with all people.

Towards the end of the month we will be holding our next Taize style worship (24<sup>th</sup> October) to which all are invited and what an excellent way to round off the Christian Aid walk with some reflective worship in the company of God.

In November we will be running small groups (like we do in Lent) to think about our life journeys and reflect on faith together. Many of you will know the format for Desert Island discs where you are allowed to choose 8 records (although these days you might get lucky and be washed up with an ipod – of course you might be unlucky and be washed up with someone else's ipod). On the

desert island you also find the complete works of Shakespeare and the Bible. But what happens if the Bible didn't make it... Watch the notices for more details.

With love

*Nick*

## **Creche**

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We are currently short of people to go on the Creche rota. It is a very important service we provide to enable parents of young children to join in worship.

If just 3 or 4 people volunteered, it would mean only "doing" crèche about every 5-6 weeks. Please give this prayerful consideration. If you feel able and are willing to join the team, please speak to Nick or Petra Baker, or Sarah Morrish (01943 877034).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those on the rota, for your time and commitment.

With thanks and hope

Sarah Morrish



# ***Harvest Festival***

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

## ***“Enriching Harvest Enriching Lives”***



Using MRDF material which focuses on India

Our harvest is rich - let us enrich the harvest time for others

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.**



**9.30 am to 12.00 noon**

The church will be open for:-

- ★ Decoration of Foyer and Hall
- ★ To receive gifts of tins and packets of food for St George's Crypt
- ★ To receive fruit and flowers for local distribution

**5.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**Harvest Meal & Barn Dance**



(Please put your slip in the box in the foyer by the 4th October to let us know you are coming to this event)

**Donations are invited for the work of the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.**

# ***Harvest Sunday Celebrations***

**9.00am Holy Communion**

Revd Keith Reed

**10.30am Harvest Parade & Family Service**

Revd Nick Baker

*Coffee will be served after the service*

**3.00pm Distribution of Harvest Gifts**

You are needed!

Please come and help in this special time  
of sharing and caring.

We will be delivering in daylight this year, too!

also

**The Church Life Group will be calling  
at church around 3.00 pm on their  
Circuit Prayer Pilgrimage**



Let us share this time together,  
then taking out our Harvest Gifts

We pray every blessing on our Harvest  
Weekend

**6.00 pm The Circuit Service is at Menston**

**Nick and the Stewards**

## 5% too much or too little

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At the recent Church of England Synod it was suggested that in order to maintain the Churches life and mission, the level of giving which was needed from the members of the congregation was 5% of net income (Income after deductions for tax). It made me think about the level of my own giving.

There are some Christians, who have followed the Old Testament idea of tithing, which was based on 10%, for whom that figure of 5% seemed to be too low. Others have rightly pointed out that our Christian giving is not only through what we put in the collecting plate at church, for we have other charitable commitments outside the church that we try to support.

Many people feel that our giving is a personal matter and that the Church should not suggest figures like this. 'It is the spirit in which it is given which matters', they say. The widow's mite is often quoted forgetting that she gave everything she had! Certainly no one would want there to be a legalistic fixed sum expected from people like the membership of a golf club. That would lead to all kind of anomalies such as where only one member of a household is a churchgoer etc.

Yet Christian giving is a part of our commitment to Christ and needs to be thought about. It starts with our deep gratitude to God for all that He has done for us in Christ. However the suggestion of 5% as a guideline made me sit down, work the figure out and think about what I should be giving. It is an interesting exercise and I commend it to you.

*Lesley Holmes*

## **Christian Responses to Medical Ethics**

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Among the many interesting conferences planned by CLAY (Christian Learning across Yorkshire) the one on medical ethics caught my eye.

The speakers are Dr. Richard Vautrey (a Leeds GP who is Vice President of the Methodist Conference this year), Dr Stanley Pearson (a recently retired GP who was also a consultant on chest matters) and Professor Peter Howdle (Professor of Clinical Medicine at the university of Leeds). How fortunate we are to have such distinguished professional people, all of whom happen to be Methodists.

The conference is at Chapel Allerton Methodist Church, Town Street, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, on the 7<sup>th</sup>. November 9;30 to 15.30. It is free but you need to take a picnic lunch (drinks provided). It is primarily aimed for those who preach but I am sure any who are interested would be most welcome. I shall be booking for myself in the next few weeks and if you are interested please have a word with me.

*Leslie Holmes*



**Methodist Relief &  
Development Fund**

In God's kingdom, what you have matters little – it's what you make of it that counts. That's the message from this year's MRDF Harvest Pack.

The Enriching Harvest pack helps us reflect on what God has sown into our lives and whether we are burying our talents rather than honouring God with the first fruits.

# Women's Network

Leeds District Women's Network in The  
Methodist Church

**District Lunch**  
at  
Guiseley Methodist Church



Speaker: Rev'd Dawn Colley, Prison Chaplain, Wakefield

Friday 6 November 2009  
12.00 for 12.30 pm

Ticket £6

Tickets available through your Circuit Network Representative:  
Lynne Bootland

## Memories

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After attending Hilda's funeral service and listening to Nicks words about Hilda's life, I was reminded of how my friendship with her began. My first recollection was as a child starting school, she was "Elizabeth's mum" Later she was to be Mrs Fry, the welcoming, supportive neighbour when as "newlyweds" we moved into the house opposite to her and Newby. We were neighbours for thirty years and she was my friend for forty. During that time I found her strength, determination and particularly her faith to be a great example to me. After becoming a member of Guiseley Methodist Church last year, I realise just what a large part Hilda has played in my own journey of faith. Fortunately I was able to tell her this, although she was quite surprised and amazed how influential she had been in my life. She will be sadly missed particularly by her family and my thoughts and prayers are with them.

*Margaret Cooper*

## Christian Aid Flag Day

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**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October** at Guiseley Morrisons  
From 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Collection arranged by the Aireborough Christian Aid Group.

12.00 noon to 5.00 pm covered by Guiseley Methodist Church

Please support with a smile and a donation.  
“Care and Share.”

## Aireborough Christian Aid Annual Walk

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**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Attention All  
The walk will  
and is  
Please join the  
Team and enjoy  
countryside.  
Walk against  
starvation.



**October**

Age Walkers!  
leave our Church at 2.00pm  
approximately 6 miles.  
Guiseley Methodist Church  
the company and the  
want and sponsor to stop

Please sign up on the Notice Board

Keith Abbott, Christian Aid Secretary



## News from the Hope Theatre Group

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During the summer the Group has staged **GORGEOUS GALLERY**, a highly successful 'one-off' evening at Guiseley Methodist Church of Elizabethan poetry and music, with some of the ravishingly beautiful songs of the period performed by the talented **Thorntons**, all of them members of St Oswald's Choir. But this was a programme of contrasts, for in addition to the gorgeous poetry and music, **Margery Turner** almost brought the house down with her rendition of a 16th century recipe for 'collared' beef, into which one threw all the newly-discovered spices from the Indies, and of a hilarious remedy for nose-bleeding!

Now, however, it is time to turn to our major production of the autumn: we shall be back in the Lady Chapel at St Oswald's from 2nd to 5th December with one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies, **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**, a play in which, as a recent commentator has expressed it, Shakespeare shows how 'falling in love is a mix of chance encounter and natural affinity. Of these elements he created a play in which most have recognised human truth.'

The play is an exotic brew of diverse elements – young love; amateur dramatics (the perils of!); quarrels, jealousies and misunderstandings. Everybody's problems are in the end resolved by strange, even magical, happenings in an enchanted wood on Midsummer Night, so it's a highly appropriate entertainment for early December! We shall try to explore the interconnectedness of the three separate worlds of the play which Shakespeare has created – the daytime worlds of the rich, spoiled young people of the court and of the honest tradesmen of the town rehearsing their play, and the night time world of dreams and the unconscious, presided over by the fairies – by doubling parts freely: nine members of our cast of eleven play either a mortal character and a fairy or an aristocrat and a 'mechanical'. **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** is eminently suitable for children of 10+, and seeing it could serve as an ideal introduction to Shakespeare. So do bring your children (and your grandchildren) to see it; there will be specially reduced prices for them. The **DREAM**, however, is a very

popular play, and you are advised to book early – we can seat only 52 on the Lady Chapel at each performance.

Booking opens on 1st November, and as usual Elizabeth Hoyle will be in charge of the Box Office – you can call her from this date on 01943 872549, and by mid-October there will be posters and fliers, with booking forms, in the Churches and in local libraries.

Finally, we should I think offer **Joe Murphy**, who played Hamlet for us in 2007 (Wharfedale Festival of Theatre Best Actor) and Faustus in our production earlier this year, our hearty congratulations and best wishes: even as you read these words Joe will be starting to read for an English Honours degree at Oxford (St Catherine's College) after obtaining some splendid A-level results. Our other outstanding young actor, **Thomas McNulty** (who was nominated for the Wharfedale Best Actor Award for his performance of Paroles in last year's **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**), is still happily with us. He will be playing both Nick Bottom (he of the ass's head) and Lysander in the **DREAM**, a doubling which I believe has never been attempted before, anywhere!

*Peter Gilbert*

## Smile

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"Anyone with needs to be prayed over, come forward to the front at the altar," the Preacher says.

Leroy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

Leroy replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's head and prays and prays and prays for Leroy. After a few minutes, the Preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?"

Leroy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't til next Wednesday!"

## Mission News

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**World Mission Sunday 2009** will be on 18th October. Our morning service will be led by Revd Elaine Joseph who is Minister at The Methodist Churches at Headingley and Hyde Park. Elaine spent 12 years as a Mission Partner in the South Caribbean District, in Trinidad, St Vincent and Barbados, and will be speaking about ministry in Trinidad. If anyone would like to take a World Mission collecting box or make a donation, there will be an opportunity after the service.

**Mission Funds** Thank you to everyone for their support for World Mission over the past year, during which we as a church have contributed £3720 to the fund

The new **World Mission Secretary and Treasurer** is Catherine Mouncey, so from now on please give your boxes and donations to Catherine. I have enjoyed my time in this 'job' and I know you will all give Catherine the support you have given me over the past 6 years, and remember her in your prayers.

Our **Christmas event** will be on 28 November so please keep the date free, we will be recruiting before long!

*Anne North*

**Aireborough Support Group  
Leonard Cheshire Home Calverly**

**The Big Country Chorus  
Barbershop Chorus**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009  
7.30 pm

**Guiseley Methodist Church**

Raffle, Tea & Biscuits  
Admission £5

Tickets from Vera Long – 01943 884075

## Date for your diary

"An Evening with Stuart Maconie" at Otley Methodist Church on Saturday 28th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8. Send a cheque payable to "Otley Methodist Church" to An Evening with Stuart Maconie, c/o 76 The Whartons, Otley, LS21 2BS along with a SAE for the return of the tickets.

Stuart Maconie is a former editor of the NME, BBC Radio 2 evening show presenter and regular guest on *Have I Got News for You* and *Grumpy Old Men*. Stuart will be talking about his various books, *Cider with Roadies*, *Pies & Prejudice* and *Adventures on the High Teas* plus also his love of fellwalking and music. Stuart and his BBC Radio 2 co-presenter Mark Radcliffe have recently walked Hadrian's Wall.

## Tackling climate change

At the British Science Association festival its president, Lord May, said that religious groups could use their influence to motivate believers into reducing the environmental impact of their lives.

The Guardian printed a [letter](#) from the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins General Secretary of the Methodist Church outlining some of what the Church is doing.

This includes supporting an ecumenical Day of Prayer on Climate Change on 4 October (St Francis Day). Resources for that day are available on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland [website](#).

There is also Hope in God's Future, an attractively presented reported and study guide. It takes the reader on a transformative journey using the changing mood of a service of worship as a framework for considering climate change and people's effect on the planet. It invites people to see how faith deeply connects with the challenge facing us.

The 2009 Methodist Conference adopted sections 1 to 4 of Hope in God's Future as a draft Conference statement. This means that everyone across the Connexion is invited to comment on this before it comes back to the Conference in 2011. More news about this consultation will be available later this year.

Copies of Hope in God's Future are available from [Methodist Publishing](#) at £5.00 each, with discounts for 10 or more.

The report (without study guide) is currently available [online](#).



## One World Week: The 'Ubuntu' Project

'Ubuntu' is an ancient Bantu (Zulu) word which acknowledges the oneness of humanity and the need for 'active togetherness'. This is the focus of a new three year project.

One World Week was founded in 1978 on the belief that any understanding of the richness of humanity must start from a reflection upon our own beliefs and traditions. When we begin to compare our own values to those of others, we find that there is common ground. Global concerns of alleviating poverty and striving for environmental justice permeate the conscience of all major world religions. In coming together with people of other faiths to discuss shared ideas, we are able to learn more about ourselves, about others within our community, and about our world.

Working with Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, members of the Inter Faith Network and other NGOs, the aim is to encourage the Muslim community to become more involved in One World Week activities, with the intention of reaching out to other faith communities in the future. Existing volunteers are also encouraged to engage in interfaith events on the theme of international development. Of course, with shared beliefs between faith groups come differences. One World Week appreciates the challenge of participating in interfaith events, and urges rising to the challenge; interfaith events are about maintaining your beliefs, whilst sharing with others the values most precious to you.

A celebration of One World Week through a single faith event is welcome too, especially to raise awareness of a specific issue. For example, you could relate the themes of environmental damage, fair trade and climate change to Islamic or Christian principles.

One World Week 2009 is between 18 -25 October. This year's theme is "Hungry for One World". What can you do to alleviate the hunger in our world? Plan and hold an event to:

- Raise awareness about what's going on in the world, both on your own doorstep and further away.
- Take action to change the cause of injustice, poverty and degradation.
- Celebrate the good things about being part of one diverse, yet interconnected world.

Be part of the transformation. For more information, resources and ideas go to [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

**Copy for the April Edition** of the Newsletter can be left in the box in the Flower Vestry or e-mailed to Arthur Hoyle at <mailto:lizart@tiscali.co.uk> by **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009** at the latest – sooner if possible. Thanks.

Have you seen our website at:  
[www.guiseleymethodistchurch.co.uk/](http://www.guiseleymethodistchurch.co.uk/)

