

# viewpoint

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?



## Women's World Day of Prayer

this year the service has been prepared by women from Cuba.

**In Bramhope**, you are welcome to join us at the Methodist Church as we celebrate this service on Friday 4th March at 2pm

**In Ilkley**, the service this year will be held at St Margaret's Church, Queens Road, Ilkley on Friday March 4th at 2:30pm.

Everyone Welcome!

### MHA HOST A DAY EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

Focussing on the Spiritual Needs of Older People

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at  
Guiseley Methodist Church  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Contact Deacon Liz  
Day for more details



## How then shall we live?

2nd April following up on 21st May  
At Burley Methodist Church  
9.30am - 12.30pm

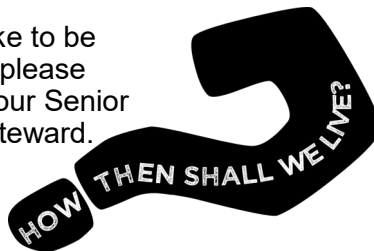
Last year the Circuit began a series of conversations about the big issues facing both the Circuit and its churches. We would like to continue those conversations this year.

We will focus on understanding the current context and challenges which the Methodist Church faces and how we can respond positively. Between the two events, we would like the church representatives to organise conversations and gather feedback in their own churches, looking at how their church might respond positively to the challenges.

We will provide a resource pack to help with this.

The second half day event will involve the church reps sharing the conversations they've had with their church.

If you'd like to be involved, please contact your Senior Church Steward.



Welcome to issue two of Viewpoint, your look forward to what is happening around the circuit.

This month has the Easter-ish flavour that you'd expect, you can almost taste the chocolate eggs!

If you have special services, fundraising events, social gatherings coming up, or perhaps you have news that you'd like to share, please let us know!

# MARCH 2016

## Menston

At our Church Anniversary Service on Sunday 13th March we will be welcoming back to the pulpit Rev Dr Daniel Mawailu.

2016 marks the 130th anniversary of the building of the current church.

Our Easter Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 19 March from 10:00am to 12:00 noon and we will be holding an Easter Messy Church on Good Friday 25th March from 10:00am to 12:30pm concluding with a Bring & Share lunch.

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# The Power and the Story

## A fresh look at the Old Testament

In September 2016 the Circuit will be embarking upon an exciting and challenging project titled, "The Power and the Story - a fresh look at the Old Testament." The main aspect of this project will be to share in a year-long theme preaching series across the Circuit focusing on the development of the story of God's self-revelation to the world in the Old Testament.

The series will be delivered in four parts:

Part One - Sept to Nov - From a man to a people - looking at the stories from Creation through to the Exodus from Egypt.

Part Two - Jan to Feb - Becoming a Nation - looking at how the Israelites settled in the Promised Land and sought a King to rule over them.

Part Three - Lent - Being the People of God - examining some of the most important texts which formed the Israelites understanding of what it meant to be the people of God.

Part Four - April to August - Kings and Prophets - seeing how history and prophecy fit together.

The aim of the project is to recognise that where we find ourselves now as the Church is actually the third act of a three act story. The Old Testament, the New Testament and the history of the Church are not three separate stories, they belong together, each succeeding act building on the previous ones, developing our understanding and deepening our experience of the love and grace of God. Neither the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, nor the history of the Church of God make any sense without knowing how they are formed by the Old Testament.

Small teams of people are already working hard to develop the framework for the year and to create further opportunities for study to sit alongside the theme preaching. There will be study days for preachers, resources for children's work and housegroups, in depth opportunities for discipleship, suggested material for book groups and personal reading and reflection.

There is a growing sense of enthusiasm and anticipation amongst the Circuit Staff and the Local Preachers and we hope that both preachers and churches will engage enthusiastically with the idea. Much more information will become available over the next few months but if you want to know anymore or get involved in the planning please contact Rev Tim Perkins.



To publicise your forthcoming events within the next issue of Viewpoint, email details to Mike Fawcett at : [admin@wharfedaleandaireboroughmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@wharfedaleandaireboroughmethodists.org.uk) Or call: 07885 585946

# Lent & Easter

## Christchurch

**Ilkley**—During Holy Week three talks will highlight different voices that the speakers have heard during their ministries.

Monday March 21st at 7.30pm Rev Peter Whitaker - former Chair of West Yorkshire District

Tuesday March 22nd at 10.30am Rev Kevin Watson -Moderator URC Yorkshire Province

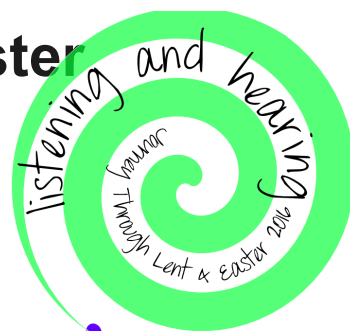
Wednesday March 23rd at 2.00pm Rev Jill Newton - Chair of Sheffield District.

## Yeadon -

Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion at 7pm  
Good Friday service at 7pm

## Guiselley -

Maundy Thursday Service at St Oswald's;  
Good Friday prayers at the Cross at 12 noon  
Evening service at church at 7pm



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## What it means to be human

—A series of conversations

**3<sup>rd</sup> March – Susan Howdle, (former Vice President of the Methodist Conference) Governor of Oxford Brookes University**

**10<sup>th</sup> March - Professor Peter Howdle, (former Vice President of the Methodist Conference) Consultant Gastroenterologist, St.James's, University of Leeds**

**17<sup>th</sup> March - Kevin Warnes, Green councillor and teacher**

**Thursday evenings, 7.30pm at the Queen's Hall, Main St, Burley in Wharfedale**

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**Refreshments will be provided**

These events are being sponsored by Churches Together in Burley and Menston, they would be delighted to welcome friends from around the circuit. There will be a small entrance charge to help us cover costs