

Worship dates:

Sun 7th Oct

10:30am - Worship led by
Dr Eilidh Gunson

Sun 14th Oct

10:30am - Worship led by -
Janet Revill

Sun 21st Oct

9:15am - ABC breakfast
followed by...
10:30am - All Age led by
Debbie Story

Sun 28th Oct

10:30am - Holy Communion led
by Francis Neil

Sun 4th Nov

10:30am - Worship led by
Ian Slim

Weekly events

Beavers - Mondays
@ 6pm-7:15pm
Lively Ladies - First Monday
in the month @ 7:30pm
Lunch Fellowship - Tuesdays
@ 11am-1pm
Baby Song - Tuesdays @
St. Thomas'
@ 9:30am and 1pm
Weight Watchers - Wednesdays
@ 6:30pm-7:30pm
Mother & Toddlers -
Thursdays @ 1pm-3pm
Explorers - Thursdays
@ 7:45pm-9:15pm
Choir practice - Thursdays
@ 7:15pm-9:00pm
JC's & Youthie - Fridays
@ 6pm-7:30pm
Prayer Meeting - Saturdays
@ 9am-10am

Cross Hills

METHODIST CHURCH

A little church with a BIG heart!

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Every church in the circuit is being asked to prayerfully consider their calling by considering five streams which have been referred to the churches by the circuit Meeting. This requires them to consider their ministry and mission; some will be 'work in progress' but it is anticipated that some will be 'mission accomplished' and they will be looking forward to closure in due course.

At Cross Hills it is felt that we have much 'work in progress' which can be seen in our proposal to appoint an Associate Pastor, however some churches may have difficult decisions to make and this is where we should hold them in our prayers.

Please see the included document. It's content is self-explanatory and we are required to respond by March 2019. We will be having conversations in the church in order to draft a response.



Geoff's Recap

Pig Racing

What a great evening on 22nd September at the Annual Pig Races held at the Greetland Sporting Club. A lot of people there with many children who were there to cheer the pigs on when they were racing. Thanks as always must be given to Elizabeth, Andy and Garry for bringing it all together. It is good to say that £394 was raised for the church funds.

To find out what events we have happening and all other information about us, please join our Facebook group or scrolling through the website by following the links below! Don't worry... you won't be disappointed!



www.cross-hills.org.uk

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September Offertory

2nd	£234.00
9th	£169.52
16th	£77.55
23rd	£403.86

Harvest at The Star:

The Harvest Festival was held at 7 o'clock and this was led by Janet and Geoff. It included song, readings and prayer. The Auction then took place from about 7.45 and then was much generous bidding with the result we were able to hand a cheque for £300 to Eilidh.

There was much generous giving of produce and thanks must be given to Carol and other allotment owners for their gifts of produce. Thanks also to Carol for her in support in welcoming us to The Star, and also for the pie and peas which finished off an enjoyable evening.

Annual Accounts:

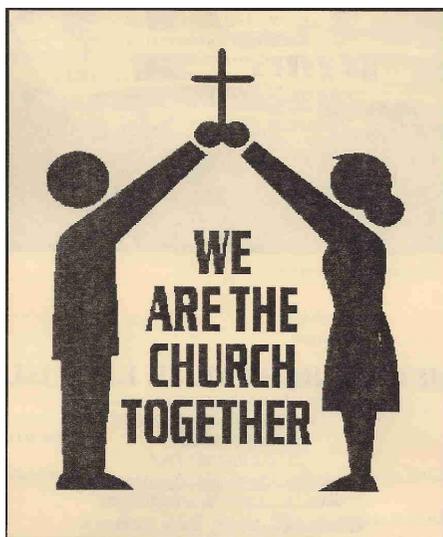
Geoff presented the annual accounts to the Property and Finance committee on 25th September prior to them being

presented to the Church Council in October.

There has been much generous giving with offertory of 9,470 and charitable giving from the church £2,023.

The assessment paid during the year to the circuit was £12,992 with quite a few one-off payments relating to Methodist Chapel Aid (final payment) and final payments to close of the building account. We have also paid £1,400 for a headstone to the grave at Elland Cemetery where the remains removed from our graveyard were reinterred.

A good year with many debts paid off; looking to a positive missional future.



Our minister from 1st September 2019.

You will be aware that Francis is 'sitting down' (ie retiring) at the end of next August and the circuit Stewards have decided (supported by the Circuit Invitations Committee) not to seek a replacement. This is because we would probably have not received a replacement (due to a national shortage of ministers) and also to secure a period of two years within the circuit where there will be a period of stability without waiting for decisions about ministers.

It does not mean that we will be without a minister, what will happen is that the remaining six ministers within the circuit will be 'reallocated' by the Superintendent Minister so that we will have someone who will bring their own ministry to Cross Hills.



**Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!**

We are starting to collect donations for our Christmas events in particular items for the following...

Christmas Stall, Baking and if people could fill a jam jar with something interesting ie sweets or anything else that can fit for a Lucky Dip.

For more information please see Margaret Moore.

