



The **Methodist** Church

# Circuit Links

News from around our Buxton Circuit.

Christmas 2017

**2,000 years ago**

There was no room in the inn



**2017**

A family sleeping rough in London

Mary gave birth to a baby and they called him Jesus



Joy of new life

When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem



Powerful leaders threatening violence

Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt



UNHCR reported at the end of 2016, 65.6 million people have been uprooted from their homes

Same world,  
Same promise.

'He will be called Emmanuel which means 'God with us'  
May you know the joy and assurance of God's presence this Christmas and through the coming year.

Rev Andrew Parker

Deacon Lorraine Brown works with chapels across the Peak Park, often places where the congregations are few in number and with limited resources. In our Buxton Circuit, Lorraine is helping with Messy Church at Monyash and recently led a series of services at Earl Sterndale.



The congregation at Earl Sterndale meet Jill Baker

In late October Lorraine hosted a visit from Jill Baker, the Vice President of the Methodist Conference. During the day Jill saw different work going on around the Peak Park. After a visit to Edale, Lorraine and Jill came to meet the congregation at Earl Sterndale. Over a cup of tea we shared conversation about being a Christian presence in the village.



The President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Loraine Mellor and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Mrs Jill Baker.

### **The President is coming.....**

In December Rev Loraine Mellor, the President of the Methodist Conference, will be spending time in the Manchester and Stockport District and on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45 – 4:15 she will be visiting the Christmas Tree Festival at Monyash. Deacon Lorraine Brown will share with the President about the good work that is going on at Monyash. It would be good if we can show support from across the circuit to meet the President and also support Monyash at this time.

## Congratulations to Norman!

July 5th saw the celebration of the 100th birthday of Norman E Brittain the Church Treasurer at Fairfield.

Norman was crucial in the building development of Fairfield Methodist church. He has remained treasurer longer than most can remember and with his beloved wife Mary has worshipped at Fairfield for more than 70 years.

[www.buxtonmethodistcircuit.org.uk/events.html](http://www.buxtonmethodistcircuit.org.uk/events.html)



**Website help from Russ....** If anyone in our church family is wanting to have a website for any good cause, organisation, group or interest Russ would be happy to help within the boundaries of his experience. Further details can be found at <http://www.russb.org.uk/>

### **Circuit Leadership Team.**

We are delighted that Dick Silson said yes to the invitation to be a Circuit Steward and was appointed to the role at the last Circuit Meeting. The Circuit Leadership team is; Peter Johnson, Helen Mirtle, Jackie Cowlshaw, Ruth Hayter, Dick Silson, Chris Whelpton (Treasurer), Rev Andrew Parker

This news sheet is a way of linking our circuit with news about what is happening. If you have any dates or items to include please inform Andrew (01298 23556)

# What's on around the circuit...

## December

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am - 4pm	Monyash Christmas Tree festival
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	Buxton memorial service
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 – 12noon	Earl Sterndale Coffee morning
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Hollinsclough carols with Hollinsclough Silver Band
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	11am - 4pm	Monyash Christmas Tree festival
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:45 – 4:15pm	President of Conference visit to Monyash
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Buxton All Age parade service
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	11am - 3pm	Monyash Christmas Tree festival
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Monyash carol service
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Fairfield carol service for Action for Children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 – 12noon	Harpur Hill coffee morning
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Harpur Hill carol service with St James
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Buxton carol service
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Flagg carol service
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Earl Sterndale carol service
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Buxton Christingle service
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Fairfield - Reflection on Christmas
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Harpur Hill Christmas Day worship
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Buxton Christmas Day worship

Coffee mornings at Buxton every Tuesday and Saturday morning.

## In the new year we renew our covenant with God;

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace.

Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so for ever.