



Yorkshire West District News

Greetings from myself and the District Executive.

I realise that it has been some time since MWiB news has been shared on the District website; however, things have been happening and we look forward to the future.

Throughout the time of the various lockdowns that we have all experienced, the officers have kept in touch via Zoom and have been pleased to organise several meetings. Last November, a Zoom meeting was held and Revd Kerry Tankard sent us an address. There were some gremlins in the technological works but the event was well received and folk from around the District joined us.

An Easter Offering service during an evening in May was again well received. Also in May, several folk 'attended' the Swanwick Conference online. This concluded with a celebration of 10 years of MWiB and many memories were stirred.

We were able to use part of this celebration in July when we Zoomed again. We looked at the comments of the previous Presidents of MWiB as they reflected on their times in office. The main part of this meeting, however, was being joined by Revd Jenny Ramsden and Shamim Akhtar from Touchstone who gave us a very interesting and informative presentation about their work.

When we moved on to September, we were delighted to meet together at West Wakefield Methodist Church for a celebration service with Holy Communion. This was led by Revd Kim Williams, and Mrs Ruth Parrott, the newly installed Connexional President of MWiB, introduced herself to us. After lunch, Ruth told us more about herself and described some of the things she hopes to achieve during her time in office. This was Ruth's first District event and we trust that it will be one of many over the next two years.

We have an Advent Preparation Day planned for Christchurch, Ilkley, on 23rd November which will be led by Wendy Walker (details on the poster which has been distributed around the District). A Zoom meeting with Tim Baker is still in the planning stage for an evening in February. We are hoping to have a Quiet Day in May/June and a Summer event is planned for July. There will be posters sent out for all these events.

We have not felt it appropriate to advertise for new officers over the last difficult months but we do now have to try to move forward as my two year Presidency has moved into its fourth year. Please do not hesitate to ask for information if you feel that you would like to help as we move forward.

Every blessing,

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