



**Letter from Jean Delaney**  
**MWiB Yorkshire West District President 2016 - 2018**

**President's Theme: "Open to God, People and Possibilities"**  
**District Project: "Let music do the talking"**  
*(A music therapy project in support of Methodist Homes (MHA)  
Dementia care)*

I look forward to my second year as President of Methodist Women in the new and extended 'Yorkshire West' District.

MWiB officers from the Leeds and West Yorkshire districts have been meeting to plan for the year 2017- 2018 and the launch event takes place on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at West Wakefield Methodist Church. Following a finger buffet lunch there will be a time of fellowship and a Service of Celebration and Holy Communion led by Chair of District, Revd Dr Roger Walton.

During the past year I have enjoyed meeting with groups in different parts of the District and attending events that have been held in support of MHA music therapy. At the time of writing this letter the total raised has reached £2,439.30 and this District wide project is set to continue until July 2018. On Thursday, 14th February 2018, MHA music therapists have been invited to tell us more about their valuable work and it promises to be a memorable day at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Dalton, Huddersfield when music will do some (if not all) of the talking!

As I write this letter I'm mindful that in 2018 we will need to replace some of the current office holders and elect the next District President. Details will be published in the Autumn through the District website and your own circuit representative. However a good way of discovering how things work is by attending the District forums that are listed in the programme. These business meetings are open to all who are interested and there is opportunity for more relaxed conversation at lunchtime.

My first year as President has, for me, been a rewarding and enriching experience thanks to a supportive team and the help of people across the District who so willingly host MWiB events. I hope you will find the new programme interesting and representative of the aims we seek to achieve as Methodist Women in Britain. In shaping the programme it has been good to draw upon ideas and experiences that have characterised the two former districts and with your continued support and enthusiasm I'm confident that MWiB can have an even stronger identity in the new District of 'Yorkshire West'.

Blessings to you all

Jean