



**We are here to serve the church ...
not only in Bradford ...
but throughout the West Yorkshire District
... and beyond !
How? ... Read on ...**



Meet the Staff: Liz Firth, *Chaplaincy Co-ordinator (new appointment)*;
Ruth Hilton, *Creative Arts & Hospitality Co-ordinator*; David Howarth, *Administrator*;
Awais Mughal, *Faith to Faith Worker*; Rev Dr Barbara Glasson, *Team Leader*.

What can **Touchstone** offer YOU ?

- Interfaith awareness - either by training courses or facilitating discussion groups, through preaching and study material.
- Insights and information concerning issues in and around Bradford.
- Meeting rooms and simple catering facilities at low cost.
- Creative arts workshops (keep an eye on the website and District mailings).
- Specialist counselling for anybody surviving trauma.
- The opportunity to meet people of other faiths and to talk about local issues.
- Although we can't offer to fill the Plan or fellowship gathering programmes, we are willing to offer speakers and preachers for special occasions eg Home Missions.
- We no longer provide books or church certificates, but we do stock Methodist prayer handbooks and diaries on request and can signpost you to appropriate suppliers of other materials.
- We keep a number of databases, eg one for all the churches in Bradford.
- Hospitality - Touchstone wants to be a good resource for the District and beyond - do call in and have coffee with us, tell us how we can help you, and do join us for prayers at 12.45 on any Thursday!



What can YOU offer **Touchstone** ?



Encouragement and prayer -
we are not working with different faiths
and cultures so that you don't have to -
we are in this together!

What's new at Touchstone ?

Lots of things!



- We have been involved in such diverse activities as representing the Methodist Church at the WCC Peace Convocation in Jamaica, weaving at a street party, launching Barbara's latest book at the Cathedral, inviting neighbours to a barbecue, hosting two trainee Deacons on placement, Mothers' Prayers, Interfaith Women's Group trip to Chester Zoo, Creative arts workshops and much, much more!
- A Touchstone Development Plan has been completed and forwarded to the Connexional Grants Committee in support of our continued funding. We are grateful to all who have been involved in this.



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- Hopes continue to mount that the proposed move from 32 Merton Road to the former McRory's Bar at 4 Easby Road really will happen. The District Managing Trustees have added their consent to the process and it is now in the hands of Resourcing Mission and the legal team at Manchester. Many hours have been spent meeting and talking to people, completing complex forms, researching VAT and fundraising information. It is a slow and painful process but we still believe that this is where the next phase of Touchstone's ministry should be based and we are committed to making it happen.
- Turn over to see how YOU can support us in this huge project.

How can YOU support Touchstone ?

- Firstly, by letting us know how we can work with you to promote interfaith understanding, city awareness and safe space in your area.
- Get involved with the various events we organise for you. Keep an eye on the website and look out for our NEW regular information bulletin, **DOSTI**, to find out what is coming up.
- Make use of the resources we provide and those we offer for sale - such as the Methodist Prayer Manuals and Diaries, or Barbara Glasson's latest book, "The Exuberant Church" .
- Order a copy of our Celebration Pantomime DVD, "**Dick Whittaker**". We are only charging £4 for these as, sadly, the camera developed a fault half way through and photos replace the second half.
- Get involved with our fundraising efforts towards the refurbishment of our new premises: Buy some of the novelty items made by our volunteers or, better still, make and sell some of your own; send us a donation, gift aided where possible; arrange a fundraising effort at your church and send us the proceeds; offer your time to help us with the grant applications we shall be making.
- Put the date of our next **Annual Celebration** in your diary - it will be a brand new full day event at Touchstone and you can call at any time - **Saturday 21st April 2012** - there will be stalls, a barbecue, things to see and do and an evening gathering which will conclude with a procession from 32 Merton Road to 4 Easby Road and prayers. Full details will be available in the New Year.
- Above all **PRAY** with us for guidance in all of these things. Thank you!



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