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CHURCH TO CLOSE

MIDGLEY Methodists were told yesterday their church will close and merge with Luddenden.

The Minister, the Rev Mrs Margaret Christopher, said the decision by Midgley Methodist Church Council was inevitable.

Falling congregations and rising maintenance costs were to blame, she said.

Permission will now be sought for the merger from the Upper Calder

Methodist Circuit and the West Yorkshire Synod.

Mrs Christopher, who is also responsible for Luddenden Methodist Church, Mytholmroyd Methodist Church and Luddenden Foot United Reformed Church.

The Midgley congregation has dropped to about 20 for Sunday service and not enough money is collected for the upkeep of the church which needs extensive repairs.