

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	March 2011 £	7 months to Date £
Total Receipts (mainly Collections)	9,635	43,799
Total Payments (mainly ministry, utilities, repairs & capital works)	6,214	62,109
Overall Surplus / Deficit	3,421	18,310

The above summary shows that our giving by standing orders, envelopes, and through the collection plate for the year to date do not cover the costs. In the month of March, several folk generously gave a total of over £3,000 in "advance" of their month-by-month contributions to Collections ahead of the Tax year-end, before the Gift-Aid tax refunds are reduced in the new Tax year, and we are grateful for that. However, this will be reflected by lower off-setting receipts in future months. **We all need to increase our giving if we want our Church to continue to function well!**

The pensioners among us have just received notification of an increase in our state pensions of around 4.5%. Our ability to give to the Church depends on our individual circumstances, and priorities, but we need to consider increasing our giving to the Church by at least a similar proportion

More details are on the notice board in Wesleys.
Jim Parrish, Church Treasurer (tel 424446)



*If you would like something on next week's Pews News, please will you let me know by Tuesday evening. Thank you.
Tel 597170 or ros.crosland@yahoo.co.uk*

Services next Sunday

10am Rev Alistair Newton
6pm Mr David Kenyon

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If you are here today for the first time, we offer you a warm welcome. Please stay and have a coffee after the service. If you would like to know more about what goes on, please fill in your details below and hand it to one of the stewards. Somebody will then be in touch with you.

Name.....
Address.....
Tel Number/Email.....



Pews News



Sunday April 10th

2011

The fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Worship

- 9am **Rev Alistair Newton**
Holy Communion
- 10am **Rev Alistair Newton**
Family Parade Service
- 6pm **Own Arrangement Service**
Led By Mr Roy Lorrain-Smith



Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our Church today are a gift from Dorothy Brook to give thanks for family, friends and fellowship.



Lectionary Readings for the Week

John II:I-45 Ezekiel 37:I-14
Romans 8:6-II Psalm 130



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Join us!

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord who holds the safety rope with everlasting arms, please quell my fears and doubts, that I may trust you with my life every step of the way. Amen.



What's On This Week

MONDAY 11th

7:30pm The Prayer Group meets in Room 2. All welcome.

TUESDAY 12th

7.30pm Lent Study "Gethsemane I"

WEDNESDAY 13th

10am 'As We Are' Women's Discussion Group

Seasonal Readings

2pm Cameo - Members Day

ONE RUN ACHIEVED, ONE TO GO!!

Well done Ellis and Good Luck Jim.

Last Friday afternoon after a very hard run of 77 miles and with painful legs I successfully completed my 3 day marathon event for Japan.



I was spurred on throughout by facebook and text messages and knowing that so many people were routing for me, especially you all at BMC. I am now overwhelmed by your amazing giving (over £450 from church part of a total which currently stands at £1,100). Awesome - thank you very much. Ellis Clark.



Jim Parrish runs London again for MRDF

Friends,

I will be grateful if you will sponsor my run in this year's London Marathon on Sunday, 17th April, 2011, when again I am raising money for MRDF.

You can donate on-line by visiting www.justgiving.com/

James-parrish (don't forget to gift-aid your donation, if you are a UK tax payer), or I would be happy to receive cheques (payable to MRDF), or even cash (of course I'll pass it to MRDF)! - please fill in your details in the Sponsorship Form on the notice board in Wesleys, and guess my finishing time - for a small prize! Very many thanks for your help. God bless you.

Jim Parrish, 15, Heaton Close, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD17 5PL



LOST AND FOUND!

Please could the person who mistakenly took my dark blue Sprayway anorak from the Cloak Room last Sunday morning in exchange for his Regatta anorak let me have mine back. His is still in the Cloak Room. The Regatta is actually the better coat, but I prefer mine! Many thanks for your help. Jim Parrish, tel 424446

CAKE STALL

I'm planning another cake/produce stall in aid of Phakamisa for Sunday 17th April. So if you'd like to bake a cake for the stall - maybe Easter themed, then please let me know.

Thank you for your support.

Pat.



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The AGM takes place after morning worship on 17th April. Everyone is invited to attend to share good news about the church and elect members to the church council and new Church Stewards.

Listening for God through creativity

On Saturday 16th April 2011

At The Delius Arts and Cultural Centre
(formally known as The German Church)

From 10am - 3pm

Cost: £10 including refreshments and lunch

Come and enjoy learning the art of felt-making and weaving.

Never done it before? Good!

This is a gentle day for absolute beginners. You'll be amazed what you can create when you have a go!

To book your place, please contact Ruth Hilton email:ruth@touchstone-bradford.org.uk or phone on 01274 721626.



An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!'"

A Dog's Prayer

Dear God, When my family eats dinner they bless the food. But they never bless mine. So...I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my bowl.

Have you noticed my own blessing?