

NEWS FROM THE STEWARDS

In May we begin the new church year, and there will be a few changes to the Stewards Team. Three of our present stewards will be leaving us.: Alan Rogers, Di Davison and Kay Verity. A huge thank you to all of them—Di and Kay for the years they have worked hard as members of our team, and to Alan a special thank you for staying with us for an extra year and doing two years out of the six as a Senior Steward. We are sorry to see you go, but knowing you, you won't see it as a time to rest!

We are really pleased to welcome three new members to our team: Barry Empson, Tony Capper and Elizabeth Inwang. Barry and Tony will join as Stewards, Elizabeth as an Assistant Steward. Stewart Moorhouse changes from Assistant Steward to Steward.

As I will have more responsibilities as the Senior Steward I will shortly be giving up editing Pews News. Paul Robinson has kindly agreed to take over from me. His contact details will appear on Pews News as soon as we have sorted out the necessary software for his computer. For now though please keep sending items to me.

As we go through the changes, we really welcome your support and prayers. (Roy's "Prayer of the Week" is so apt!) Ros.

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Services for Next Sunday

10am Rev Neil Dixon
6pm Mr Allan Somerville

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

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.

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Pews News



Sunday April 24th
2011
Easter Sunday

Today's Worship

8am **Rev Alistair Newton**
Early Morning Communion

9am **Easter Breakfast**

10am **Rev Alistair Newton**
Easter Family Worship and Communion

6pm **United Service
at St John's**



Ministry of Flowers



The flowers in our Church today are a gift from Daphne and John Wood in loving memory of John's Mother and Father and Daphne's brother David. Other flowers today were provided by the Friends of the Church Flower Fund.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

Luke 24:13-49 Isaiah 25:6-9 I

Corinthians 5:6b-8

Psalm 114



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Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord who has conquered every climb and fits us for the task of following, please give me the gifts I need for this job you have called me to. Amen.



What's On This Week

MONDAY 25th

7:30pm The Prayer Group meets at the home of Roy and Jean Lorrain-Smith, 9 Fyfe Grove (593955). **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.**

TUESDAY 26th

6.45pm Fellowship of St Andrew—see separate notice.

A Date for your Diary: Westgate Drama Group presents:-

A THEATRE AND SUPPER EVENING.

An evening's entertainment on the theme of "Relationships"

Saturday, 28th May, 2011 at the Methodist Centre, Baildon at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (including a 2 course supper) are available from 01274 583901 or any member of WDG.

Grateful thanks to the kind person who left me a lovely bag of fruit and vegetables on my birthday. Unfortunately I do not know who that was, but I enjoyed them very much. Lorna.

Another Big Thankyou

May I express my heartfelt thanks to those wonderful people who have given up four hours in the evening to transport me to hospital in Huddersfield for IV antibiotic infusion. Keith Hirst

Peter and Rosemary Jackson would like to say thank you for the gift of flowers and all the kind messages received whilst Peter was in hospital. All have been very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's cake stall in aid of Phakamisa. A special thanks to Di and Jean for knitting wonderful Easter chicks. A magnificent sum of £300 was raised. Pat and Ann.

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FELLOWSHIP OF ST ANDREW

The Fellowship will begin to make home visits in Baildon again after the Winter break on Tuesday 26th April. Please meet at the Methodist Church, 6.45pm. New members very welcome, either to visit with a partner, or to stay behind with those who pray for the visitors and the homes visited.

Thank you to Dorothy North who kindly sent me the following:
The meaningful words were written by her son, Christopher.

THE LAST PASSOVER

Over the roofs and narrow streets of Jerusalem, a malicious fear had spawned. Dark clouds had threatened and blackened that early afternoon. Earlier they had mocked him, whipped and scorned the so called King of the Jews. They had taunted him to pass judgement over them, while now the soldiers argued over his seamless garment. The executioners had raised him over their heads, one of three. The one of Three. And the centurion was shaking his head over their folly.

Pain-blurring eyes passed over the dwindled crowd.
Cries at his feet. The disciples had fled,
But the women mourned to the last.

Over several hours they left him,
pierced arms outstretched,
With mind and lungs intent
Over each breath.

Finally came the tortured
Whisper, 'It... it is over'.
The falling head, the last sigh
.....then silence.

There was the scorning wind.
Here the falling tears over
The blood-stained ground.
But the fire....had gone.

While over in the temple,
The curtain hiding God
From the people
Was ripped in two.

Yet it was not over.
It was not over!

Alpha was set to follow the Omega.
This.....was just the Beginning.

