

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

### CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH

We all hate litter! Litter is disorganised, discarded, stuff in the wrong place. Coke cans, milk containers, beer bottles, ugh! Dirty! But a bag of just empty beer cans is not litter; it can be recycled as an aluminium tool. A box full of empty plastic milk bottles is not litter; it can be turned into a rot-proof public bench. A bin full of empty glass containers is not litter; it can be turned into new bottles. Sorting is the key. We all sort our rubbish at home so that it can go in the right recycle bin, or on the compost heap. Please help at Church too. After the service if you no longer want the hymn sheet, or Pews News, leave them on a table, not in a rubbish bin. In the vestry, we have a paper recycling bin and that is where they should all end up. Be God's little helpers; sort it out!



Many thanks,  
Mervyn, Eco Officer.

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### Services for Next Sunday

9 am Rev Alistair Newton  
Holy Communion  
10 am Rev Alistair Newton  
Family Parade Service  
6 pm Rev Alistair Newton  
Church Together Christian Aid Service  
followed by refreshments and packs for Christian Aid Week will be available for collectors.

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.....

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# Pews News

Sunday May 1st  
2011



Baildon  
Methodist  
Church

## Today's Worship



10am **Rev Neil Dixon**  
*Adventurers stay in their own groups  
There is a crèche for babies and toddlers*

6pm **Mr Allan Somerville**  
The start of the BIBLEFRESH event for our Circuit

### Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our Church today are a gift from Margaret Fielden in memory of Mark and other relatives and friends who have gone before.



### Lectionary Readings for the Week

Acts 2:14a, 22-32    Psalm 16 I  
Peter 1:3-9    John 20:19-31



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Join us!

## Prayer of the Week

*Lord of the silent witness, thank you for the mute eloquence of the old cross and stocks in Towngate, that Jesus died for our freedom. Please help us to read the message of your power and nature in all of creation, through Jesus. Amen.*



## What's On This Week

### MONDAY 2nd

7:30pm The Prayer Group meets at the home of Elaine and David Lee 22 Central Ave (corner of Southdown) (595382). **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.**

### WEDNESDAY 4th

10am "As We Are" Ladies Discussion Group. "Welcome Back"

### THURSDAY 5th

1.30pm The Thursday Cell Group re-commences after the Easter break.

### The Future Building Group Wants To Know Your Ideas About Our Premises!

The Future Building Group has been set up by the Church Council to review whether our buildings are fit for the 21st century. Do our buildings:

- v Meet the future needs of the church and wider community?
- v Adequately reflect our mission and priorities?
- v Show, in a practical way, our commitments to the environment, as befits an Eco-Congregation?

These are some of the sorts of questions we, in the Future Building Group, have been asked to consider.

Our members are: Rev Alistair Newton; Avril Dawes; Rachel James; Gareth James; John Anderson; Ashley France; Anthea Petts; Margaret Fielden; Allen Pollard; Emily Picken; Chris Flecknoe; Mervyn Flecknoe.

We hope you will share your thoughts with us. You will find that a "graffiti board" has been set up in Wesleys. We want to know:

What do you value about these premises?

What changes would you like to see?

Please put your thoughts on one of the post-its which you will find on the tables in Wesleys and stick it on to the graffiti board. You do not need to give your name unless you want to. Please encourage all your friends who attend church, or use our facilities during the week, to take part in this consultation, which will be open until Monday 9 May.



### THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Holy Week and the Easter Weekend.

*Rev Alistair Newton*

## LONDON MARATHON 2011: sponsorship for MRDF

Many thanks to all those who sponsored my planned run in the London Marathon 2011 raising money for MRDF projects in Tanzania and Malawi. Most of you are aware that I had to withdraw from the run, which was, in a sense, run for me by 70 year old Malcolm Brookes, who did a fantastic time of 4 hours 22 minutes, far faster than I would have done. So far £1,045 has been sent to MRDF, which is very pleasing, and about £486 of the total was donated by folk at Baildon Church or Wesleys. Well done! Jim.

## PEWS NEWS

This is my last Pews News. Thank you to so many of you who have sent me news and ideas for the newsletter. I have really enjoyed my time as Editor and would love to carry on, but extra responsibilities as Senior Steward mean I need to hand the job on. Eventually Paul Robinson will take over, but for the next few weeks Ashley has kindly taken on editing. Please email your items to: [ashley@the-frances.org.uk](mailto:ashley@the-frances.org.uk): Those I have already been sent I will forward onto him. Ros.

## DOOR STEWARDS AND WELCOMING STEWARDS.

New Rotas for 2011-2012 are available in the pigeonholes.

## PHAKAMISA LENT DIARY

Thank you to all those people who chose to follow the Phakamisa Lent Diary and in so doing have perhaps been able to learn more about the lives of people from impoverished communities in the Pinetown area of South Africa whilst reflecting on areas of our lives that we take for granted. The diary was also an opportunity to raise funds for Phakamisa, as Glenda's foreword stated 'using your God-given gifts and blessings to make money and share it with those in need in Phakamisa' and I am now happy and able to collect your gift and pay directly into the Phakamisa UK bank account. (CAF cheques can be sent directly to the treasurer - Bob Mawer). Please see or contact me on tel:07917 867600, or [annclark100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annclark100@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you - Ann.

### 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.

### The Fairfax Singers in concert for Phakamisa.

On Saturday 14th May, 7.30pm, at Christchurch in Ilkley, the Fairfax Singers together with guest soprano Emily Cade are holding a concert for Phakamisa (organised by Hetley Burnham). Tickets are £8 to include refreshments and are available from Ann Clark or at Christchurch Cafe.