

A TOUCH FROM THE FATHER'S HAND

One evening when my parents, my husband and I were having dinner at a small family restaurant, I witnessed a scene that became a powerful object lesson. Initially, the atmosphere in the restaurant was warm and friendly, alive with the laughter and conversations of parents and their children.

Suddenly it changed. Conversations ceased as all eyes were directed toward a young child—a very LOUD young child, who was protesting with pitiful sobs as she watched her mother leave the table and go into another room.

Listening to the toddler express her dissatisfaction, I had my usual "professional" response. I tried to analyze the thoughts and feelings she was undoubtedly experiencing: "Mommy isn't with me" (feeling of loss); "Is she coming back?" (feeling of doubt); "I need my mommy now!" (feeling of fear).

Then something happened to change the whole scenario. The little girl's father stretched his hand across the table and took her hand in his. The child wrapped her fingers around his thumb, and he gently rubbed the back of her small hand. As he continued to soothe her, the sobbing turned to whimpering and soon died away. No words were needed—just a touch from the father's hand.

When the child's tears subsided mine began to flow. I felt as though God had allowed me to witness this tender moment as a natural demonstration of a supernatural reality: When God's children are hurting, all they really need is a touch from their Father's hand.....

By Julie Roe



Baildon Carnival, Saturday 9th July

Come and join the parade! 2011 is The Year of the Bible – so let's tell our community by joining our walking parade dressed as Bible characters – volunteers of all ages needed. Further details to follow.

Please speak to Diane France ASAP [01274 411142]

Action for Children: Coffee Morning

When: Saturday 2nd July 2011

Time: 10:00am to 12:00noon

Where: Wesleys

Cost: £1.00 [incl tea/coffee/biscuits]

What: Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Books



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Services for Sunday 19th June

10:00am Rev Derek Hoe

6:00pm Rev Michael Newman
Communion

If you are here today for the first time, we offer you a warm welcome. Please make yourself known to one of the Duty Stewards and stay and have a coffee after the service. If you would like to know more about what goes on please check the website. Fill in your details below and someone will be in touch with you.

Name.....

Tel Number/Email.....



Baildon
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PEWS
NEWS

Sunday
June 19th

2011

Trinity Sunday
Father's Day

Today's Worship

10:00am Rev Alistair Newton
Communion

6:00pm Diane Greenwood

Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our Church today are a gift from Daphne & John Wood in loving memory of Vaughan.



Lectionary Readings for the Week

Theme: *Witness to God who blesses us; invite all into God's love*

Genesis 1:1–2:4a God's ordered creation, Spirit and the divine Word

Psalms 8 Creation speaks of its divine creator who blesses humanity

2 Corinthians 13:11–13 Live in God's peace/love. Trinitarian benediction

Matthew 28:16–20 'Make disciples, baptize in Trinity, obey. I'm with you always'



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Join us!

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord, the way winds; there are deep ditches and dark woods – what if we stumble?

I am the light you need, my child.

Trust me, and I will make your way straight.



What's On This Week

MONDAY 20th

7:30pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY 21st

9:45am Radio 4 LW Rev P Whitaker
6:45pm MTG: Fellowship of St Andrew
@ The Moravian Church
7:30pm Flan Fling, Cullingworth MC

WEDNESDAY 22nd

10:00am As We Are Discussion Group
Dr Keith Boughey
'The Stanbury Hill Project'
10:00am BEACON Sponsored Walk
2:00pm Cameo, The Community Garden
7:30pm Circuit Meeting
7:30pm MTG Green Ginger Group
8:00pm Singing Group

THURSDAY 23rd

1:30pm Service of Thanksgiving, see note
1:30pm Cell Group
1:30pm Baildon Parkinson's
Support Group, Link
7:30pm Local Preachers Mtg, Wilsden

SATURDAY 25th

10:00am Care for Kaleo DAY

PewsNews / Centre Pages

We have a new PewsNews / Centre Pages e-Mail address. Please send any articles for the following Sunday to:

pewsnews@baildonmethodists.org

OR

Leave them in the 'P' section of the pigeon holes, by Tuesday evening please

Looking Ahead

30th June

7:00pm BMC Church Stewards meeting

2nd July

6:00pm X-Site, Keighley

3rd July

6:00pm Hopes & Dreams, Jailbreak
Methodist Conference, Southport

9th July

Baildon Carnival
10:00am PowerPoint Tips, Thackley MC
Grassington M C Bi-centenary Event

12th July

7:30pm Rev P Whitaker T-Giving Service
Brighouse Central

Wesleys Cafe

To keep Wesleys running we desperately need help on the following days.

Sunday after Service

2 people to serve coffee every 6 weeks

Monday lunch

Help on the dishwasher fortnightly

Thursday lunch

Help on the Hatch monthly

Saturday a.m.

Help to serve Coffee monthly.

Please see Pat Hirst (591454)

if you can help

Many thanks

Regards, Pat



Christian Aid



A magnificent total of £1,588.58 was raised by the folk at Baildon Methodist Church in support of Christian Aid's initiatives overseas. Well done. A big thank-you to all the collectors, organisers, counters and to Diane who raised £170.00 at her cream-tea event.

We live in a world of texts and e-Mails: Here's one from God

To: You

Date: Today

From: The Boss

Subject: Yourself and life

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (SOMETHING FOR GOD TO DO) box. It will be addressed in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold on to it. Get on with your daily life and leave it to me. From Sylvia Hanson



Do you go into the vestry before the service?

Please remember to respect the vestry during the time before each service which should be a place of contemplation & preparation for worship;

Thanks. Ros.

Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers **Hans Christian Andersen**

Early Morning Communion

Numbers attending the monthly 9am Communion Service have been dwindling for some time. After discussions at both stewards meetings and Church Council, it has been decided to stop these services once the next plan starts. (There will be services in July and August as planned, but none from September).



Benevolence Fund

By Ros Crosland
At the end of each communion service a communion steward stands at each door with a collection plate. Do you know what this is for? The Benevolence Fund is for anyone who is in need locally. The final decision as to where the money might go lies with the communion stewards and the Minister. Last September £800 was shared between the Blenheim Project, Beacon (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern) and Windhill Community Centre. In recent weeks many of you will have seen two homeless men enjoying the welcome, warmth and food in Wesley's Cafe. The money for their meals came out of the Benevolence Fund. We know we are always being asked for money, but those benefiting from what we can give are in real need and often don't have the basics that we take for granted. So if you can, please put some money in the collection plate as you pass it this morning. Thank you.

"...I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36