



Baildon
Methodist
Church



Saturday 11th February 2012

TIMETABLE

- 10:00am** Arrive for bacon butties or toasted teacakes.
Introduction to the day from Rev Alistair Newton. Then, choose from a wide range of activities throughout the day
- 10:30am** Your choice of workshop sessions
- **11.25am** A) What would a growing church look like? Rev Sarah Jemison leads a creative workshop for all ages;
B) How can we welcome people of all ages? Linda Bairstow helps us explore this theme using informal drama techniques;
C) How best can we strengthen our church community? Mei-Na Laio, a Baildon resident who is an expert in marketing, helps us to consider how we can turn customers into members, and consumers into active participants? What lessons can we learn from the business marketing?
- 11:30am** Choose from
- **12.25pm** D) What are the needs of our members, and those who meet on our premises and use our services? Chris Flecknoe leads an exploration of this theme through imagining ourselves into the shoes of others;
E) What do we mean when we say we will respect God's world? Mervyn Flecknoe leads a simulation game for all ages reflecting on the World's use of resources;
F) How might we expand the work with children, young people and families? Sharon Fell and Lynne Yarde lead a creative workshop using a DVD;
- 12:25pm** Let's Pause for Prayer
Just before we enjoy our lunch, we invite everyone to gather in Wesley's for a short time of prayer led by Rev Alistair Newton
- 12:30pm** Lunch
- 1:00pm** Choose from
- **2:00pm** G) How best can we reach out to vulnerable people to help them reach their potential? Rev Nick Blundell invites you to explore this question through poetry;
H) What does "unconditional love in action" look like? Peter Jackson looks at unconditional love through informal drama techniques and discussion;

- 2:00pm** Choose from
- 3:00pm** I) What does it mean to be active and committed? Jim Parrish invites you to explore this question with him, with a view to a service on this theme at a future date;
- J) What does being at the heart of Baidon mean? Roy Lorrain-Smith leads a time of reflection and bible-study;
- 15:00pm** Closing gathering for worship
- 15:30pm** A chance to reflect and round off the day in worship led by Rev Nick Blundell

Refreshments available non-stop in the church
Children's toys at rear of the church

Partnership possibilities If you belong to an organisation that might like to work with Baidon Methodist Church, or if you have ideas about new activities, then talk to John Anderson at the “Partnership Point” in Wesleys Café-area between 10:00 and 10:30 and 12:30 and 14:00. Or catch him as he “buzzes about” at other times of the day.

Thinking about Volunteering? Dave Forrest from the Volunteer Centre, Bradford, will be at the “Volunteering Venue” in Wesleys from 10:00 – 13.00. Find out, without commitment, about volunteering opportunities in the wider community. Also – pick up our ‘Volunteering Openings...for You’ booklet to find out how you could volunteer to assist with activities within our own church family.

Graffiti board If you have a good idea you want to share, or if you want to leave a comment about the way the event has been organised (so we can learn to do better in future) stick up your thoughts on a post-it on the Graffiti Board in Wesleys.

Church Quiet Room will be available throughout the day for quiet prayer and reflection.

Want to talk to someone, one to one? Rev Alistair Newton will be available throughout the day if you want to ask for some time to talk with him about anything.

Need a bit of space? You may choose to attend any of the sessions which interest you, or sit out for as many as you wish and enjoy informal discussions with friends, or have a time of quiet reflection.

Friendship, fun, inspiration, and creativity: all will be on offer during the day. We look forward to welcoming you to all or part of this “church family” event which will help to shape the future direction of our church.