

MEETINGS

'As we Are' Women's Discussion Group
Please watch the notice board for any further information re the future

C.A.M.E.O.

Summer break till 5th September 2012

The Youth Group

The next meeting of the Youth Group will be on Friday September 7th 2012

The Prayer Groups

Meet every Monday at 7:30pm and Tuesday at 10:30am
Usually in the Quiet room, Wesleys 4. (Separate arrangements for Bank Holidays)

INI Conversation Group

Thursday 23rd August 2:00pm

Meet early for coffee in Wesleys
Topic: Carolyn Voice will introduce 'The Health Service'

All are welcome.

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God's Word on God's World

- Living as Green Disciples -

Opening worship and Introduction
The Right Reverend Nick Baines,
Bishop of Bradford
Key note speaker
The Reverend Dave Bookless
Advisor for Theology & Churches for
A Rocha International
Dave Bookless is the former Director and
co-founder of A Rocha UK.
He is an international speaker on
Christian faith and the environment as
well as author of the books
'God Doesn't Do Waste' and 'Planetwise.'

Morning session

God's Word on God's World - why and
how we should care for creation?
Market Place - A range of stands from
different organisations to help resource
your church to take action

Lunch - Can be purchased locally from a
number of different outlets: tea and
coffee will be provided

Afternoon session

Our Work in God's World - Worship,
Mission and Lifestyle
This is a free ecumenical event, though
there will be an opportunity for a free-will
offering
to cover costs and in support of the work
of A Rocha International.

*Dave will also be preaching at the
Cathedral on Sunday 16th September at
10:15am*

Contact John Anderson for more
information (01274 590525) or
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Warding off the Amalekite threat

Sometimes you only really see the importance of something when it's not there. Like a handrail. Or trees suddenly missing from the view. And sometimes prayer. After the Israelites escaped from Egypt but before they got to the promised land they were attacked by the Amalekites and had to defend themselves. Moses told Joshua to organise their fighting men, while he climbed a hill overlooking the battlefield with the staff of God in his hand. Whenever Moses raised the staff, Israel prevailed, but when he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. The trouble was, Moses got tired and he needed help to keep his hands up. Aaron and Hur who were with him sat him on a stone, and stood on either side of him and held his hands aloft till the going down of the sun. So the Israelites beat off the enemy threat. (Ex 17:8-13)

Fast forward a few thousand years to the Fellowship of St Andrew, which is a monthly CTiB initiative to tell everyone in Baildon about our churches. As visitors (in pairs) are out knocking on doors, another group remains at base praying - raising their hands to the Lord in prayer over the battlefield for Baildon souls. This is our fourth year, and every time the visitors come back smiling, saying how well they'd been uplifted, and the intercessors hear of how their prayers have been answered. But one day it wasn't like that.

The visitors came back really despondent. And gradually it dawned on me why. The intercessors had on that occasion got weary with the effort of prayer, and had lapsed into conversation from time to time. And the battle had swung against us. So the next time we acknowledged our failing, and sought afresh to help one another to keep praying - till the coming back of the teams. And lo and behold, they came back smiling as before. We were reminded again that prayer matters, by witnessing the effect of its absence! If you want to know more about this important work, phone me (593955) or Christine (586975).

Roy Lorrain-Smith

Lectionary reading for each week

- **July 29th**
2 Kings 4. 42–44, Psalm 145. 10–18, Eph 3. 14–21, John 6. 1–21;
- **August 5th**
Ex 16. 2–4, 9–15, Psalm 78. 23–29, Eph 4. 1–16, John 6. 24–35;
- **August 12th**
1 Kings 19. 4–8, Psalm 34. 1–8, Eph 4. 25–5.2, John 6. 35, 41–51;
- **August 19th** *Proverbs 9. 1–6, Psalm 34. 9–14, Eph 5. 15–20
John 6. 51–58;*
- **August 26th** *Joshua 24. 1–2a, 14–18, Psalm 34. 15–22 Eph 6. 10–20
John 6. 56–69;*

MINISTRY of FLOWERS

July 29th

The flowers in our church today are a gift from Ruth Evans in loving memory of her parents and her husband Harold.

Also from Iris Ward in loving memory of her husband Eric

August 5th.

The flowers in our church today are a gift from Marion Kellett in memory of her cousin, June Bracewell.

Also today, we have a gift of flowers from Natalie Lovett and Adam Throp, to celebrate their wedding which took place, in our church, yesterday.

August 12th.

The flowers in our church today are a gift from the Friends of the Church Flower Fund

August 19th.

The flowers in our church today are a gift from Jean Firth in loving memory of her husband Leslie and their granddaughter Allison (stillborn)

August 26th.

The flowers in our church today are a gift from Dorothy Brook and her sister Valerie, with happy memories of their Mum and Dad.

Look Smile Chat Look, Smile, Chat is the new campaign by National Deaf Children's Society to improve understanding of deafness among teenagers and help deaf and hearing teenagers to communicate with each other. Most deaf teenagers go to mainstream schools and some of their classmates don't know how to chat to them. Simple steps can make a big difference – watch the films and download the free resources!

<http://youngpeople.ndcsbuzz.org.uk/looksmilechat>

Friday Ecumenical Communion Service

Every Friday the Anglican, Methodist and Moravian ministers take it in turn to lead a short communion service 9:00am–9:30am followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to share in the Lord's Supper.

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A prayer for each week during August

5 August 2012

Lord of the saving initiative, never content with the unfair *status quo* but always working to rectify deficiencies in the world, please stir us up to follow wherever the Saviour Jesus leads.

Amen.

12 August 2012

Lord of the perfect balance, exemplified in Jesus, please help us to combine spiritual with physical – neither stopping with prayer nor starting with action, but combining both.

Amen.

19 August 2012

Lord of the better life, inaugurated at Jesus' resurrection and available to us through your Holy Spirit, please help us to remain open – to hear your call and be equipped to do your bidding.

Amen.

26 August 2012

Lord of the lofty (but never beyond our reach), and also of the lowly (in order to raise us up), please help us to find ourselves in you, Father – and then to guide others to you, through Jesus.

Amen.

Space to write your own prayers

STILL URGENTLY NEEDED:

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE AND OPERATE THE COMPUTER AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR MORNING WORSHIP ON A ROTA BASIS

If you might be interested in helping to enhance our worship in this way, please talk to Andy Yarde, Stephen Craven, Allen Pollard, or Chris Flecknoe. We operate a rota system and need a few more volunteers to share round the role. A training session will be arranged so, if you are at all interested, this would be a good time to find out what is involved.