

UP-COMING CONFERENCE

Rob and Jane Garratt want you to be inspired to think that if God can use ordinary believers like them in the ministry of 5000Plus then He can use you to do amazing things too for His Kingdom.

We want to tell you about 'Open for Adventure' a 2 Day Conference in the Yorkshire Dales on the 10th & 11th October 2012

It's for people:

1. Who have a passion to see God's Kingdom released through them
 2. Who are concerned to reach out to the poor overseas with God's love
 3. Who are sensing a new direction - building on their experience and life skills
- Rob and Jane believe that God is asking them to share what they have learned and to pass on their model to others so that together this work can be taken to many more countries and reach even more people with the practical love of God.

So why not come and explore the possibilities with them for two days in the lovely Dales.

10:00am Wed 10th to 4:30pm Thu 11th October 2012

Scargill House Kettlewell Skipton North Yorkshire BD23 5HU

Rate per person £65 (£75 en-suite). Bursaries may be available.

Extra night's accommodation available if required.

For details phone Rob and Jane on 01274 591230, or email to

fivethousandplus@yahoo.co.uk.

Visit www.scargillmovement.org to download an application form.

A Question of Sport

Our second Sports Consultation event will be at Old Trafford, Manchester United FC on Tuesday 30 October 2012, 10:30am-3:30pm. It's an exciting day for young people (8-23 years) interested in sport and their leaders/youth workers. An opportunity to meet with other children and young people involved in The Methodist Church with a passion for sport. Contribute to workshops that will influence the direction of future work through sport in the Church. Be inspired by stories of young people making a difference through sport in their local communities, national and international initiatives. The cost is £10/person and includes lunch/tour. Only 100 spaces so get booked in soon!

Book online <http://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-VVHR-4QK4TB-CCSPR-1/c.aspx>

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From John Boyd Youth Participation Project Manager (North East)

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FORMED AT BAILDON METHODIST CHURCH.

In order to try to keep the church family life at Baildon Methodist Church running smoothly in the absence of our own dedicated Minister, the Church Council has agreed to set up a small Leadership Team. This Team will meet fortnightly or more often if there is an urgent issue needing attention. The Leadership Team is made up of **Ros Crosland**, Senior Steward; **Barry Empson**, Steward; **Ashley France**, Property and Enabling Committee; **Jennifer Evans**, Pastoral Committee; **Diane Davidson**, representing our young people's workers; **Chris Flecknoe**, Worship and Church Life Committee. Of course, if you want to talk to a Minister, then this is still going to be possible. However, if you want to raise an issue, question, or idea about the day to day running of our church family life at Baildon, then please contact the Leadership Team by emailing: blt@baildonmethodists.org; or speak to any member of the Leadership Team.

In recent weeks we have felt that we would be needing an ark, indeed in some parts one could have been useful.

A good lesson learned from Noah's Ark

1: Don't miss the boat.

2: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

3: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark

4: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

5: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

6: Build your future on high ground.

7: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

8: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

9: When you're stressed, float a while.

10: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

11: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting...

The face of Jesus

In Joe Castillo's drawing on the next page can you trace each of the times in Jesus' life as told in the following Bible passages?

Luke 22: 39

Luke 21: 15

Hebrews 12. 1 and Psalm 105. 3.4

Mark 15: 42 - 47

Luke 2: 1-7

John 19: 16 - 17

Luke 5: 1-11

Luke 2: 52 & 4: 14 Luke 24: 1-7

Luke 5: 1-11

Matthew 2: 1-3 & 9 -12

Luke 2: 8- 12

Luke : 12-16

Mark 15: 24-31



Joe Castillo drew this picture during a chapel service. As he told the gospel story he included each part of Jesus' life and drew the face of Jesus as he told the story. It was not until the picture was completed that his wonderful creativity was recognised. The longer you look at the picture the more you will see in it.

Baildon Methodist Church: new *Giving to Funds for Others* ("GiFO") Appeals.

As you will know, our church has established **The BIG FUND** (Building Improvement for Growth Fund) to raise money to support our 10-year building improvement plans. But we do not want fund-raising for our own premises to detract from fund-raising for other "good causes". The Church Council recently decided to make the giving from our church to central Methodist funds and some key external charities more transparent, by arranging for us to focus on a different *Giving to Funds for Others* ("*GiFO*") Appeal each month and to invite you to make a contribution if you feel moved and are able to do so. We think the name for these appeals could usefully be shortened to -"**GiFO APPEALS**". Our Church Treasurer will report to you on the amount raised through our GiFO Appeals, as well as the monthly giving by our congregation to meet our regular running costs, and for The BIG Fund.

How will this work in practice?

Each month, information will be provided in Pews News about the "**GiFO Appeal**" for the month. Special donation envelopes will be available near the two entrances to the church for you to use to make a donation if you so wish. Donation envelopes can be placed in the collection plate during the offering, or in the special GiFO receptacles adjacent to the envelopes. **There will be no pressure placed on anyone to donate!** It is hoped that this focus on a particular external "good cause" within our worship will not detract from other charity fund-raising activities which individuals and groups within our church family undertake (e.g. through sponsored events; coffee mornings etc.). In addition, retiring collections for international disasters will still be arranged, when needed, at the discretion of the stewards.

If, however, you want to make a direct appeal to our congregation for a charity dear to you, please talk to John Sykes, Church Treasurer, before you do so – just to ensure that there are not too many direct appeals going out to members at the same time.

The initial GiFO calendar. The external good causes which we propose to focus on in the coming months are: *September:* The Methodist Mission in Britain Fund; *October:* Methodist Relief and Development Fund; *November:* Action for Children; *December:* "Christmas Gift to our Church"; *January:* The Methodist Fund for Support to Presbyters (Ministers) and Deacons; *February:* Blenheim Project; *March:* Methodist World Mission Fund (Easter Offering); *April:* The Methodist Fund for Property; *May:* Christian Aid. If you wish to suggest a "good cause" to be included in the GiFO calendar in future, please talk to John Sykes, Church Treasurer, who will bring your suggestion to a future meeting of the Fund-Raising Strategy Group.

Chris Flecknoe, Chair of the Fund-Raising Strategy Group