

Meetings in September

Worship in September

Sun Sept 2nd

10:00am Rev Nick Blundell
6:00pm Rev Phil Drake

Sun Sept 9th

10:00am Mervyn Flecknoe
Parade Service, JMA & Eco Awards
6:00pm Rev Phil Drake

Sun Sept 16th

10:00am Rev Ian Griffiths
Holy Communion
6:00pm Rev Phil Drake
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Sun Sept 23rd

10:00am John Darnbrook
Christians Against Poverty
6:00pm United Service
@ Moravian Church

Sun Sept 30th

10:00am John Anderson
6:00pm Own Arrangement

C.A.M.E.O.

Meets Wednesdays 2:00pm
5th Welcome Back
12th Blenheim Update :- Enid McElvie
19th Fish & Chips at Websters at **12:30**
26th Member's Day: Holiday Souvenirs

Supper Clubs

Will meet on Friday 14th at 7:30pm
Speaker: Sheila Jones – "Baildon Memories"

All Welcome

Please enter your name on the list on the notice board by the serving hatch by Wednesday 12th September.

The Prayer Groups

Meet usually in Wesleys room 4
Mondays at 7:30pm
and Tuesdays at 10:30am

Blue Sands Conversation Group

Will meet on Thursday 27th 2:00pm
Mervyn Flecknoe will introduce the subject: Single Sex Marriage.

The Ministerial Team and their rota dates are:

Rev Nick Blundell: On duty w/c Sept 2nd and Sept 30th
Rev Sarah Jemison On duty w/c Sept 23rd
Rev Ian Griffiths On duty w/c Sept 9th
Rev Phil Drake On duty w/c Sept 16th

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Life's round?

September. Autumn. Seasons. Cycles. Circles. Roundabouts. Swings. Pendulums. Tides. Is life any more than repetition? From cradle to grave, is it more than melted footsteps in the snow? Or put it another way: is reorganisation always (or ever) progress?

Is God more than this? Has he a purpose above and beyond the cycles and swings we call existence? Can he turn those circles into a line? Can he propel the wheel of fortune forwards so that it shows a lasting track in the sand? And does his track lead anywhere? Is it worth following? And if so (here's the big question), how can we clamber aboard his bus?

Does prayer help hitch a lift? Can we by words call down blessings that change our situation in some lasting way? Or must we dig deeper first, to the foundation of belief in the God who made the world. And not just created, but appointed us to a role in it. Further: who rescues us from the mess we make of things for something greater and grander; from here to there, anticipating eternity, and setting down lasting tracks that show the way.

Trusting that Father God, as Jesus reveals him to be, that makes sense of prayer: asking for the blessings promised by such a One could set things in motion; expressing upon others the blessings He offers could firm up the sand of our existence, paving it sufficiently for the vehicle we call church to get a grip and go places.

Roy Lorrain-Smith



Lectionary readings for each week

September 2nd

Song 2 v 8-13, Psalm 45 v 1-2, 6-9, James 1 v 17-27, Mark 7 v 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9th

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125 Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13) 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

September 16th

Proverbs 1 v 20-33, Psalm 19, James 3 v 1-12, Mark 8 v 27-38

September 23rd

Proverbs 31 v 10-31, Psalm 1, James 3 v 13-4 v 3, 7-8a

September 30th

James 5 13-20, Mark 9 v 38-50

A prayer for each week of September

2 September 2012

Dependable rock in the places of our sand – so hard to walk in, so useless to build on – you are our sure foundation for life, and we praise you. Please, Lord, help us to rely on you every step of the way. Amen.

9 September 2012

Fixed point in our shifting, circling swings – so confusing to our sense of direction – you are our safe, certain compass, and we praise you. Please, Lord, help us to walk by your word every step of the way. Amen.

16 September 2012

Always supportive as we struggle in our muddy bogs – so hard to get foothold – you carry us bodily over the impassable, and we praise you. Please, Lord, help us to hold your hand every step of the way. Amen.

23 September 2012

Progress where all else is mere change – so hard for us to discern and measure – you are our goal, guide and gauge, and we praise you. Please, Lord, help us to move with your Spirit every step of the way. Amen.

30 September 2012

Arrival gate for all faithful pilgrims – where so many doors beckon alluringly – you are our true entry point to eternity, and we praise you. Please, Lord, help us to follow your signs every step of the way. Amen

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.

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THE SEPTEMBER “GIVING TO FUNDS FOR OTHERS” (“GIFO”) APPEAL

The Methodist Church Mission in Britain Fund

(also known as the Fund for Home Mission) exists to support mission projects in Britain, helping church projects to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice; and to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Some examples of projects which this Fund is supporting:

- **HOPE Together:** supporting churches to get more involved in their communities.
- **Bristol Chaplaincy** to the aviation industry (Rolls Royce and Airbus).
- **Women in Watford** project – providing a chaplain to vulnerable women and supporting women to come out of prostitution.
- Heritage grants to the **New Room / Wesley's Chapel in Bristol** and to **Epworth Old Rectory**
- Contribution to displays and new website for the **Friends of Tolpuddle Martyrs Chapel.**
- **The Adavu project**, Birmingham – tackling human trafficking.

For more information see: www.methodist.org.uk/mission/mission-in-britain

Gift envelopes for those of you who would like to make a contribution will be given out on the second Sunday of the month and are also available in the GIFO boxes near both doors to the church throughout September. If you are an income tax payer, please gift-aid your donation as this allows the Fund to reclaim tax on your donation and increase its value by 25% at no cost to you. Please place any filled envelopes in the church collection plate on any Sunday during September. Please place any empty envelopes in the GIFO box by the exit door for use by others, or leave it on your seat.



A Prayer for the Paralympic Games

Lord Jesus Christ, your love is more than gold, and the warmth of your welcome is a taste of heaven. We thank you for all involved in the London Paralympic Games; for the skill and bravery of athletes; for the wisdom and care of judges who ensure an equal chance for all; for the support and encouragement of coaches and teammates; and for the grace and kindness of volunteers who welcome all who come.

We ask that as the champions of the world unite in the spirit of Paralympic competition you would grant us a vision of a world, united in mutual respect and tolerance, united in fairness and encouragement, united in harmony and peace. **Amen.**



Baildon at Christmas: Sunday 2 December. Baildon Methodist Church will once again be participating in the Baildon at Christmas event on the afternoon of Sunday 2 December (12 noon – 4p.m.). Craft activities for children will be on offer and Wesley's café will be serving turkey butties. Musical entertainment will be provided by Pennine Harps and Ashley France. There is an opportunity for any of you who are associated with a “good cause” to **have a stall to raise funds** during this event (there were large numbers of local residents who came to Wesley's for last year's event so it is a good opportunity). We plan to have the stalls in the Hall this year. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Chris Flecknoe on 585054 or chris.flecknoe@blueyonder.co.uk