

GiFO FOR DECEMBER. A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO CHURCH.

This month we are inviting you to give a donation to our Church running costs. It is easy to take our lovely premises and all the activities we enjoy here, for granted. We forget how much it costs to run buildings these days. So, if you are feeling grateful to our church family and its premises, then please give a "Christmas Gift to Church", which is our GiFO for this month. Envelopes are available for your gifts at both entrances to the church. Just place your envelope in the church collection plate any Sunday this month, and, if you are a tax payer, please fill in the gift aid information as this increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself



SALTAIRE HYDROPOWER SCHEME

The proposed scheme to generate renewable electricity from the River Aire is attracting support from some of our Eco-congregation. Please today look at the green sheet headed 'Saltaire Hydro', which will be in Wesley's cafe and then on the Friends of the Earth stall in the hall as part of the Baildon at Christmas celebrations. If you agree with the points there, please sign the petition in support of it.

Thank you. John Anderson

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Thought for the week

Somehow not only for Christmas
But all the long year through
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.

*By that prolific writer Anonymous
as seen in The Fireside Book*

The Christmas Lunches

this year will be on Tuesday the 18th
and Wednesday the 19th December
at 12 noon.

Tickets are on sale in Wesleys .

The price is £8 per ticket.

Services for Next Sunday

10:00am **Nativity Service**
Own Arrangement
6:00pm **At St Johns [CTiB]**



Baildon Methodist Church

Today's Worship

10:00am **Lynne Keating**

6:00pm **Roy Lorrain-Smith**

Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our church today are a gift from
Christine Benson in loving memory of
her parents and grandson Joe.



PEWS NEWS

Sunday 2nd December

2012

1st Sunday in Advent



Lectionary Readings for the Week

Joel 3:9-21

Psalm 9: 1-8 (9-20)

Revelation 14:13-15

John 3:1-17



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.

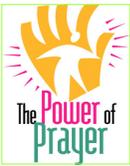
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Join us!



Prayer of the Week

Lord of wholeness, who designed and created in perfection and goodness, and whose blessing of shalom is for total wellbeing, please grow us up to Christian maturity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

What's On This Week

Monday 3rd December

10:00am Bumps & Babes
1:30pm Cell Groups, Wesleys Rms 1 & 2
7:30pm Prayer Group, Wesleys Rm 4
All welcome

Tuesday 4th

10:30am Prayer Group, Wesleys Room 4
All welcome

Wednesday 5th

2.00pm CAMEO - Carols for Advent

Thursday 6th

1:00pm Baildon Buddies
Meet in Wesleys, film show 'Mo' with Julie Walters as Mo Mowlem, the Labour politician who battled with a brain tumour, in the story of her life.
All welcome

1:30pm Cell Group
Meet in Wesleys Rm 2
All welcome

Friday 7th

9:00am Ecumenical Communion Service, St John's followed by refreshments

9:30am See & Know
10.30am Toddler Group Nativity
Enjoy Coffee & mince pies afterwards, All welcome

6:30pm Youth Group
Nativity Preparation

Saturday 8th

10:00am Wesleys open for tea, coffee and light snacks

PewsNews / Centre Pages

Please send any articles as soon as possible for the following Sunday to Pews News / Centre Pages at latest Tuesday to:- e-Mail address.

pewsnews@baildonmethodists.org

OR if you do not have access to e-mail ring Hazel on 598357 by Tuesday evening please. Answer machine 24/7.

Looking Ahead & Around

Monday 10th December

7:30pm Worship Leaders Course at Eccleshill Methodist Church

Thursday 13th December 7:30pm Handel's Messiah at Keighley shared Church

Friday December 14th

Men's and Ladies' Supper Clubs
John Wallis, Music Hall Variety Artist
Please enter your name on the list on the notice board by the previous Wednesday

Tuesday/Wednesday 18/19th December

Christmas lunches at Wesleys Café
Price £8 Tickets available at Wesleys counter hatch

Saturday 22nd December

Farmer's Market at Ian Clough Car Park

.AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Many thanks to all who supported the Amnesty International sign-in last Saturday. Exactly 100 cards were written and have been sent to London and 11 different countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. £158.12 was collected and after postage (at £1.28 per card for abroad) £30 has been sent to Amnesty International. Special thanks to Pat Hirst for the lovely Christmas cake and mince pies and to all the other kind helpers
God Bless you all *Liz*

Barbara Bromley thanks the church family and members of other churches in the circuit for all the prayers, flowers, cards and messages of sympathy received in her bereavement. Grateful thanks also for all the help received throughout Michael's illness.

It is such a comfort to realise the respect Michael was held in both at Baildon Methodist church and the district.

Traidcraft Gifts For Life

Short of ideas for a Christmas Present? Traidcraft's 'Gifts For Life' are available from £10 and provide practical support and training for people in poverty to help them trade their own way to success. Please see Ann or Claire for further details. Also available on the Traidcraft stall next week will be bumper packs of great value Christmas cards, £7.50 for 55, as well as our usual stock.

The Traidcraft stall will be available after the church service on:- 2nd December (Christmas market 12-4pm, 9th & 16th December)

Church Family Christmas Card (Today is the last day to donate)

As last year we invite you to make a donation to charity rather than sending cards to a large number of church members. (A recent survey in the press showed that only 6-15% of the money spent on charity cards actually reaches the charity.)

We will give out a Church Christmas Card at the Nativity Service on December 9th including the names of all those who are taking up the idea. We invite you make your donation to the 'Phakamisa Taxi Fund' which we at Baildon inaugurated. *£5 will ensure that four AIDS patients get vouchers to make it possible for them to get to hospital for their drugs.* However, you may, of course, donate to any charity of your choice.

Please give any donations for Phakamisa to Pat Hirst who will forward them to Ann Clarke. If you donate to a charity other than Phakamisa, please give your name to Pat Hirst.

Baildon at Christmas: Today Sunday 2 December.

Baildon Methodist Church welcomes you all from 12 noon – 4p.m.

- **Children's Christmas Craft activities.**
- **Wesleys Café open** for hot and cold snacks including hot turkey butties, cake, and drinks.
- **Musical entertainment** by Pennine Harps; and by Ashley France on the piano.
- **Crafts, Gifts, Cards and Information stalls** - including Action for Children; Leprosy Mission; Guides and Brownies; Friends of the Earth; Phakamisa; Care for Kaleo; Traidcraft; Bradford City of Sanctuary and BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern).
- **Volunteering Bradford** will also be present, so if you are interested in volunteering in Baildon or other parts of the District, call in to see them.

Our Supper Clubs - A Plea

There has been a disappointing reduction in the numbers attending both the Men's and Ladies' Supper Clubs in recent times.

If these long-standing occasions are to continue, then it is imperative that the numbers build up again, as otherwise it will simply not be viable.

It is always an enjoyable and inexpensive evening, with the Men and Ladies eating separately, and then usually joining together for that night's speaker. The meal is two courses plus tea or coffee.

Please do consider adding your name to the list in Wesley's for the December meeting, whether you have been before, or it will be your first time. Everyone, both young and old, is most welcome.

The next get-together is on Friday 14th December at 7pm when we have John Wallis, who is an excellent Music Hall / Variety Artist. He is well worth seeing. As usual for the Christmas event, the meal - of three courses - will be a joint one.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.