

### 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



### The Ten Commandments

Following on from the comments from Michael Leahy last week, can you name all ten commandments before looking them up?

Would you know where to look them up?

How about that being the homework for this week?

Now turn to Exodus 20 and check on those you remembered and those you didn't

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### Church Card Stall

Dorothy Brook & Christine Leighton have very kindly offered to take over the running of the card stall in Wesleys, so, after the first week in January, they will be in charge.

With very many thanks to so many of you for all your support of the card stall over the past years.

Please continue getting your lovely cards from Dorothy & Christine.

God bless you all.

*Liz*

### Thought for the week

The four weeks before Christmas are a preparation time for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. The color purple symbolizes penitence and a readiness to learn.

The first Sunday of Advent is the Christian New Years Day

### Services for Next Sunday

10:00am **Stuart Ayrton**

6:00pm **No Service**



**Baildon  
Methodist  
Church**



**PEWS  
NEWS**

**Sunday**

**16th December**

**2012**

**3rd Sunday  
in Advent**

### Today's Worship

10:00am **Rev David Bonny**  
Holy Communion

6:00pm **Rev Derek Hoe**  
Carol Service

### Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our church today are a gift from

Pat and Keith Hirst

**In Celebration**

of their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary



### Lectionary Readings for the Week

Isaiah 35:I-I0

Psalm 50:I-6

Luke I:57-66 , (67-80)



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.

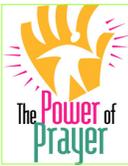
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*Join us!*



### Prayer of the Week

I could scream, Lord. I really could. People are so...! No, sorry, Lord, I'm forgetting. They are just as much made in your image as I am. And please, Lord, help me to see they're no more sinful than I am. Amen.

### What's On This Week

#### **Monday 17th December**

10:00am Bumps & Babes  
7:30pm Prayer Group, Wesleys Rm 4  
All welcome

#### **Tuesday 18th**

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

12:00noon Christmas Lunches

#### **Wednesday 19th**

12:00noon Christmas lunches  
No Cameo Meeting

#### **Thursday 20th**

1:00pm Baildon Buddies  
Wesleys – All Welcome  
1:30pm Cell Group, Wesleys Rm 2  
All welcome

#### **Friday 21st**

9:00am Ecumenical Communion  
Service, St John's followed by  
refreshments  
9:30am See & Know

#### **Saturday 22nd**

9:00am Farmer's Market  
Ian Clough Car Park  
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](mailto: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

#### **Saturday 15th December**

7:00pm Hopes & Dreams Choir  
presents

'Rumours of Angels' about Advent:

Past, Present & Future @  
Burley-in-Wharfedale Methodist  
Church

#### **Tuesday/Wednesday 18/19th December**

Christmas lunches at Wesleys Café  
Price £8.

Tickets available at Wesleys counter  
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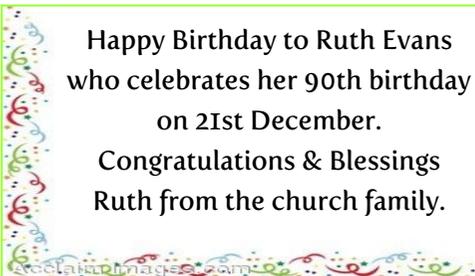
#### **Monday 24th December**

11:00am Café Style Worship, Wesleys.

Led by Peter Jackson

11:30pm Rev Derek Hoe

Holy Communion



Happy Birthday to Ruth Evans  
who celebrates her 90th birthday  
on 21st December.  
Congratulations & Blessings  
Ruth from the church family.

Pews News next week will cover  
Christmas and New Year weeks.

Please send any notices by Tuesday  
evening 18th December and direct to  
the email reference shown opposite.

### 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 today 16th December (No Wednesday Fairtrade stall in December)

### Words from Nelise, a 74 year old caregiver

Thank you for supporting Phakamisa for I manage to support my 10 orphans through the lessons and help I get from Phakamisa. I pray for you, please pray for me and my family the energy I need to cope. And from Busie a mother of four with 2 orphans - 'Thank you for your support, my life has changed since I have started attending Phakamisa workshops and the spiritual support through our devotions. We don't just survive anymore I know how to provide for my family.' Thank you, your continuing and generous support is never taken for granted and does make a difference. Thank you not only for the monies raised from the Christmas Cake Stall (£230 - amazing) and the Christmas Card donations ( a wonderful £415) but also your prayerful support. Grannies like Nelise and Busie are uplifted knowing that we care, we pray and want to help them through the work of Phakamisa and they send you their thanks and blessings this Christmas. With love and thanks - Ann

### **OUR CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PLANS ARE DEVELOPING! COME & FIND OUT MORE ON SUNDAY 13th JANUARY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH**

On 13 January, you are all invited to stay and hear about the initial designs which Loroc Architects have drawn up for improving Wesleys and for a replacement building for the Marley Hut. You will be able to look at the plans and ask questions. This will also mark the active launch of "The BIG Fund" (Building Improvement for Growth Fund) and we will give you some ideas about ways you can get involved in the fund-raising for our building improvements. At the end of this meeting on 13th, a simple lunch will be provided by Wesleys café. Please sign the list on the noticeboard in Wesleys if you would like to stay for lunch. No ticket needed but a small donations to cover the cost of the lunch will be invited on the day.

In the three weeks following this meeting, we shall ask you to let us know about any ideas, issues, or concerns that you have about the initial building designs and how you think they can be improved, so that the architect can take all comments into account when he starts to develop his designs to planning approval stage later in the spring. Everyone is welcome on 13th whether you are a church member, an occasional visitor, or someone who attends activities at our premises. We hope that as many people as possible will come along to see how best we can work together to shape the future of our church buildings in order to better equip us, in the 21st century, to spread Love, Care, and Opportunity within our wide community.

*Chris Flecknoe, Chair of Fund-Raising Strategy Group,  
and Ashley France, Chair of Property and Enabling Committee.*



The final **TRAIDCRAFT** stall this year will be available after the service today, so do have a look at the crafts, biscuits and sweets for last minute Christmas gift ideas and remember to stock up on dried fruit for your Christmas puddings. The next stall will be after the service on Sunday 27th January when only grocery products will be available. There will be no Wednesday stall in January.

With many thanks to everyone who has either helped on or supported the stall in 2012 and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas time.

*Abbie, Ellie, Caitlan, Claire and Ann*

