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Church Anniversary Saturday evening: II May. Advance Notice

"Baildon's Got Talent" and Games evening. Could you (as an individual or as part of a group) prepare an item of entertainment for this church family social evening? We will be seeking to put together a "concert" made up entirely of talent from within our church community. Items could involve music, drama, acrobatics, dance, magic, poetry..... or surprise us with a unique talent! John Binks will provide some games in-between performance items. We are not asking for specific offers at present but we thought you might like advance warning so you can get practising!

Watch this space, or contact Chris Flecknoe if you want more information (585054)

Care for Kaleo

Chris and Barry Empson and family will be travelling to Ghana on IIth March and after a few days to acclimatise, a further 400 miles inland to Kaleo. We would value your prayers both for a safe journey and a successful trip.

We shall be discussing the work of the charity and taking part in Church activities. We will also be visiting the 'in-laws' with our latest grandson Joshua and his mum.

Your prayers will be very much appreciated.

God Bless *Chris and Barry*

Circuit Mission Group Questionnaire

Last Sunday John Darnbrook mentioned that the Circuit Mission Group will be visiting us in the coming weeks to ask us how we see ourselves as a church. Are we a healthy church? Are we willing to grow? Are we outward looking? We have been given a list of questions we can use as a guideline to see how we are doing. To get an idea about how you all feel we are doing, we would like a cross section of our congregation to have a look at the questions, and answer as many as you can.

If you would be willing to take part please have a word with Jennifer Evans or Ros Crosland. We would like to organise this electronically wherever possible, so if you have an email address all the better. We have paper copies for those not on email.

(ros.crosland@yahoo.co.uk or jennifermevans@blueyonder.co.uk)

GiFO for February

Our Gifts for Others last month were for THE Blenheim Project and £122 was raised for that with some Gift Aid to be collected in addition. Many thanks to all who gave to this good cause.



Update from Baildon Methodist Church Leadership Team (BLT)

Your Leadership Team has met twice since the last summary report was provided in January. Recent subjects we have discussed include:

Various requests and comments about worship styles.

We know that everyone has different tastes in worship styles and that it is impossible to please all the people all of the time. We continue to feel that there is great value in our all-age main family services of worship at 10.00a.m. on Sundays and we feel that it is a strength that these services incorporate a range of styles. BLT feels it important that we continue to seek to make our worship attractive, joyful, and accessible to newcomers. We note that ultimately, it is the responsibility of the preacher / worship leader each week to determine the content and style of worship. We are continuing to support discussions about the possibility of responding to a request for a monthly 4p.m. family worship.

Representation of our church at Circuit Meeting

We are delighted that Christine Leighton has now agreed to join John Sykes and Lynne Ware to bring us up to our full entitlement of 3 representatives at Circuit Meetings.

Safeguarding overview. For the time being, please refer any concerns to the Stewards
The appointment of a voluntary, lay pastor at Baildon Methodist Church (prior to this matter going to Church Council on 12 February for a decision). Mervyn Flecknoe has been appointed to this post: watch out for full information about what this role will involve soon.

Request for stall in Wesley's for Bradford's "Warm Homes: Healthy People" initiative.

A new group for teenagers on Friday evening – now being led by Diane France – many thanks to Diane.

Arrangements for **Lenten study and Easter services.**

Circuit Mission Review: arrangements for questionnaires to be completed and issues for Baildon to be discussed.

Email circulation protocols.

Continuing discussions about the likely increase in **Circuit Assessment.**

Your Leadership Team members are: Diane Davidson; Ros Crosland; Barry Empson; Jennifer Evans; Ashley France; Chris Flecknoe.

Please email chris.flecknoe@blueyonder.co.uk if there are any issues you would wish to ask us to consider or talk to any one of the 6 members.