

MARCH GIFO. This month we are inviting donations to Bradford Nightstop, which provides emergency, one-night-at-a-time, accommodation for 16 - 25 year olds in the homes of trained volunteers. The young people get a meal, a shower, someone to listen to them, and a room of their own for the night, whilst Nightstop works with other agencies to help them with their longer-term needs. As one young person said: "



Volunteers at Bradford Nightstop made me feel welcome and wanted in the world."

Envelopes for your donations can be found just inside both entrances to the sanctuary: and filled envelopes can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday during March, or handed direct to our treasurer, John Sykes

Church Finance Health Update General Expenses **still** exceeds General Income and in the 6 months to 28th February 2014 our costs were £5,807 more than our income. The BIG Fund is doing well however with current balance of £25,306. Some people have recently increased their giving and thank-you for that. Those of us who receive a state pension will of course receive a rise next month; if anyone who has not recently reviewed their giving could do so next month and if possible increase giving to the Church, it would be a great help. Please also bear in mind Gift Aid which for tax-payers increases the value of the gift by 25% at no cost to the giver. For those of us who pay by standing order rather than in cash or in envelopes, forms are available to request your bank to amend the amount of your standing order. Giving of course is not just a matter of covering the Church's cost (though without that the Church would have a problem) but a way of "putting something back" for the Church and all the good life it brings us. It is needed to maintain and run the Church for us now and so that future generations can enjoy the benefits we have.

John Sykes 12 March 2014

Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our church today are a gift from
Bill & Linda Bairstow and family
in memory of Ron and Val Bairstow



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Laugh lines

Several ten year olds were play acting about a wedding. The one playing the minister said, "Will you take this man to be your *awful wedded wife?*"

Services for next Sunday

10:00am **Rev Derek Hoe**

6:00pm **Rev Mark Watson**
Holy Communion
@ St Andrews



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Today's Worship

10:00am **Roy Lorrain-Smith**

6:00pm **Rev Sarah Jemison**
At Calverley



**PEWS
NEWS**

**Sunday
23rd March
2014
3rd in Lent**

PRAYER: Week: Twelve – 'The Power of Prayer'

It is clear from the ministry of Jesus that not only was prayer for him a means of discovering God's path, it was also a channel of God's power. He explains to the disciples that 'only prayer can achieve the healing they seek' – and he 'lifts his eyes to heaven' when healing the man who was dumb etc.

It is clear from the Acts of the Apostles that they were 'Jesus Shaped' in believing that prayer makes things happen – and that ministry needed to be done always 'in the name of Jesus'. Jesus reminds the disciples that they are to 'ask and they will receive' – and that 'the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name.'

Last week we thought about the Lord's prayer – where the petition 'thy will be done' is such a strong feature. In prayer we come close to God, and he comes close to us – so that we can grow into a fusion of his will and ours – and the channels of God love and power can be open for our good, and the good of all whom we pray for.

This week we explore all of this – how God responds to our prayer – and what we can expect through prayer.

The following questions may be ones that will help this:

Q: What is our own experience of God responding to our requests?

Q: What is happening when we pray?

Q: Does prayer 'change God's mind' or does it 'change our hearts' – or both?

Q: If God does intervene – why doesn't he do it more often?

Q: How can we develop a more prayerful approach to all that we do?

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.

NameTel No./ Email.....

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Join us!



Prayer of the week

Lord of the moment, whose Spirit moves mysteriously, now pointing to this or prompting that, please awaken us to his blessed nudging, open us to his fresh hope, and arouse us to eager obedience. Amen

What's On This Week

Monday 24th

10.00am Bumps & Babes
7:30pm Prayer Group, Wesleys Rm 4

Tuesday 25th

10:30am Prayer Group, Wesleys Rm 4
7:30pm Cell Group, Wesleys Rm I or 2

Wednesday 26th

2:00pm Cameo

Thursday 27th

1:00pm Baildon Buddies Social Group
1:30pm Cell Group, Wesleys Rm 2
2:00pm Community Conversation Rm 4

Friday 28th

9:30am See & Know
6:30pm Youth group

Saturday 29th

10:00am –12 noon Wesleys open for tea/coffee and light refreshments

GEOFF POPPLE:

ORGANIST EXTRAORDINAIRE, RETIRES TODAY!

Geoff has been playing the organ at Baildon Methodist Church for over 20 years. His music has delighted us and enhanced our worship. Now Geoff feels the time is right for him to move on. Many thanks Geoff from us all. We shall miss you and we wish you well in the future. Please come back and visit us from time to time.

The Baildon Leadership Team

PewsNews / Centre Pages

Please send any articles as soon as possible for the following Sunday to Pews News / Centre Pages at latest **Tuesday 6:00pm** to: [✉ pewsnews@baildonmethodists.org](mailto:pewsnews@baildonmethodists.org) OR if you do not have access to e-mail ring Hazel on ☎ 598357 by **Tuesday 6pm** please. Answer machine 24/7

Easter Eggs

Would you please consider donating an Easter Egg for the children living at Blenheim House, whose parents need a place of safety. I had an amazing response last year and hope we can do the same this year. Thanks Gay Collinge

Gay's Collection for CART

Items needed this fortnight include:- Bibles, cutlery, buckets, scissors, tape measures, pencils, erasers, notepaper, razors, rucksacks,, wellington boots.. Please store any donations to cart until further notice. I will be happy though to take any bottle tops you have collected to date. Please continue to collect bottle tops in red, blue and white. Thank you Gay

Calling all Musicians /Singers

We will be holding another **Worship Through Music** service this year on **Sunday 8th June 2014**. I would love to hear from you if you'd like to take part, either by singing or playing an instrument. There will be opportunities for all ages to participate; I'm hoping to include a small four part singing group, youth orchestra, children's choir and possibly a small group of adult musicians. Please speak to me or email harmony@baildonmethodists.org if you and/or your child are interested. Claire Nott

Lectionary Readings for this week

- Exodus 17,I-7 Psalm 95
- Rom 5,I-II, John 4,5-42

Baildon MC Website

The World-Wide-Web is an amazing thing. Recently, via our website, an American Pastor communicated with us after reading one of our Lay Pastor's BLOGs for 1st September 2013 Rev Ruth Hoppin from San Francisco, recounts "thank you, on behalf of Priscilla, for your kind words about her [check out the BLOG she was referring to]. Yes, I do believe that she - or a notable look-alike - wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews. Please visit Wiley Clarkson's web-site www.wherethespiritleads.org to view several of my published articles on this topic. If you are interested in reading further, I will be happy to send you a complimentary copy of my book, Priscilla's Letter: Finding the Author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. With all best wishes, Ruth Hoppin
HOW AMAZING IS THAT!

CONVERSATION ABOUT CHRIST

Immediately after the service today there will be the next in our post-service Jesus-shaped People conversations.

It will be introduced by Amanda Baldwin who will focus our thoughts on the theme of the service, the Power of Prayer, for five minutes while the Blue Sands of Time run out. Please join us in the church with your coffee for a lively and honest half hour of conversation.
John Anderson. Keeper of the Blue Sands

SEW TOGETHER

The blanket square knitters have been busy and so I hope you will be able to join me to sew them together on 1st April from 1:30pm in room 2. Thank you
Ruth Anderson 01274 590525

Flower Team members please note there will be a meeting at Church on Thurs 10th April at 2pm.

Also just a reminder that we will be decorating Church for Easter on Saturday 19th April at 10am. Offers of Spring greenery will be gratefully accepted.
Chris Leighton

GiFO Last month raised £167 for Bradford Food bank and quite some food as well! Thank you as always to all who helped to achieve this.

John Sykes 12 March 2014



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The 'Blue Sands' group
2:00pm-3:00pm
ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

In Wesleys Cafe,
Baildon Methodist Church
Thursday 27 March.
What is the difference between a thought and a prayer?
Allen Pollard

All welcome: join us for these lively and honest conversations
John Anderson. Tel 01274 590525.
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Churches Together in Baildon will hold the annual coffee morning at the Methodist Church on Saturday 12 April, 10.00 to 11.30, when we will be selling DIY and gardening tools (ready for the new season!)