

The 2011 Methodist Conference drew to a close on 7th July in Southport after six days of prayer, worship and debate. More people than ever before followed the events and business of the Conference, with live video from the debates streamed over the internet on the Methodist Conference website. Conference members and guests, as well as those watching the live feed, were encouraged to use Twitter and Facebook to comment on debates and keep up to date with the action. The Conference hashtag on Twitter (#methconf) was used every 14 seconds on average at its peak on July 6, with 540,805 impressions (views) created and #methconf tweets reaching 58,303. During the week of the Conference, the Methodist Media Facebook page was viewed 9,500+ times. <http://www.methodistconference.org.uk/>

The Methodist Conference

30 June / 7 July
Southport 2011

"...we're delighted that so many people were able to participate online, whether they were in Southport or not. We have been using social media and live broadcast to share the Conference with the world for a few years, but this year it all came together beautifully..."

The Conference debated major reports on the Big Society, poverty and inequality, climate change and the Anglican-Methodist Covenant. The Conference also elected a new President and Vice-President Designate for 2012/13, the Revd Dr Mark Wakelin and Mr Michael King, who will be inducted as the first items of Conference business at Plymouth in 2012.

Building Security We are in the process of improving security of our building. Keys will soon only be available from a key-box where a code is required for access. Please will you let me know if you might need access to keys? Then I can make sure that those who need to know the code are given it and hopefully keys will no longer go missing.



Wooden Benches There are 2 broken / damaged benches on the Wesleys Cafe patio which need to be removed. Can anyone assist please!

Monday Cell Groups

The THURSDAY Cell Group will not be meeting for the summer after the 14th July. Their next meeting will be on Thursday 15th September 2011



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Services for Sunday 24th July

10:00am Rev Alistair Newton
6:00pm United Service
St James' Parish Church

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.

Name.....

Tel Number/Email.....



Baildon
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PEWS
NEWS

Sunday
July 17th
2011

Today's Worship

10:00am **Rev Keith Knight**
Communion

6:00pm **Donald Craig**

Ministry of Flowers

The flowers in our Church today are a gift from Margaret Wood in loving memory of members of the Wood family.



Lectionary Readings for the Week

Theme: God deals with us justly, mercifully, for a glorious culmination

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

God is our strong, righteous, just and merciful king

Isaiah 44:6-8 See! God is King, Redeemer, First & Last, unequalled

Psalms 86:1-7 May I stay true, whole-hearted, for you,
God, are love, mercy, grace

Romans 8:12-25 Led by the Spirit, we are God's children,
with eager hope for glory

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Harvest all that's grown;
burn ungodly weeds, gather good wheat



Prayer of the Week

O Lord of Repair, of the cosmos and of each human soul, from both dark blotches of my own past and the shrapnel of others' cross-fire, please put right all that is wrong in me, and make me fit for purpose (yours), through Jesus.
Amen



What's On This Week

MONDAY 18th

10:00am Bumps & Babes
7:30pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY 19th

6.45pm Fellowship of St Andrew @ BMC
7:00pm Table Tennis

WEDNESDAY 20th

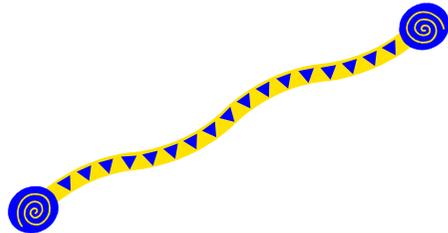
1:45pm Tea Dance
8:00pm Singing Group

THURSDAY 21st

7:30pm Cell Group Leaders Meeting

FRIDAY 22nd

9:00am See & Know
2:00pm Yoga
10:00am Membership Course



Looking Ahead

18th July

1:30pm Cell Group Tea & Biscuits

22nd July

10:00am Membership Class

30th July

Methodist School of Fellowship

31st July

Circuit Celebration, Great Horton M C

26th August

Greenbelt 2011

Your Children NEED You!

Summer Holiday Cover

Helpers are urgently required during morning worship, this is for all-age sessions

Adventurers from Sept 2011

Leaders & Helpers are urgently required for Adventurers from September 2011, for both Primary & Secondary School age groups

Contact:

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Information

May I thank the church family for the beautiful flowers left on my doorstep to say 'Happy Birthday'. It was a lovely surprise. Thank you. Elaine Lee

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Action for Children coffee morning—with your help we raised a fantastic £257.41. Well done to everyone



VACANCY

The Church Council is seeking a computer & e-Mail literate person to undertake the Church Council Secretary's Role. If anyone feels they have the right gifts and talents to fulfill this role, could they speak to either Alistair or one of the Stewards

We are still looking for someone to take over the production of Pews News. Preferably someone with MSPublisher 2007+ and eye for design; we need this person to take production over from 1st September 2011.

Have a chat with Ashley France,
Go on, give it a go!



Tetrapak Cartons Recycling

I'm pleased to say that in response to last week's appeal, Alan Pollard has kindly offered to take the cartons for recycling from the box in Wesleys. There may be the occasional gap when he's not around – so if a few of you would occasionally take cartons for recycling at Dowley Gap – if you see that the box in Wesleys is full that would be very helpful. We should all remember to wash and completely squash the cartons before we put them into the box – they transport much more easily that way! Many thanks for all your support during the last 3 years when I've been taking the cartons to Dowley Gap. *Jim Parrish*



THE BREAD OF LIFE - JESUS CHRIST WITH SELF RAISING POWER

On Sunday 10 July we made real, tasty bread at the evening service, comparing our bread with a chemically enhanced, light weight shop loaf. We meditated and sang; we prayed and discussed. Each constituent—flour / yeast / oil & salt are mentioned frequently in the Bible and often by Christ. So we had much to knead with our hands and mix in our minds. We ended by eating and sharing our bread, remembering how it related to Jesus as the Bread of Life and how we need both spiritual and material bread. The final digestion was enhanced by Ruth Andersons 'Quince Jelly' made with church garden quinces using no food miles, only food feet. If there is any demand, we may repeat this experimental format. Please let me know if you would be interested. We cannot make bread in less than three hours - the length of a normal Ethiopian Church service!
Thanks *John Anderson* dumelama2000@yahoo.co.uk



Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding. -- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

PewsNews / Centre Pages

We have a new PewsNews / Centre Pages e-Mail address. Please send any articles for the following Sunday to:
pewsnews@baildonmethodists.org

OR

Leave them in the 'P' section of the pigeon holes, by Tuesday evening please

Baildon Carnival

Praise the Lord for the beautiful Carnival weather. 35+ adults and children paraded in biblical costumes from BMC, Moravian and St James' Church's telling the whole village in 2011 the message that we are celebrating 400 years of reading the bible in English. Check out the new banner! The CART stall made £230. Thank you so much to all who gave things to sell. A special thank you to all the helpers involved who did a wonderful job. God bless you. *Liz Parrish & Diane France*

