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Weekly Events

Sunday	10:30 am	Morning worship
Monday	9:15 am	Sandy Lane Toddlers
	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Tuesday Club - <i>see inside for details</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Brownies
	7:30 pm	Guides
Thursday	2:00 pm	Fellowship
Friday	7:30 pm	Network Games - <i>Day /Time varies – check with Joe</i>
Saturday	10:00 am	Coffee Morning

Sandy Lane Ladies Group

The topics for the next few weeks are as follows - please come along:

February 6th - Card Bingo

13th - Dave McGinchey: Water aid

20th - Bring and Buy Sale in Aid of Water Aid

27th - Beetle

March 6th - Card Bingo

13th - Dave McGinchey - Water Aid Film Show

20th - Bring and Buy sale in aid of Water Aid

27th - Beetle

Roger Carswell will be visiting on Tuesday afternoon, 17th April 2pm to 4 pm, to speak on the Subject " Every picture tells a story" which will be followed by refreshments please invite friends along.

In Touch

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“so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:5



**Bethel Baptist Church
Sandy Lane**

Sunday Morning Worship Servers

Date	Welcomers	Readings	Intercessory Prayer	Speaker	Refreshments
Feb. 4	Margaret & Richard	Ephesians 3:20 -21		Kez Robinson	Louise
11	Margaret & Richard	Ephesians 4: 1 - 3		Paul Severs	Shirley & Maureen
18*	Margaret & Richard	Ephesians 4: 4 - 16		Shafraz Jeal	Steve & Angela
25	Margaret & Richard	Ephesians 4:17-5: 33		Jim Small	Christina
March 4	Bev & Maureen	Ephesians 6:1 - 4		Zephania Trust	Tom & Ruth
11	Bev & Maureen	Ephesians 6: 5 - 9		Paul Severs	Sylvia
18*	Bev & Maureen	Ephesians 6: 10 -20		Jenny Cousins	Sandra
25	Bev & Maureen	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		Sally Nelson	Elizabeth

Note: * = Communion Services

Thankyou for giving your time and talents to serve God and our church family.

If you are not available to serve onb the dates above please try to arrange for someone to take your place.

Dates For Your Diary and Your Prayers

Deacons Meeting: First Tuesday of the month

Church Vision Day: Saturday 3rd Feb.9.30am-12.30pm

Church meeting and AGM Tuesday March 6th 7.30pm

Other Events

Church Lunch - Sunday **4th March** at West Bradford Golf Club £12 per person.

Please sign up as soon as possible on the list on the noticeboard in the main worship hall if you are able to join us for lunch and an after dinner speaker. *Please encourage friends and family to come along too.*

(Please note the date in the January Newsletter was incorrect)

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthdays:

In February:

- Rhona Stevens on the 27th

In March:

- Sylvia Kellet on the 5th
- Richard Mason on the 15th
- Geoff Pounds on the 18th
- Margaret Mason on the 27th
- Doug MacBrairdy on the 31st

If you would like to join the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) Birthday Scheme - you will receive a birthday card and an opportunity to give to the BMS - then please speak to Dorothy Gibson who would be delighted to add your name to the list.

Parish Council Meetings take place in the downstairs hall on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7.30 p.m. The Parish Council would like to hear your views and ideas about their work and the village in general, so please come along.

Here we go....Bethel begins to move.... Saturday February 3rd 9.30am-12.30pm

The vision day is coming

We are beginning to move towards the new structure we agreed at the Church meeting on the 13th of December, but it is vital that we do this TOGETHER. Please make every effort to join with us, help capture a new vision for Bethel and prepare for the way ahead.

Hopefully this will be an exciting time of praying and sharing together, looking at each of the teams, beginning to form into those teams and thinking about who God may be setting aside to represent them on the new Core Leadership team or as a deputy leader.

The outline of the morning will be....

Meet together for a short time of prayer and worship

Look together at each area and seek inspiration for what the ministry of that area may look like

Coffee and cake or scones followed by.....

An opportunity to break into the different areas and explore where you feel your involvement might lie

An opportunity to consider who the Lord may be calling to represent that area

An opportunity to pray and discern together the way forward.

Before the day what can you do?

PRAY

READ the documents prepared for the church meeting on the 13th of December and write down any questions you may have so that we can work through them together

ASK God to show you what He wants you to be involved in and what WE should be doing together to serve HIM in Sandy Lane.

We know that due to ill health or work commitments not everyone can gather together. It is crucial that we are all involved in the process, and we need as many as are able to be there, but if you are unable to come please **talk** to Richard, Diane, Rhona, Elizabeth or John.

- As a working group we hope that by the end of the session those members present will have an idea of the teams they wish to be involved in (They can still help other teams with some of the tasks that need to be done, but don't need to be actively involved in the decision making or discernment of those teams)
- We will have some names of people in each team who could represent or be the deputy for that team, so that they can be approached or prayerfully consider whether that is what God is calling them to do

Time is short

The church meeting and AGM are on Tuesday March 6th at 7.30pm. We would hope following the Vision day, to approach anyone who was considered a possible Team Leader or Deputy to allow them time to pray and seek God's leading.

On **Sunday February 25th** we shall gather together for our Sunday worship. We anticipate the service will last 45mins rather than an hour and then we would like to move, over coffee into the teams we wish to be involved in, to prayerfully seek a way forward in each area.

If possible, we would like a nomination to represent each area to be brought forward at that point to allow time for consideration and formal voting at the church meeting in March.

We look forward to gather together and we look forward to what God has for us as a community.

Richard, Diane, Rhona, Elizabeth and John.

Church Family

Please remember those members of our church family who are in need, especially:

- Margaret Mason collapsed on Thursday –we think the dreaded flu , she is on antibiotics but please pray her appetite will improve, and for strength . Also for Richard , this must be so upsetting for him.
- Beryl has now been out twice to Morrison's with Pauline and Paul, God is good.
- Wendy's progress is slow please keep praying.
- Sylvia has had her stitches removed and is due to go back in 3 weeks to B.R.I. Unfortunately she has been admitted to BRI again - this time with severe stomach ains - please continue to pray for both Sylvia and Brian at this difficukt time.
- Eric goes back to St Luke's Gym on 31st Jan. We are hoping they discharge him, please pray for strength and stamina for Sue and Eric.
- Please remember to pray for Emily away at Uni also for the Family.
- Susan Mitchel was back at Bethel recently despite having broken ribs. It was good to see her.

Prayer is always available after the Sunday morning service - just come forward and ask.

If you don't feel confident coming forward to ask for prayer or feel that you need prayer support with you during the week please take one of the Care Bears from the front of the worship hall - they are covered in perayer and will bless you throughout the week. We now have a growing family of Bears who are all eager to go with you wherever you go. Please remeber when you have finished with them to bring them back so that others can also be blessed in this way.

Prayer Matters

***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. “
Ephesians 6:18***

Bethel Family

Please come along and join with others in corporate prayer for our church family, friends and the wider community of Sandy Lane on Sunday mornings from 9.45 a.m. and on Monday evenings between 7.00 and 8.30 p.m.

The Women's World Day of Prayer service 2018 is to be held on Friday 2 March, 2 pm at Allerton Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Greenbank Road, BD15 7LU. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and the theme is "All God's creation is very good". Do support if you can and let Glenys know if you are willing to take part.

Glenys (Secretary for the Allerton Branch of WWDP)

YBA

Please include the named church in your prayers on the date suggested. If you would like some specific prayer points, then please contact someone at the church for up to date information. Contact details for each church can be found in the current YBA directory.

February 4th Berean Baptist Temple, Sheffield
Bethel Baptist Church (Sandy Lane), Bradford

February 11th Beverley Baptist Church
Bingley Baptist Church

February 19th Blackley Baptist Church, Huddersfield
Blenheim Baptist Church, Leeds

February 25th Boulevard Baptist Church, Hull
Eastern Bramley Baptist Church, Leeds