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## Weekly Events

Sunday	10:30 am	Morning worship
Monday	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Sandy Lane Ladies Group - <i>see below 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:

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Jim Taylor - Life as a High Security Prison Officer

13<sup>th</sup> - Quiz

20<sup>th</sup> - Bingo

27<sup>th</sup> - Mr Rodney Hallam - Laughter from Lancashire

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - EASTER TUESDAY

10<sup>th</sup> - Card Bingo

17<sup>th</sup> - Church Event: Roger Carswell - " Every picture tells a story" -  
***everybody welcome***

24<sup>th</sup> - Mr Geoff Budd - Fares Please (Bus Conductor)

# In Touch

**March  
2018**



**“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 and Readers	Intercessory Prayer	Speaker	Refreshments
<b>March 4</b>	Bev & Maureen	<b>Ephesians 6:1 - 4</b> Margaret & Philippa	Alan	Zephania Trust	Tom & Ruth
<b>11</b>	Bev & Maureen	<b>Ephesians 6: 5 - 9</b> Geoff & Alan	Geoff	Paul Severs	Sylvia
<b>18*</b>	Bev & Maureen	<b>Ephesians 6: 10 -20</b> Dorothy & Sylvia	Louise	Jenny Cousins	Sandra
<b>25</b>	Bev & Maureen	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Sue & Sandra	Cathie	Sally Nelson	Elizabeth
<b>April 1</b>	Shirley	<b>Genesis 11:31 - 12:9</b> Ruth & Susan	Sandra	Dave Wilson	Louise
<b>8</b>	Shirley	<b>Genesis 12: 10 - 20</b> Gordon & Louise	Sue	Paul Severs	Shirley and Maureen
<b>15*</b>	Shirley	<b>Genesis 13:1 - 18</b> Margaret & Philippa	Gordon	Keith Jones	Steve and Angela
<b>22</b>	Shirley	<b>Genesis 14: 8 - 16</b> Geoff & Alan	Alan	Mark Jones	Christine
<b>29</b>	Shirley	<b>Genesis 14: 18 - 24</b> Dorothy & Sylvia	Geoff	Richard Mason	Tom and Ruth

**Note:** \* = Communion Services

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

If you are not available to serve on 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 meeting and AGM Tuesday March 6th 7.30pm***

## Other Events

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

## Happy Birthday!

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

In March:

- Sylvia Kellett on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- Richard Mason on the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Geoff Pounds on the 18<sup>th</sup>
- Margaret Mason on the 27<sup>th</sup>
- Doug MacBrairdy on the 31<sup>st</sup>

In April:

- Jimmy Gibson on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- Glenys Sitch on the 4<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# The Season of Lent: A Time of Preparation

As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, how are you getting on? Have you chosen to give something up this year - or take something on - or perhaps both?

Are you feeling:

- Challenged
- Encouraged
- Refreshed
- Tired
- Tempted?

During His 40 days in the wilderness Jesus was tempted by Satan, but continued to hold fast and draw on the strength of God - that same strength is available to us every day when we repent, call on Him as Saviour and trust in His redeeming grace and forgiveness.

As a Church we are preparing to enter a new season - a new way of working together with every member involved, using our God-given gifts to serve one another as members of One Body.

Is God calling you to give something up or to take on something new - or both? God calls us and equips us to serve Him each according to the gifts He has given us. Some gifts are given for a time and a season - Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1 and 6, tell us that: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ... a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,"*

Please continue to pray for our church as we take the next step together - pray especially for:

- The Holy Spirit's discernment in the election of leaders and deputies for each team
- God to anoint and equip those elected
- God's presence at the initial meeting of each team to agree the Terms of Reference and begin to identify the team's vision

*Diane*

# Events to Inspire You

## Maundy Thursday

Keith Jones will be leading a Baptist Maundy Thursday Communion this year, at 7.30 pm at Clayton Baptist Church, Station Road Clayton, BD14 6AN. The service will follow a live performance of "Mary's Songs" by John Froud (Shipley Baptist/Zephaniah Trust) with Abi Baylis and Cath.

This will be an evening of music focusing on Mary and we will break bread and share wine together. Do come along if you are able.

## God at Work .... in unexpected places

**The 2018 YBA Assembly** will take place on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Wakefield Baptist Church. The deadline for booking a place is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Would you like to go and represent Bethel? If so please talk to one of our Church Leaders. For more information see the website: <http://www.yba.org.uk>

## Keswick Ministries Convention 2018: Serving God's Mission

Are you looking for an idea for a holiday this year with a focus on worship and new learning? If so, why not consider attending one or more weeks of the Keswick Convention which take place this year from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Offerings

Average weekly offerings are £420 - thank you for continuing to give the work of God's Family at Bethel and beyond.

# Church Family

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

- Eric who attended B.R.I. on 26<sup>th</sup> February to have a carcinoma removed. Despite a lengthy procedure he came home safely and is now recovering. Pray also for Sue for continued strength to support him
- Sylvia who is doing well and has been out in the car with Brian and also to Coffee morning
- Wendy for continued strength for each new day
- Beryl who is gaining in confidence
- Margaret, who despite being unwell has been able to continue attending dialysis and for Richard who continues to support her that they will receive the strength they need for each new day
- Ron who has had his wound redressed recently

Congratulations to Sue and Eric who celebrate their Golden Wedding on March 9<sup>th</sup>!!

**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 prayer 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 remember 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.

## **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.

March 4th   Bridlington Baptist Church  
                 Buttershaw Baptist Church

11th Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield  
Chapel Allerton Baptist Church, Leeds

18th church4u, Pickering  
Clayton Baptist Church

25th Conisbrough Baptist Church, South Yorkshire  
Cottingham Road Baptist Church