



Dates for the Diary

November

- Monday** 21st **A.G.M. of Kirklees Faiths Forum**
6.30 pm in Dewsbury Town Hall, all welcome.
- Wednesday** 23rd **Wheatfields Quiz Night in Alwoodley Cricket Club**
7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start
- Wednesday** 30th **Bible Study 7.30 pm**
The Holy Spirit in the Christmas Story

December

- Friday** 2nd **Youth Group Main Hall 7.00 pm**
- Tuesday** 6th **Deacons' Meeting 7.30 pm** at Janet and Adam's
- Saturday** 10th **Kids' Club - Star Event 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm** Children 4 and upwards welcome.
- Sunday** 11th **Toy Service - Wrapped (Boy / Girl / Age labelled please) or unwrapped.** Toys will be given to Eric Firth for distributing to the needy.
- Monday** 12th **St Peter's Consort Carol Concert**
7.30 pm all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
- Wednesday** 14th **Prayer Evening 7.30 pm** at Church
- Sunday** 18th **Carols by Candlelight 6.30 pm**
- Monday** 19th **Carol Singing in the Sugar Lane Area** in aid of Kirkwood Hospice. All welcome.
- Tuesday** 20th **Carols at Sunnyside Care Home 2.00 pm** all welcome
- Saturday** 24th **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 11.30 pm**
- Sunday** 25th **Christmas Day Service 9.30 am**
No evening service
- Tuesday** 27th **"After the Turkey" Walk.** Meet at 10.00 am in the main car park in Grassington for a bracing walk and pub lunch.

January

- Sunday** 1st **New Years Day Morning Service** No evening service.
- Friday** 6th **The Epiphany Party 7.00 pm** in the small hall
- Sunday** 15th **Retirement Event** for Gaynor Hammond at Trinity Church, Rawdon 2.30 pm
- Saturday** 28th **Ernie Whalley's Retirement** do at Huddersfield Methodist Mission 2.30 pm

February

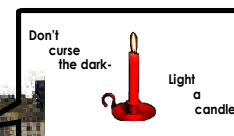
- Saturday** 18th **Induction of Graham Ensor** as Regional Minister Team Leader 2.30 pm

CARE Dewsbury meets in the Small Hall each **Monday and Thursday** from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Aerobics Every Tuesday at 6.00 pm in the Main Hall.

Please Note! Any date which you would like shown here must be given to **Liz Exley**, Secretary and keeper of the Church Diary.

Dewsbury Baptist Church



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A very warm welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
to everyone joining us today for worship.



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Sunday 20th November 2011

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Everyone Welcome Sunday Services

Led by

10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall

All Age Worship: "Phoebe, a Deacon at Cenchrea"

Sermon theme: "Prophets foretold him"

6.30 pm Rev. Brian Goodall

The Gospel for Advent and Christmas

Supervisors Carolyn and Kath

Door Stewards Madge and Jean After the service this morning, children will be supervised downstairs until 12.30 pm.

This church adheres to the Baptist Union

Safe to Grow policy. Please ensure your children are supervised at all times,

either by yourself or an approved

supervisor. Our advocates are **Liz Exley** and **Adam Momčilović**.

Events This Week

Monday A.G.M. of Kirklees Faiths

Forum 6.30 pm in Dewsbury Town Hall, all welcome.

Wednesday Wheatfields Quiz Night in Alwoodley Cricket Club

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start

Saturday Walking Club visit to

Newmillerdam. Meet in church car park 9.00 am

Next Week's

Sunday Services

10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall

All age worship: "Come, Lord Jesus"

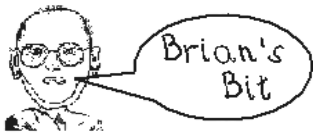
Sermon theme: "Keep watch", Matthew 25:1-13

6.30 pm Rev. Brian Goodall

The Valley of Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37:1-14

Supervisors Noreen and Sue

Door Stewards Liz and Christine



With this news-sheet, we're distributing

copies of the Biblefresh Advent Reflections leaflet, produced by the Evangelical Alliance. They'll be available to use in place of my usual suggested Bible readings. The references will be listed in the news-sheet in the usual way, but the leaflet also gives a short theme for reflection and a suggested prayer for each day. As well as being a topical and timely way for preparing our thoughts for Advent and Christmas, the readings touch on the theme of the Christian life as a race, which we are all called to train for and run. This biblical theme uses the 2012 Olympic Games as a very topical illustration of what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote about it in his letters.

The idea of life as a race has lots of parallels in our experience. Not so much a sprint, life is more like a marathon – though it's much more than that. It's a race that begins when we throw in our lot with Jesus, most vividly seen in the commitment of baptism, and it goes on in all weathers and conditions, rain and sunshine, cold and heat, uphill and down, until we come to the end of this life on earth and reach the winning post. The point where this illustration breaks down a bit (as they all eventually do) is when we realise that in fact everyone can win. It's not our fellow competitors who are the opposition. Winning means staying the course, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, negotiating all the difficulties along the way and finishing well. That's rather like what I'm hoping to do as I face the various services and other activities during the next few weeks leading up to Christmas!

Take care,

Brian

Remember!
Help us to grow
With Five Four Oh
(Our weekly offering target)

News Around the Pews



Recently our back pews were filled with 289 shoe boxes, as we again served as a collection point for Samaritan's Purse in Dewsbury. Our own contribution was 39 boxes. An excellent result all round – thanks to everyone.



For Your Prayers

The BU Prayer Guide asks us to pray for the Central Baptist Association, made up of churches in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

BMS World Mission calls on us to pray for the International Mission Centre, our mission training college in Birmingham

The YBA Prayer Diary focuses on Trinity Church, Keighley and Upper Edge Baptist Church, Rastrick

From the Church Meeting

We had our November Church Meeting on Wednesday, and on the whole it was quite an encouraging time. The financial report reminded us that we are always dependent on the generous support of all the fellowship, and for which we are extremely grateful. Although there has been a slight dip in income recently, we are still on course to do more than we did last year. We shared news of those who are unwell, and took some time to pray for them. We also reflected on the upkeep of the building, following a very detailed inspection which has highlighted a number of things that need to be done. The whole project will cost over £190,000 and we have sent in a grant application to English Heritage for £153,470. We will know by the end of November if our application is going forward for consideration, but we'll need to wait until March 30th to know if we've got it. Please make this a serious matter for prayer. Those who are good at maths will also have noticed that not even the full grant will cover all that is needed. Some effort will be required on our part. Brian spoke about the

Suggested Bible Readings For the Week

Monday

Ecclesiastes 9:1 - 17 *Enjoy life as much as you can and do your work well. Wisdom is better than strength*

Tuesday

Ecclesiastes 10:1 - 10 *Some harsh realities about life*

Wednesday

Ecclesiastes 10:- 20 11 *It's better to be wise than a fool*

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 11:1 - 10 *Cast your bread upon the waters*

Friday

Ecclesiastes 12:1 - 8 *Remember your creator – while you can*

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 12:9 - 14 *The end of the matter: fear God and keep his commandments.*

Start of "Running the Race", the Biblefresh Advent Prayer Guide

Sunday

Matthew 25:1 - 13 *Come Lord Jesus*

value of having objectives to focus on in church life, and highlighted several ways in which fairly ordinary things can serve to draw us together in the task to which Christ has called us. We also shared dates and plans for Advent, Christmas and New Year, details of which are available in church today.

This is your notice sheet - all articles are welcomed. Please submit them by Thursday to Adam Momcilovic adam@dewsburybaptistchurch.co.uk