



## Dates for the Diary

### October

- Monday** 10<sup>th</sup> **Deacons' meeting** at Janet and Adam's 7.30 pm
- Tuesday** 11<sup>th</sup> **Sunnyside Service** 2.00 pm  
**Kids' Club planning meeting** 7.45 pm  
at Janet and Adam's
- Wednesday** 12<sup>th</sup> **Churches Together in Dewsbury A.G.M.** 7.30 pm at  
Dewsbury Revival Centre in Halifax Road. This is an open  
meeting – all welcome.
- Saturday** 15<sup>th</sup> **Walking Group Walk - Bolton Abbey** Prompt 9.00 am  
start from the Church Car Park  
"**Biblefresh**" day in Dewsbury Minster  
10.30 am to 3.30 pm, 2.30 pm the annual Paulinus Lecture:  
"In our Mother tongue - God's Word for ordinary people."  
with Dr Elaine Storkey, sociologist and theologian, lecturer,  
writer, broadcaster. 7 pm Rock Mass – as featured in the  
Dewsbury Reporter!
- Sunday** 16<sup>th</sup> **10.45 am Our service will include a time of reflection  
and thanksgiving for the life of Annie Bedford**, for many  
years a member of this church, who died recently.
- Wednesday** 19<sup>th</sup> **Prayer Evening in Small Hall** 7.30 pm
- Thursday** 20<sup>th</sup> **Walking Club Annual Social Evening and Faith Supper**  
Open to all

### November

- Saturday** 5<sup>th</sup> **Church Annual Bonfire** 6.30 pm at Kath Shaw's.  
All welcome

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

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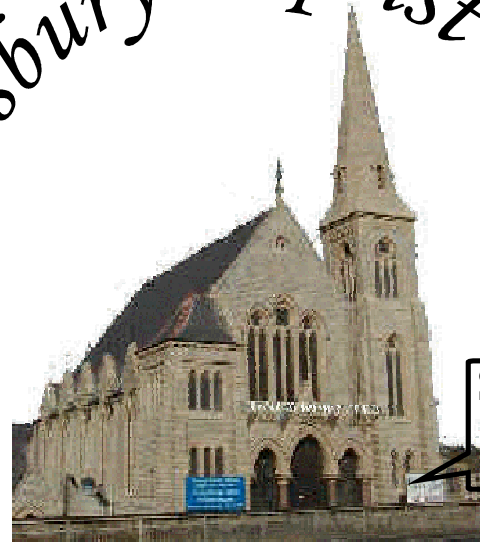
**Aerobics Every Tuesday at 6.15 pm in the Main Hall.**



**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



God did not promise a  
rough passage  
  
but a safe landing

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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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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**Everyone Welcome  
Sunday Services  
Led by**

**10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall**

All age worship, theme:

“What can I do for God?”

Sermon: “The Harvest of Work”

**6.00 pm (note the time) Special invitation to the Elim church.** They have a visiting preacher from Côte d’Ivoire, Apostle Ebenezer Appia, and Brian has been asked to translate. All are welcome to attend. This will be in place of our usual evening service.

**Supervisors Janet and Sue**

**Door Steward Janet Momčilović**

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**

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**“Biblefresh” day** in Dewsbury Minster 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

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

**Next Week’s Services**

**10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall**

All Age Worship Sermon theme:

“The Harvest of Godliness”.

The service will include a time of thanksgiving for the life of Annie Bedford

**6.30 pm Rev. Brian Goodall**

“At Mount Sinai”, Exodus 19 v. 1-25

**Supervisors Kath and Cathy**

**Door Stewards Madge and Jean**



For people who live in agricultural areas, the harvest is a reality. It goes on all around and would be hard to miss for anyone visiting the area at that time of year. Nevertheless, even in the countryside, harvest doesn’t dominate the community as much as it used to. In the past, large numbers of people would be involved, working out in the fields in teams, cutting the corn, then binding it into sheaves and transporting it so that it could be threshed and winnowed. There was a job for everyone to do, and the whole community would feel themselves to be involved. Nowadays, a fairly large farm can be worked by a very small number of people, using tractors and combine harvesters. Although the work is still hard, and harvest days probably seem as long as they ever did, it doesn’t depend on the involvement of everyone quite so much as it did in the past. Jesus often used the idea of harvest as a metaphor to speak to people of eternal things. The world was the harvest field, and God was the farmer, or “Lord of the Harvest”. The role of disciples is to be workers in the harvest field. For people whose lives were lived in a rural setting, those parables would speak with a kind of

immediate impact. In our case, or certainly mine, it takes a bit more working out. But when we do think about it, it is fairly easy to see that the picture still includes us. It may be that the nearest I have come to working on a farm was camping in one of the fields, but I can see that the work I have to do day by day is also part of God’s harvest. If I were a farmer, I could bring some sheaves or a lamb as an offering. But, even though my work is very different, I can still seek to do it in faith and obedience; I can offer to God the firstfruits of my labours and, when the full ingathering takes place, I can commit that also to him and give him thanks. So any kind of good work can be offered to God, and be seen as part of his harvest.

Take care,

Brian



**For  
Your  
Prayers**

**BU Prayer Guide:** This Saturday, the Gathering, a multicultural conference organised by the BUGB Racial Justice Committee, is being held in London. The event will explore how men and women can work together to create justice and equality for all in Christ Jesus. Pray that those who attend will be inspired to act on what they learn. **BMS World Mission** requests prayer for Christian work in Peru and **The YBA Prayer Calendar** focuses on Baptist churches at Slack Lane, Oakworth and South Craven

**News Around the Pews**

Please continue to remember in prayer all those affected by age or ill health, and those receiving or about to receive hospital treatment.



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**Suggested Bible Readings  
For the Week**

**Monday**

Acts 27:13 - 26

*Paul's faith shines through even in a storm at sea*

**Tuesday**

Acts 27:27 - 38

*The storm has the worst outcome for the ship*

**Wednesday**

Acts 27:39 - 44

*Through all kinds of peril, they make it to the shore*

**Thursday**

Acts 28:1 - 10

*A wonderful experience of welcome on the island of Malta*

**Friday**

Acts 28:11 - 16

*The rest of the journey, and a safe arrival in Rome*

**Saturday**

Acts 28:17 - 22

*Paul loses no time in meeting the Jewish leaders*

**Sunday**

Acts 28:23 - 31

*Discussion with the Jews and two years ministry in Rome – but what happened next?*

**CHRISTOKU**

**- KIDS’ CLUB**

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