

**Monday 23 April**

10.15 am Prayer and Meditation in the Quiet Room

**Tuesday 24 April**

7.30 pm Badminton

**Wednesday 25 April**

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunches Served

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

**Saturday 28 April**

10.00 am Coffee Morning

**Sunday 29 April**

10.30 am Service led by Steve and Paula Prosser

*Stewards* Anne Gill and Jean Varley

*Pianist* Roy Hemsley

*Door* Heather Tidswell and Ann Walls

*Coffee* Pam Helyer and Pam Downs

*Flowers* Maureen Maskell

**Tuesday 1 May**

7.30 pm Badminton

**Wednesday 2 May**

10.00 am Coffee Morning

12 noon Lunches Served

7.30 pm Bible Fellowship Meeting at 6 Villa Grove

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing

**Saturday 5 May**

10.00 am Coffee Morning

**Sunday 6 May**

10.30 am Creative Worship led by Miss Diane Greenwood

*Stewards* Joyce Dykes and Barbara Beardmore

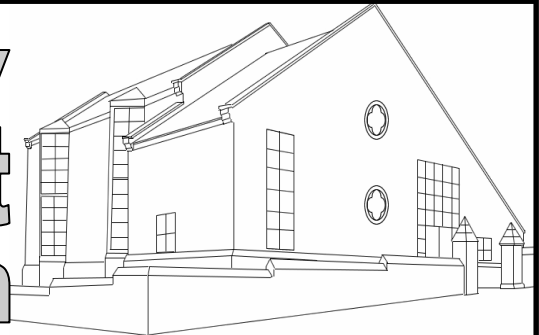
*Pianist* Roy Hemsley

*Door* Jean and David Varley

*Coffee*

*Flowers* Joan Wright

# Bingley Methodist Church



Minister: Rev Ruth Parry - Tel: 01274 563227

## Sunday 22 April 2007

**10.30 am** Service led by Rev Roy Widdows

*Stewards* Bryn Morgan and Joyce Dykes

*Pianist* Roy Hemsley

*Door* Bessie Burnham and Joan Wright

*Coffee* Katherine Watson and Dorothy Mawson

*Flowers* Margaret Sharp

**6.00 pm** Network Easter Offering Service at Baildon

**We welcome you** to our church today. We sincerely hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you would like a visit from our Minister, or if our Church Stewards can help in any way, please let us know.

**Coffee and tea** will be served following this morning's service, please stay and join us. The **Traidcraft Stall** will be in the dining room after the service.

website: [www.bingleymethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bingleymethodistchurch.org.uk)

Items for Sunday 22 April's News Sheet to be handed to Anne Gill (563858) by Tuesday 17 April at the latest.

## **A Prayer for Today**

Take five minutes here and there within the busy day, make a special quiet time to talk with God and pray. When we let go and turn to God the spirit is refreshed, we find that we are comforted, calmed, and soothed and blessed. Amen.

## **Network Easter Service**

The Network Easter Offering Dedication Service will be at Baildon Methodist Church tonight, commencing 6.00pm. The speaker will be Rev Barbara Walls.

## **Volunteer Required**

I wish to hand over the small task of organising the Door Rota. Any volunteers please to see me. Muriel.

## **Ilkley Carnival**

Monday 7 May: At our recent fund-raising meeting we decided that at this year's carnival our Tombola will be chocolate and assorted sweets.

A little nearer the time I will be asking if the church members can donate any items of chocolate or sweets. You have never let me down in the past by your generosity, hopefully this year we will be blessed with warmer weather. God bless, Bryn.

## **Christian Aid Week**

13 - 16 May: House to house envelope distributors and collectors are needed. If you are able to help please contact Anne, Sheila or John.

## **Vouchers**

If you are offered any vouchers that benefit schools, when buying petrol or have them given at a supermarket, we have a basket by the hymn book table.

## **District Synod**

Saturday 28 April at Baildon: Lynne Keating (Senior Circuit Steward) has written to each church in the circuit asking if they will provide some biscuits/scones/buns for the morning lunch and afternoon breaks at the Synod - 4 dozen from each church.

NO CAKES REQUIRED.

Obviously no action is required as yet, but if you could make a note of the date and Lynne will collect these presumably in the week before. I will liaise with Lynne a little nearer the time and let you have more details. Bryn.

## **A Message from Ruth**

I've now started my study sabbatical and thought people might like to know what I'm going to be doing.

The title is Holy Place and Sacred Space. This will involve looking at holy places (what makes them holy – history, experience, association etc) and sacred space (personal 'special place', public 'sacred space').

I'm looking at it partly in the light of the present day sense of spirituality but not faith in the population (of this country) and try to begin to identify ways in which the churches can help provide these spaces. This will not necessarily be in our present buildings and initially would have to be without asking for any commitment or recognition of anything except the need for a focusing place.

I'm doing this by starting off taking a group on pilgrimage and when they returned home on 20th April I'm staying for another three weeks.

I will be based with the nuns at the Ecce Homo Convent on the Via Dolorosa but will travel from there to various places to help with my studies. My friend and tour guide Suzi who says she has exciting places to take me to and I will also be visiting my wood carver friend and staying with him in Bethlehem for a couple of nights. I go from Jerusalem to Istanbul to have a look at the sites there. John is meeting me in Istanbul for a few days and we'll celebrate a special birthday he's having there together returning home on 20th May.

I will then be at home doing some writing until the end of June when the whole family (13 of us) are decamping to Northumberland. John, my parents and I are staying for a week, the rest just for the weekend – another celebration – our 30th wedding anniversary!

Whilst we are there I'm going to look at Holy Island and some of the ancient stone circles etc that are around. Another three weeks at home and a Godly Play course (a story telling method) is the last bit and then it will be back to work proper on 29th July.

It's going to be very exciting and a bit daunting!! Who knows what ideas I'll come back with!

Ruth.