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## Boston Spa Methodist Church

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NOTICES for week commencing Sunday 4th January 2009

### Divine Worship

10.30 a.m. Revd Gordon Shaw  
Sunday School

6 p.m. Revd Susan Greenhart - Holy Communion

Church Stewards: David Bull & Gerald Payling  
Door Stewards: Molly Fowler  
Flowers: Judith Grimditch  
Coffee: Roger & Christine Tunnicliffe  
Sunday School: Ruth Flint, Barbara Hudson, Anne Hovell

### **Preparation for Worship**

Please spend a few quiet moments before the service praying for:  
All who take part in worship. Those unable to join us.

Our young people. Troubled nations of the world and all who  
strive for justice and peace.

*There is a book in the schoolroom for people to record requests for  
prayers for themselves and others. The book will be in the porch  
immediately prior to the morning service.*

**We offer a warm welcome** to all who share in our Worship. If you are new to the church please make yourself known to one of our stewards. Should you be visiting, may we invite you to sign the visitors' book in the porch where you will find newsletters and information leaflets.

*For very young children you may like to take a toy bag from the back of the chapel. Please ask the stewards.*

**Coffee and tea are served** after the service in the Wesley rooms beneath the church.

The Offering for last Sunday was £692.75, for which we thank you.

**Programme for the coming week:**

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Worship Committee at the Manse
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Busy Bees
	11.15 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Vestry
Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study Group at The Cottage, Leys Lane
Saturday	10 a.m.-12	Coffee in the Wesley Room

**18th January** will be Boston Spa's Covenant Service, followed by a faith lunch. After lunch there will be a presentation to the whole congregation regarding the work that has been done by the Development Committee. If you have not already done so, please read the article in December's Methodist Post questioning how we are to fulfil God's vision for the church in the 21st century.

It is important that as many people as possible are present on the 18th, so please keep that date free. If you can't be there, and would like to see the presentation, alternative dates may be arranged before the Annual Church Meeting in April.

Come along for the 4 Fs; Faith, food, fellowship and fomenting of ideas!

## **NEEDLEWORK/CRAFT GROUP**

We plan to meet on Monday mornings in the Wesley Room from 10 a.m. to 12, beginning on 12th January. If you would like to join us and bring your own work please contact Jean Walne, Judith England or Wendy Wade for further details.

## **Flower rota**

We have some vacancies on the flower rota, so we would be grateful for any offers to provide the church flowers for one week in 2009. If you could help, or need to know more about it, please see Judith Grimditch.

**This week's theme: Love for All**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**



### **To Ponder**

"Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (v.11)

- Gold – the gift of a king. In what aspects of your life do you wield power and influence, whether in your work, church, social circle or even as a consumer? Take time to offer that to God, praying that God will help you use it wisely.
- Frankincense – the gift for a priest. Consider the time you spend with God in prayer, worship and service. What can you do in this new year to develop your relationship with God?
- Myrrh – the gift for the dead. Our weaknesses (as well as our strengths) can all be used by God in God's service. Think about the things that you find difficult or hard to admit about yourself. What can you place in God's hands so that God may work in and through them?

*Bible Study House Groups meet at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm  
All are welcome to this study of St Mark's Gospel*

Thursday January 8th 'The Cottage', Leys Lane. Tel: 842 564

Thursday 22nd January 'The Mistal', Church St. Tel 841 077

Thursday 5th February 'Rigadoon', Lynton Avenue Tel 842 027

Thursday 19th February 'The Mistal', Church St

Thursday 5th March 'The Cottage', Leys Lane.

**Divine Worship**

**Sunday 11th January**

10.30 a.m. Mr Richard Howarth  
Sunday School

Church Stewards: Dennis Ashton & Chris Flint  
Door Stewards: Sheila Anderson & Jean Walne  
Flowers: Mary Ruston  
Coffee: David & Barbara Parrott  
Sunday School: Judith Schur, Heather Grant, Christine Kidd

Please pass information for notices to Mrs Jean Walne, 33 Moor Side (843900 or 07733 214053) (email [jeanwalne@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jeanwalne@tiscali.co.uk)) by Wednesday evening.