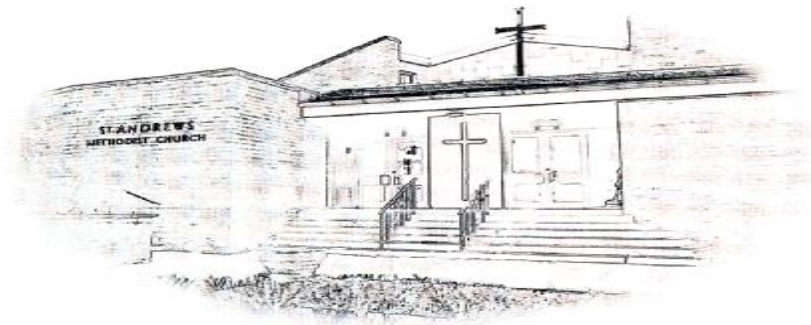


ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 3rd February 2013



**9.00 a.m. Early Morning Communion Service
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton**

**10.30 a.m. All Age Worship and Parade Service
including Annual Commissioning of Workers with
Children & Young People
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton**

**‘Our mission is to share the Love of God
as revealed by Christ, through the Holy Spirit’**

Junior Church meets every Sunday from 10.30 a.m. except on the 1st Sunday of the month when we have our All Age Worship & Parade Service.

There is a crèche in the coffee bar for babies under 3 years.

We hope you will join us for coffee after morning worship.

If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to one of the stewards.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Please pray for

- The Rev Alistair Newton and all who take part in our Services today.
- For those sitting near to you.
- If you have a subject for prayer which you would like to be included in our prayers for others, please write it briefly on the slip available from the Door Stewards, for collection during the service.

10.30 A.M. ALL AGE WORSHIP AND PARADE SERVICE INCLUDING ANNUAL COMMISSIONING OF WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

WELCOME:

HYMNS: StF 553 I am a new creation (Flags received during this Song)
StF 263 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

PRAYERS:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

DEDICATION OF WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

HYMN: StF 663

I, the Lord of sea and sky

DRAMA BY SCOUTS:

“O tell me the truth about love” including a Bible Reading from I Corinthians chapter 13 verses 1 – 7 and 13 followed by a short prayer.

TALK BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON:

HYMN: StF 489

All I once held dear

PRAYERS BY THE GUIDES:

HYMN: StF 503

Love divine, all loves excelling

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS – please – if you are aware that someone is ill or has a special need for the flowers from the Communion Table will you tell Stella or Margaret (W) who will then make sure that they receive some flowers which will show that they are in our thoughts and prayers – your help with this matter will be much appreciated.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet tomorrow evening - Monday 4th February 2013 and thereafter on the **first Monday** of the month unless notified differently. All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Vivienne and Enid. The group will be pleased to welcome new friends to join them. If you want to find out more please contact Margaret Caulfield (363686).

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet this coming Wednesday evening - February 6th and then again on March 13th and April 17th. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet again on Monday 11th February 2013 at 106 Dudwell Lane. You will be made very welcome if you would like to join them. In the meantime Sue Hargreaves or Valerie Ashworth would love to talk to you about the group.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED – The course *Christianity Explored* gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ - You don't need to know anything about the Bible - You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing - You can ask any question you want, or just listen. This course will be led by our Minister and will start on Tuesday 9th April and run every Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m., ending on May 21st. Starting with a light meal the sessions will end about 9.15pm. The course will include an Away Day at the Blackley Centre on 11th May. **PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY** - The Evangelism Committee. See the Notice Board for further information.

WILL ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL PLEASE NOTE THE COUNCIL will meet **THIS COMING THURSDAY - February 7th at 7-30 pm**, preceded by Communion at 7-00 pm. Please bring written reports to the meeting. Apologies and items for AOB should be given to Sue Wright beforehand. Minutes of the last meeting and agendas are available for collection in the vestibule.

MESSY CHURCH – meets again on Friday of this week when the theme will be “**Love your World**” this helps us to nurture a sense of wonder and love for the world God has given us to live in. This means that as usual we will have a good ‘messy’ time together with the children – please remember that help is always needed (anyone who knows how to hold and use a tea towel will be very welcome to come along around 5.00 p.m.). Gifts of buns, chocolate biscuits, etc are always very welcome and go down well – please have a word with Margaret Burton today if you can help in this way – **THANK YOU.**

AN APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT CHURCH AND SOCIETY GROUP - After the floods in summer, a lot of clothing and bedding was given for people who had lost everything. The remainder is now to be given to people in need in Calderdale, but it is currently being washed, and then needs ironing. We are looking for people within the church who will each volunteer to do a small amount of this ironing, so the bedding and clothing can be given out as soon as possible during the current very cold conditions. Some people are in great need at the moment, so the help would be very much appreciated. Could you please tell one of the Church Stewards know if you are prepared to help in this way – **THANK YOU.**

CHURCH WEBSITE - The church website is now being hosted by a free service provided by Google. The change will allow us, among other things, to find out who is searching for us and how. Apologies to those of you who have noticed any disruption during the change over period. I will now be able to update the news sheet and prayer pages as usual. It has been brought to my attention that some of the church group pages are out of date. **If you are a club secretary could you let me have your latest schedule of events to include on the website** – THANK YOU - Jane Grundy

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD – Dear Churches, As of 1 September 2013 there will be 2 vacancies for Circuit Stewards. Is there anybody in your church who feels called to undertake this vital role? Nominations will be required by Friday 22 February 2013 in order for them to be brought to the next Circuit Meeting. For further information or to make a nomination please contact: **Andrew Jacobs, Senior Circuit Steward.** Telephone 01422 362391 or email Andrew.sowerbybridge28@btinternet.com

MOUNT ZION HERITAGE GROUP - Mount Zion Heritage group are desperately trying to source the old fashioned cotton reels for the school heritage visits that are planned for the Summer Term and I wonder if anyone can help? We need the old wooden cotton reels to teach French Knitting or “Dolly down the Reel” as I used to know it. All the ones that you can buy today are plastic and we are exploring Victorian Pastimes so plastic will definitely not do. Please look in your sewing boxes and if you have any that you can spare, Tricia will be pleased to have them from you. You can let me have them whenever I am in Church. Please have a look, Thank you - Tricia.

YW'S will meet on Tuesday evening (5th February) at 8.00 p.m. when the Speaker will be the Rev Francis Neil who is the Minister at Greetland & Lindwell, St Paul's Sowerby Bridge and Stones at Ripponden Methodist Churches but on Tuesday evening his talk is called “Life before ministry, how did I get here?” and all ladies are invited to come along and hear Francis speak.

OPEN TO GOD – will meet at 10.00 a.m. each Wednesday morning in February at Boothtown and Southowram Church the leader this week is the Rev Christine Perry.

JUMBLE SALE - the Church is having a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 20th March 2013 . If you have any jumble we have room to store it. Bring it along to Church and have a word with Glenda.

HELP – please do you have any towels that you no longer use and would like to dispose of? – If so please will you donate them for use at Church? – Please bring them and give them to Margaret Whiteley – Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV CANON HILARY BARBER – VICAR OF HALIFAX MINSTER “A very Happy New Year!” I've been asked to organize an end of year event for the Queens Jubilee Year on Sunday 10 February at 4pm in the Minster for the people of Calderdale. The event will include music, dance, gymnastics, and fireworks! With every good wish, Hilary The Revd Canon Hilary Barber Vicar of Halifax Minster

CICS AND CALDERDALE YOUTH - there is a one page prayer diary on the vestibule table requesting people to include CICS in their prayer time. CICS (Christians in Calderdale Schools) employs one full time and 2 part-time people who go into secondary schools and have the opportunity to talk to young people about the Christian way of life. This is funded by donations from members of many churches in the area – if you feel able to make a donation please contact David Warbrick or Margaret Barnes. All donations of any size welcome.

CICS PRAYER BREAKFAST to pray for the youth of Calderdale on Saturday 9th March at 8.30 (with breakfast at 9.30) to be held at the New Horizons Cafe (10&12 Wheatley Lane).

CICS ANNUAL OPEN MEETING on Monday 22nd April in the early evening (allowing for a tour of the school) to be held at Trinity Academy in the new Sacred Space - with grateful thanks to the Head and Governors for allowing this. (More details later).

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A Taize cum Circle Dance on 9th February at St Jude's. It is for men and women and is at 4.30pm for an hour. Some people might like a bit of Taize with movement! – Margaret Barnes can tell you more about this event.

EVENTS NOTICES – Launch of new My Methodist History website – Salem Pantomime – Table Top Sale at Southgate Elland – Table Tennis Challenge at Southgate Elland – Easter Labyrinth at Denby Dale – Methodist Women in Britain Residential Conference at Swanwick – An interactive day spent discussing “Developing Healthy Churches” at Cornerstone Bookshop, Skipton – Cotton Reels, etc for the Mount Zion Heritage Group – Coffee Morning with Designs Boutique & Lilyrose Designs at Mytholmroyd Methodist Church on 16/2/2013 – Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group – Events at Boothtown & Southowram Church

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
	8.00 p.m.	YW's Meeting – Speaker Rev Francis Neil
Thursday	6.15 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
	7.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.	Comunion Service - Church Council Meeting
Friday	3.30 p.m.	Messy Church
	7.30 p.m.	Music Group Practice

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Mrs Stella Christie and the Rev Stephen Barnett as they prepare to lead our Services at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. next Sunday.

Stephen Knutton and the Rev Alistair as they prepare to lead Services at Luddendenfoot and Mytholmroyd next Sunday morning.

Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Lumbutts and for their minister the Rev Heather Taylor.

Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who are not well at this time either in hospital or at home and for those who have family members unwell at this time.

IMPORTANT ring Dorothy (250509) regarding lettings or if you want to use a room. Items for the News Sheet please send to Enid by email to j.turner302@btinternet.com or by phone (362654)

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