

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 5th April 2015

EASTER DAY



10.30 a.m. Family

Communion for

Easter Day
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

- Rev Alistair 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.

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LED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON



WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (3 times)

During the first hymn we will dress the Easter Cross with flowers

HYMN: StF 298

Christ the Lord is risen today...

PRAYERS:

The Offering will be taken as we sing...

HYMN: StF 264

Make way, make way for Christ the King...

BIBLE READING:

John chapter 20 verses 1 – 18

(N.T. p 144)

HYMN: StF 351

In Christ alone...

BIBLE READING:

1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 12 – 20 (N.T. p 219)

EASTER MESSAGE:

PRAYERS:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 592

Let us break bread together...

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 313

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son...

BLESSING:

(Organist – Mr David Whiteley)

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is held every Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. - now in the **Quiet Room** and we invite all to join us as we bring our concerns and prayers for our Church; other people and ourselves to the Lord – please do come and share in this special time of **“Talking with God”** as we ask Him to lead us forward as a Church Family and as individuals –

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain to reconcile us to God.

For ever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.
(Singing the Faith 293 – Noel & Tricia Richards)

- PLEASE COME, IF ONLY TO SIT QUIETLY AND PRAY SILENTLY –

OUR EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY – is a Family Communion Service led by the Rev Alistair Newton during which we will decorate and bring to life the bare Easter Cross of Good Friday to a Cross full of Hope and Promise as we celebrate Easter Day together as a Church Family. After worship we will continue to celebrate Easter with Hot Cross Buns and Coffee in the Coffee Lounge – **ALL WELCOME**

EASTER OFFERING 2015 – every Easter the Methodist Church in Britain focuses on the World Church and invites donations to the World Mission Fund through Easter Offering envelopes which are available again today and next Sunday for your usual freewill offerings. **“In a divided world, we pray for reconciliation; in a hurting world, we pray for healing; in a broken world, we pray for wholeness. May the breath of the Spirit stir our hearts to pray, as the wind stirs the leaves of a tree – In the name of Jesus...Amen”**

THE 50th LONG MARCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID will take place tonight Easter Sunday – See information on Notice Board – All money raised goes to Christian Aid. Please pray for Harvey who is doing the walk together with all the other walkers and helpers.

EXTRA CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - will all members of the council please note that there will be a meeting on Wednesday April 22nd to discuss a letter we have received from Heath URC. There will be no other business. The meeting will be at **8 pm** in the side chapel. Please make every effort to attend. Any apologies should be given to Sue Wright.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP will next on Monday 13th April 2015 (due to the Easter Holiday) at the home of Vivienne and Enid and thereafter on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise notified, all meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome, please ring Margaret Caulfield (363686) for further details

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will meet again on April 23rd when the Group will attend the talk (see later) by Tanveer Bostan in the Moore Hall to which all are invited. The next meeting following this is on 21st May 2015 - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will meet next on Monday 20th April 2015 and thereafter on the third Monday in the month unless advised differently. The group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

INTERFAITH NEWS – Margaret (Barnes) writes “at the October Church Council I was asked to arrange a meeting so that we could learn more about Islam. This meeting has now been organised and I would ask you all to put this in your diaries and make every effort to come along. It will take place here on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm. This is St George’s Day and if you read up about St George you may think like I do that the date is very appropriate.

RECORDING OF SERVICES - We are now able to record services on to CDs. If you have missed a service, or you are a pastoral visitor and would like to take a recording to someone you visit, speak to Graham Oakley. The CDs will play on most home players, even cheap ones. We plan to record all our 50th Anniversary preachers and most other morning services. If there is a particular service you would like us to record for you, please let us know and we will make sure it is done....Graham.

OVERGATE HOSPICE CHOIR present their **ANNUAL HYMN SING** at **Central Methodist Church, Brighouse** on Saturday 18th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m. Admission is by ticket only which cost £10.00 each and are available from Valerie.

YOU ARE INVITED to the YW’s OPEN EVENING on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m. when members of the **Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team** will be available to tell us about how the team works and responds to various incidents they become involved with – **ALL WELCOME – please come.**

HOME MISSION BOXES – thank you to all friends who have brought their Home Mission Boxes in to Janet for emptying – to date £147.00 has been received. Thank you very much for this.

THE CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT, Rev Dr Roger Walton will be speaking at Illingworth Moor on 3rd May at 6pm at the Praise Service. Please come along and support this event and take this great opportunity to hear the chair speaking. God Bless, Rev Paul Welch.

NO OPEN TO GOD MEETING THIS WEEK because of the Easter Holiday.

THE MINSTER SERIES - Thursday, April 16th - The Minster Series, a free programme of public debates on the topics affecting society in Britain today. General Election Husting. Come and listen

to some of those who are standing for the Halifax constituency, and encourage people to come out and vote at the General Election. Time: 6.30pm - 8pm, **Halifax Minster**. (To attend, contact minsteroffice@halifaxminster.org.uk or tel. 01422 355436.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EBENEZER FOOD DROP IN CENTRE thanking everyone for their contributions and saying that they have a need for LARGE TOWELS, and DOUBLE size bedding – sheets, quilts and quilt covers. Everything we do for New Ebenezer is very much appreciated.

WANTED – GARAGE FOR STORAGE – do you have a dry and secure garage/storage space that you would be willing to rent out? If so please ring Ian Greenwood (07815 958306 or 01422 351410). Ian is willing to pay £50.00 per month for this storage space. Thank you.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT are from Food Drop in Centre - World Church News Bulletin for March 2015 –The Bible Society News Letter for this week – The Methodist E News for March 2015 - Halifax Choral Society “Spring Concert” on 19/04/2015 – On 26/04/2015 the Circuit World Church Event at Illingworth Moor will focus on the Nigeria Health Care Project – Friends of Sabeel UK invite you to meet Charlotte Ward who will speak about a just peace in Palestine & Israel see Notice for dates and places -Christ Church Hipperholme present Simeon Wood with Part of the Clouds are far behind me Tour on 16/05/2015 – MWIB presents the film “Philomena” at Lindley Methodist Church on Thursday 23rd April at 2.00 p.m – Festival 2015 at Cliff College – Calderdale Circuit Trip on Bank Holiday Monday (25/05/2015) with free coach travel (booking early is advised) – Halifax Bible Society are holding “The Great Bible Bake” at All Saints Church on 15th April 2015 – The Methodist Church have vacancies for 2 Volunteer positions on the Strategy & Resources Committee of the Methodist Council – Candidates Information Evening either 20/04/2015 in Leeds or 5/05/2015 in Sheffield – An Evening with Stuart Townend on Saturday 30th May at Hope Baptist Church - See Posters and information on Notice Board re all these things happening in coming weeks -

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW’S DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 6 th April	NO TODDLER GROUP THIS WEEK – REOPENS ON 13TH APRIL
Wednesday 8 th April	7.30 p.m. Ladies Club – Speaker Mrs Kathleen Crowther her Subject “Kathleen’s Capers at the Vets” LADIES PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING – and all meetings will be in the evening until notified later in the year.
Thursday 9 th April	NO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS MEETING THIS WEEK
Sunday 12 th April	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mrs Linda Smith 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship led by Mrs Juliet Foster

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Mrs Linda Smith and Mrs Juliet Foster as they prepare to lead our Services next Sunday. Rev Alistair, Alison Dobson, Sue Ng, John Hargreaves and Tim Asquith as they prepare to lead Worship next Sunday at Hebden Bridge, Boothtown and Southowram, Illingworth Moor, Salem and Stones.

Today we join with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as together we all pray for the Church Family at Hebden Bridge and for their minister the Rev Francis Neil.

For all the Local Preachers who are part of the St Andrew’s Church Family as they spend time in preparation for their next Preaching appointments.

For all who hear and receive the wonderful message of Easter that **Christ is Risen – Alleluia!**

Members of the St Andrew’s Church Family who need our prayers at this time, for those who are not well either in hospital or recovering at home and for those who have family members or friends unwell at this time. Pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will sustain them all through their time of worry and anxiety for themselves and for their loved ones.

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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