

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 20th January 2013 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion and
Dedication of our Pastoral Visitors
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton**

**6.00 a.m. – Praise Service
conducted by members of the Praise Team
Preacher: Mr Ken Speake**

**‘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, Mr Ken Speake and members of the Praise Team 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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DEDICATION OF OUR PASTORAL VISITORS
CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: StF 65 Sing of the Lord's goodness

PRAYERS:

READING: I Corinthians chapter 12 verses 1 – 11 (N.T page 216)

HYMN: StF 382 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

READING: John chapter 2 verses 1 – 11 (N.T. page 118)

SERMON:

HYMN: StF 664 Lord, you call us to your service

PASTORAL VISITORS DEDICATION:

PRAYERS:

THE OFFERING:

THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 594 Lord Jesus Christ

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

HYMN: StF 596 Now let us from this table rise

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

**6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE
LED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRAISE TEAM
PREACHER : MR KEN SPEAKE**

MINISTRY OF CHURCH FLOWERS - thank you to all those who gave donations towards the cost of the flowers in church during last year. It is very much appreciated, not least by those who receive the flowers after the church services. The life of our church would be much less beautiful and colourful without your help. There is a list in the vestibule for those who would like to donate flowers for a specific Sunday during 2013 - just write your name on it. General donations should be passed to me. Margaret Whiteley. On behalf of the Church Family we extend our grateful thanks to Margaret and to all who through the year make sure that we have a wonderful floral display on the Communion Table week after week – thank you.

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.

WILL MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE please note there will be a meeting tomorrow evening beginning at 7.30 p.m.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2013 – Yes it is now time to begin thinking of holidays! - So with that thought in mind may we invite all those who are interested in being part of our 2013 Holiday at Home programme to come to our first planning meeting this coming **Tuesday 22nd January at 2.00 p.m.** If you are interested in being part of this year's Holiday at Home but cannot come to the meeting, please have a word with Stella before the 22nd – thank you

YW'S NEW YEAR MEAL – will Ladies please meet at La Cachette Restaurant, Elland at around 7.00 p.m. for a **7.30 p.m. start on Tuesday evening** – Thank you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - South Halifax Churches Together invite you to the following services during the coming week : **Mon January 21st at St Alban's** : **Tues January 22nd at All Saints'** : **Wed January 23rd at St Andrew's** : **Thurs January 24th at St Mark's**. Each service will begin at 12 noon and be followed by a soup lunch. Come and meet friends from our partner churches and worship and eat together.

THE MEN'S SUPPER CLUB is meeting on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.00 p.m. for a meal and a talk by the Rev. Alistair Newton. If you haven't been asked if you want to come please have a word with Peter Bowerman **TODAY** to book your meal.

WILL ALL MEMBERS OF THE O & A COMMITTEE please note there will be a meeting at the home of Tricia and Neil on Thursday 24th January at 7.30 p.m.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on 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 MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet 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.

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

OPEN TO GOD – on **Wednesday 23rd January 2013** at Highgate Methodist Church when Rev Tony Buglass will be the leader.

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.

JMA - Firstly a big thank you to our JMA collectors and donators over the years. Unfortunately due to the lack of collectors I have decided to bring JMA to a temporary close and to start it up again once our younger people become slightly older. I plan to hold one-off events from time to time so you will still have an opportunity to support the valuable work both here and abroad. Ideas welcome! Jane.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on 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.

CALDERDALE INTERFAITH COUNCIL invites you to Halifax Minster on Sunday 27th January at 6.00 p.m. for a service to mark **Halocaust Memorial Day** – see the Poster on the Notice Board.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID - Thank you to those who gave donations rather than sending Christmas cards to friends at St. Andrews. £30 has been forwarded to Christian Aid.

WE'RE IN THE NEWS! - This year's edition of Unity Post has a full page on Calderdale including an article and photo of the concert at St Andrew's last July. Copies available on the vestibule table.

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)

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV PAUL WELCH – Hi - there is a Challenge being laid down by Roger Walton, the West Yorkshire Methodist Chair of District to play him 10 games of table tennis. This is a sponsored event to raise money for Touchstone in Bradford The Challenge will take place at Northowram Methodist Church on Monday 18th Feb from 9:30 - 12:30. I think it may be half term for some schools so please could you post it around your Churches please and encourage people to come along and take up the challenge. I have attached a sponsor form which explains it a bit more. I think there may also be an opportunity to buy a bacon butty if enough interest makes it viable. If anyone is interested please contact me. Via phone, email or facebook. Thanks, God Bless, Paul Welch - **Sponsor Form on Notice Board if you wish to sponsor the Chairman.**

LAUNCH OF NEW 'MY METHODIST HISTORY website – see the Notice Board or sign up to Methodist E-News to find out more about this website.

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 – – **See all the Posters on the Notice Board** - Drop-in Centre News - Methodist E-News for January – Holocaust Memorial Service at the Halifax Minster on Sunday 27th January at 6.00 p. m. – Information about the Circuit Church and Society Group – Launch of new My Methodist History website – Job Application – Christian Book Shop, Skipton.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S -

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
	7.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Property and Finance Committee
Tuesday	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
	7.00 p.m.	Members of YW's please meet at La Cachette
Wednesday	12 noon	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	7.00 p.m. PROMPT	Men's Supper Club – Speaker Rev Alistair
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
	7.30 p.m.	O & A Committee – Meeting at Tricia's
Friday	7.30 p.m.	Music Group Rehearsal

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Miss Alison Dobson and the Rev Steph Jenner as they prepare to lead our Services next Sunday.

Rev Alistair as he prepares to lead worship at Bethesda and Brighouse Central next Sunday. Ann Ashton, Rev Michael Townsend, Stella Christie and Tim Asquith as they prepare to conduct worship at Greetland, Old Town, Southgate and West End next Sunday morning. Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Illingworth Moor and for their minister the Rev Paul Welch.

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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