

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 17th February 2013
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

6.00 p.m. Praise Service
led by Margaret & David Whiteley & members of the Praise Team
Preacher – The Rev Paul Welch

**‘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, the Rev Paul Welch, Janet Holroyd, Margaret & David Whiteley 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.

10.30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
THEME – “WHAT DOES DISCIPLESHIP MEAN TO YOU”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: StF 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

THE COMMANDMENTS:

PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 548 Blesséd assurance, Jesus is mine

READINGS: Romans chapter 10 verses 8b – 13

Luke chapter 4 verses 1 – 13

Christ our Redeemer knew temptation's hour

HYMN:

StF 235

SERMON:

THE APOSTLES CREED:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Worship Leader - Janet Holroyd

PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT STEP TRUST:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

THE PEACE:

HYMN:

StF 585

God, whose love is all around us

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

HYMN:

StF 459

Captain of Israel's host and Guide

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE

LED BY MARGARET & DAVID WHITELEY AND MEMBERS OF OF THE PRAISE TEAM
PREACHER : THE REV PAUL WELCH – THEME - PRAYER

THIS MORNING WE GIVE A VERY WARM WELCOME to Preet and some of the young people from the Next Step Trust in Halifax. This morning we will be presenting them with a cheque for £2,225.00, which we as a church family have collected during last year to buy a Prone Stander for the Trust. After the service the young people from the Trust want to say thank you to us all by providing cakes for us to enjoy with our coffee – we hope you will be able to stay and share this time of fellowship together.

PLANNED PREACHING FOR LENT – we have now entered the period of Lent 2013 and today our minister the Rev Alistair Newton begins our series of Planned Preaching Services on the theme “What does discipleship mean to you?” Rev Alistair starts the series of talks, next Sunday we will hear from John Hargreaves and then Eilidh Gunson, Chris Robinson and Kath Melling in the weeks to follow – we look forward to hearing what they all have to say to us on this theme.

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** - See the Notice Board for further information.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on Monday 4th March 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 on Wednesday's March 13th and April 17th. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN LENT: this year South Halifax Churches Together are having a change! On four Fridays in March we are having a light lunch with a speaker from a Christian charity. There will be a collection for each charity after the lunch. Please give this your support; it will be an opportunity to meet old friends if the snow prevented you from coming to the week for Prayer services.

March 1st	All Saints	speaker from CART
March 8th	St Alban's	speaker from Catholic Care
March 15th	St Mark's	speaker from the Drop-in Centre
March 22nd	St Andrew's	speaker from Christian Aid

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: March 1st, 2-00 p.m. at Halifax Minster. The service this year has been prepared by the women of France and the preacher will be Mrs Heather Smith. All are welcome, not just women!

CHURCH WEBSITE - As you are aware the Church Web Site is being updated at the moment - **If you are a club secretary and have not already done so please could you let me have your latest schedule of events to include on the website** – THANK YOU - Jane Grundy. Thanks go to Jane for doing this for us.

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 **THE END OF THIS WEEK** 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

MESSY CHURCH – will all those involved please note there will be a short meeting to plan the next three months of the Messy Church Programme on Tuesday 12th March at 2.00 p.m. – please book the date and come if you are able.

THE CALDERDALE METHODIST CIRCUIT - has now got a big bright yellow double decker bus with facilities for community work with people of all ages – we are looking for a part-time person to organise taking this to various parts of Calderdale, and arrange for volunteers etc – all the details are in the advert (see Notice Board) if you are interested in this position or perhaps you know of someone else who would be ideal for the job then please take time to read the Job Application form.

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.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU to Margaret Tyas and Dorothy Bowles for the many years of quiet service they have given maintaining the church garden. It has been very much appreciated – if you would like to be part of a “gardening team” please have a word with one of the Stewards – remember - many hands make light work!

EASTER IS FAST APPROACHING and Fairtrade is once again producing “**The Real Easter Egg**” – which is the only egg which explains the Christian understanding of Easter to the person receiving the egg. It also supports charity and development projects. There is a list on the Vestibule Table if you would like to order one or more of these eggs, please sign it **TODAY** to order your Easter Eggs – we understand that stocks are running low - thank you.

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 Graham Smith.

CHRISTIAN AID'S 48TH LONG MARCH “Fighting Poverty Step by Step” – takes place on Easter Sunday Night – 31st March 2013 – see the Notice Board for information re either walking or helping.

THE CHOIR AT SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH, ELLAND invite any one interested in joining their Choir as they prepare for performing William Lloyd-Webber's cantata “The Saviour” on Good Friday, 29th March at 7.30 p.m. Details of practices on the Notice Board.

EXPLORING VOCATION - IS GOD CALLING YOU? is the title of a day course to be held at Leeds Methodist Mission on Saturday 9th March 2013 and a warm invitation to attend is extended to any interested in exploring their vocation –further details are on the Notice Board.

FRIENDS OF SABELL UK – YORKSHIRE – offers a day for Christian Prayer and Reflection at Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel, City Square, Leeds **on Saturday 13th April** entitled “**The Holy Land – Experience, Reflection, Action**” The speaker is Bishop Richard Llewellyn (who is also preaching at Evensong at Halifax Minster at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 14th April, 2013) – All welcome – See further information on the Notice Board.

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). Also the **CICS Annual Open Meeting** on Monday 22nd April to be held at Trinity Academy.

PHILIP & SHEILA BOLTON would like to thank everyone for their continued love and prayers, cards, telephone calls and visits whilst Philip was in hospital recently – they were all very much appreciated.

EVENTS NOTICES – LOTS TO READ THIS WEEK – Methodist e News - News from the Drop In Centre - Salem Pantomime - Free half-term Family fun event at Luddendenfoot URC Church on 23/2/2013 - Denholme Shared Church are holding an informal and entertaining evening on Tuesday 26th February 2013 for those working with children – Greetland & Lindwell present the pantomime Aladdin during the week 9th – 16th March 2013 -Table Tennis Challenge at Southgate Elland & Northowram Methodist Churches – 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 - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group – Events at Boothtown & Southowram Church – Coffee Morning & Fairtrade Fashion Show at Hebden Bridge on 2/3/2013 – Halifax Choral Society – Symphony of Psalms 24/3/2013 - Love so amazing! a production by Greetland & Lindwell Church on Sunday March 24th at 6.00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

No Youth Organisation will meet this week due to it being half-term.

Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Worship and Spiritual Growth Group at 77 Dudwell Lane
Friday	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.

Dr John Hargreaves and Miss Ann Ashton as they prepare to lead our Services at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. next Sunday.

Tim Asquith and the Rev Michael Townsend as they prepare to lead Services at Highgate and Illingworth Moor next Sunday morning.

Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Mount Zion 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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