

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 26th May 2013

TRINITY SUNDAY



10.30 a.m. Morning Worship
conducted by the Rev Ian Coverdale

6.00 p.m. Evening Service
conducted by the Rev Heather Taylor

*'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 Ian Coverdale and the Rev Heather Taylor 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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10.30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP **CONDUCTED BY THE REV IAN COVERDALE**

WELCOME:

INTROIT: StF 395 Spirit of the living God sung by the Music Group

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: H&P 485 Blessèd city, heavenly Salem

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

PSALM 8 WITH POWERPOINT

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING:

HYMN: SoF 2004 Our God is a great big God

THE CHILDREN LEAVE WITH THE BLESSING:

Lord Jesus bless our church, bless those who leave and those who stay.

Help us to love you more each day. Amen

BIBLE READING: Romans chapter 5 verses 1 - 5 (N.T. p 192)

HYMN: SoF 99 Father we adore you – sung as a round

READING: John chapter 16 verses 12 - 15 (N.T. p 139)

SERMON:

HYMN: H&P 519 Father of heaven whose love profound

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: H&P 7 Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!

THE BENEDICTION:

6.00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP **CONDUCTED BY THE REV HEATHER TAYLOR**

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCE:

HYMN: H&P 485 Blessèd city, heavenly Salem

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION:

COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

HYMN: StF 351 In Christ alone my hope is found

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BIBLE READING: Romans chapter 5 verses 1 – 5 (N.T. p 192)

HYMN: StF 431 O, the love of my Lord is the essence

THE GOSPEL READING: St John chapter 16 verses 12 – 15 (N.T. p 139)

SERMON:

HYMN: H&P 726 God of all power, and truth and grace

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: H&P 36 God is Love (Hyfrydol)

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - This year we have been urged to **"BITE BACK AT HUNGER"** - Thank you very much to those who delivered and collected envelopes locally. If you have not had an envelope at your home address and would like to make a contribution there is still time, please take an envelope from the vestibule table today and then place it on the offertory plate or give it to me. Thanks again, Lesley Wood.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLIDAY (AT HOME) AT SUNNY ST ANDREW'S BY THE HOSPITAL – if you would - please pick up a leaflet **TODAY from the Vestibule Table** – fill it in and return it to either Stella or Glenda to book a place – the Holiday will be happening on 6th, 7th and 8th August and you can come every day or for two days or just for one day – the choice is yours - it's as simple as picking up a pen and filling in the form – hope to see you there.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during May will be held at Salem, the leader this week is Mrs Stella Christie.

THE CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE – once again we say a huge thank you to the Rev Alistair, Stella and members of the Evangelism Group for arranging the Christianity Explored Course, it has certainly given us the opportunity of sharing meals, thoughts and concerns together over the last seven weeks. These evenings have certainly given us 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. Thanks again to all concerned who made this happen.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on Monday 3rd June 2013. 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 next on Thursday 20th June. Please note the Green Park Fellowship Group will then continue to meet monthly on a Thursday evening. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

TRIP ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY - we will be leaving St. Andrew's at 9.15 a.m. to go to Rotherham Boundary Mill and Sheffield Botanical Gardens. The trip costs £22.00 which includes lunch and a drink, Afternoon tea and the coach. We will arrive back about 7ish. If you would like to join us please give your name to Glenda a.s.a.p. The trip is open to everyone.

CIRCUIT SERVICE On Sunday 2nd June, the circuit will come together to worship at a circuit service to be held at Southgate Methodist Church, Elland. On that Sunday morning, all the Churches within the circuit will be closed so we can all come together as family of Methodists, to worship God and to share fellowship one with another. The theme of our time together is "*Facing The Challenge*" based on the lectionary lessons set for the 2nd June. A small planning team has met together and we believe have organised a memorable time of worship. The morning will start at **11.00 am**, which is late enough to allow people to travel from all sections of the circuit. We begin together in Church to offer to God our praises and to be led in prayer and hear the word of God read. We shall also celebrate with some of the circuit Local Preachers who are to be presented with certificates for long service. After half an hour or so you will have choice of types of worship in various parts of Southgate. A traditional service will continue in the Church, where our Superintendent Minister, Rev Alistair, will be the preacher. Or you may feel led to share in another type of worship activity. We are offering: A Discussion Group : Meditative Worship : Worship Through Art : A Prayer Station. For young people there will be a worship band and crèche facilities and outside in the car park, (not just for young people) there will be the football cage which the circuit has bought for mission and outreach. Once the worship is over we invite you to bring a picnic lunch and continue the fellowship together, drinks will be provided. This gives you a golden opportunity to catch up with old friends and, more importantly, make new ones from different parts of the Calderdale Circuit. The planning team are very excited about the service, and we do hope you will join us on 2nd June and experience being part of a large worshipping community – as -you have no excuses!! In the meantime, please remember the service and those taking part in it in your prayers and pray that our time together will truly be a period of great blessing for all. ***As there are no other morning services being held in the Circuit on this day we hope as many as possible from St Andrew's will try their best to attend. If you can offer lifts in your car or would like a lift will you please sign the sheet on the Vestibule Table. There is a copy of this letter AND Car Parking details on the Vestibule Table for everyone – please take one.*** **PLEASE NOTE - There will not be 'Messy Church' but there will be an All Age Service as one of the alternative options for worship.**

NORTHERN RETREAT 2013 - "Chosen and fruitful" Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HU www.scargillmovement.org. Tuesday 8th October to Thursday 10th October 2013. Leader Revd Phil Stone, Director of Scargill Community - Cost in region of £150 - Details from Katharine Cheney 11 Regent Road Skipton BD23 1AT - 01756 794885 - cheney@uwclub.net – for further details see Poster on the Notice Board.

YW's will next meet on **Tuesday 4th June** at 8.00 p.m. when the speaker will be Margaret Farnell who will entertain the group with her "Stories of a District Nurse". ALL LADIES WELCOME.

THE LADIES GROUP will next meet on **Wednesday 5th June** at 7.30 p.m. for their Annual General Meeting. Please go along if you are interested in what the Ladies will be doing during the next twelve months.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS of Mrs Sandra Timewell who died recently. The Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for her life will be held here at St Andrew's on Friday 31st May at 1.15 p.m. Sandra was associated with the Salterhebble Methodist Church young people and was well known to many members of the St Andrew's Church Fellowship.

HOME MISSION BOXES – Thanks to all who have contributed to Mission in Britain. We have raised £89.15 from this half-year and a total of £218.15 for the year 2012/2013. If there is anyone who would like a Missionary Box please see Janet Holroyd.

BRING OUT YOUR BLING – if you have any items of 'Bling' (old jewellery) that you would like to dispose of then now is the time to do it. The Rev Christine Perry is asking for items to sell at the Circuit Garden Party. If you have anything please bring it with you to Church and give it to Enid who will pass it on to the Rev Christine.

CIRCUIT GARDEN PARTY AT WARLEY HOUSE on 1st June 2013 - the Circuit Stewards are running the tombola stall at the forthcoming Warley Garden Party and require suitable items for the stall (as many as possible please). If you have any items for the stall please bring them to Church and give them to David Miller - your assistance will be very much appreciated – Thank you. There are also copies of a Quiz "All Creatures Great and Small" available from the Vestibule Table for you to take part in - £1 each.

2014 CHURCH WEEK-END – The Church Week-End Away next year has been fixed for 21st – 23rd March at Grange-over-Sands and the price will be the same. Book these dates in your diaries now.

THE HALIFAX CHARITY GALA will take place at Manor Heath on Saturday 8th June and once again the CICS team would value some help:- Could you ride a bicycle or some wheeled transport in the procession? Could you help prepare the procession? Are you over 18 and willing to collect along the procession? Could you help set up on Friday afternoon from 2.00? Could you help running events (penalty shoot out, coconut shy, splat the rat) on Saturday? even an hour would be appreciated. Could you spare an hour to help pick up litter on Sunday morning? Please reply to this email if you can help. Many of you met the Acting Chaplain of Trinity Academy, Rev Marcus Bull, at our Annual Open Evening recently - we at CICS are pleased that he is God's choice for Chaplain there and offer him our Congratulations and hope that our ties will be strengthened. Have you a bit of space in your garden, allotment or on your patio? We have very kindly been given some STRAWBERRY PLANTS to sell for our funds. Please contact me and I will get them to you or you can pick them up from the Gala. Yours, Rosemary Wright - office@cicscalderdale.org.uk

EVENTS NOTICES – LOTS TO READ AGAIN THIS WEEK - Christians Together in Calderdale News Letter – Afternoon Teas at Lumbutts Methodist Church on various dates during the coming months - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group – Open Days at Mount Zion - Circuit Garden Party at Warley House on 1st June – Help and Goods Wanted Poster – Flower Festival at Upermill Methodist Church over the week-end of 14th/15th/16th June - Mission Event at St Andrew's 16th June – Labyrinth Retreat Days at the Halifax Parish Church - information on the Notice Board.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S – Please Note - Most Groups seem to be taking a break this week due to the Spring Bank Holiday.

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.

The Rev Alistair as he prepares to lead our Early Morning Communion Service next Sunday at 9.00 a.m. and all who will be taking part in the Circuit Service at Southgate, Elland at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday morning.

Today the Circuit prays for the Church family at Boothtown and Southowram and for their Minister the Rev Paul Welch.

Please pray for the Rev Joy Margerison and her family following the sudden death of Nigel, a dear husband and father last Sunday.

Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who are not well at this time either in hospital or recovering 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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