

# ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015



BLESSINGS  
faith love  
caring smiles  
prayer  
joy crazy  
HEARTY  
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mother cherish BEAUTIFUL  
GOD family  
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to be wise  
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Teacher HERO  
Compassion  
kindness Respect



St Andrew's Methodist Church, Halifax  
50 year Celebration  
1965 - 2015

9.00 a.m. Celtic Style Early Morning Communion  
conducted by the Rev Christine Griffiths

10.30 a.m. – Service of All Age Worship  
conducted by the Rev Tony Farrar

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Christine Griffiths and the Rev Tony Farrar and all who take part in our Services this morning.
  - 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. ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE CONDUCTED

BY THE REV TONY FARRAR

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: StF 44

Come on and celebrate...

CHAT AND PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 354

Jesus is the name we honour...

READING:

Mark chapter 6 verses 1 – 6a (N.T. page 52)

TALK 1:

HYMN: StF 608

All praise to our redeeming Lord...

TALK 2:

READING:

Mark chapter 6 verses 6b – 13 (N.T. page 53)

HYMN:

StF 407

Hear the call of the kingdom...

TALK 3:

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: StF 483

We are marching in the light of God...

THE BLESSING:

(Organist : Mr David Whiteley)

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is held every Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. - 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 –

Thanks for friends who keep on loving, finding ways to help us grow,  
celebrating our achievements, sharing in our pain and woe.

God is glimpsed where love is faithful: mirrored here in time and space.

Thanks to God for friends who love us: Christ revealed in every face.

(StF 619 verse 1 – Gary Hopkins)

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

TODAY WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY YEAR and we are very happy to welcome back to St Andrew's the Rev Tony Farrar to lead our worship on this special day in this celebration year. It is lovely to see Tony again and you will have a chance to catch up with him and Val over coffee and cake in the Coffee Lounge after the Service.

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S** – we give a warm welcome to all who are our visitors today, we look forward to a good time of praise, prayer and fellowship together as we are led by the Rev Tony Farrar. We give a warm invitation to you to stay and share Coffee and cakes with us in the Lounge after Morning Service today.

**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”** - we send our love and many congratulations to Mrs Elaine Sutcliffe who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015! What an achievement – Have a lovely day Elaine and may God continue to bless and take care of you in the days to come - Love xxx from all the Church Family at St Andrew's.

**EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE** - The Methodist Conference has elected the Rev Dr Roger Walton to be President of the Conference in 2016/17, and Ms Rachel Lampard to be Vice-President. Both will start their year of office when the Conference meets in London on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. They will succeed the current President and Vice-President, the Rev Steve Wild and Dr Jill Barber, as the first item of the Conference's business. This is a great honour for the Rev Roger and indeed for the West Yorkshire District and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless Roger and Rachel in the coming year as they prepare to take up their new positions.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place **NEXT SUNDAY** - July 12th after morning worship. We need to elect three more stewards: nominations (in writing with proposer and seconder) should be given to me at least 24 hours in advance. There are no vacancies on the Church Council this year. The Church Development Group will give a presentation on the Quinquennial Report and discussions so far. Apologies and any other business should be notified

in advance of the meeting. All members and friends are urged to attend but only members may vote....Sue Wright.

**OPEN TO GOD** meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during July will be meeting at **Boothtown and Southowram Methodist Church**. The leader this coming Wednesday will be Mrs Paula Prosser. **ALL WELCOME**.

**THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP** will meet tomorrow evening - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the home of Vivienne and Enid. The group will take a break in August and re-start on the first Monday in September. New members always welcome, please ring Margaret Caulfield (363686) for further details.

**THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP** – will meet again this coming Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup> July and then again on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

**THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will meet again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 p.m. unless notified differently.

**THE O & A QUIZ** - (Birds) was won by Brenda Caulfield. The answers are up in the corridor. Many thanks for your continuing support and to Hannah for thinking up clues to challenge us all. The amount raised from the sale of Quizzes was £123.00...Sue Wright.

**SYBIL AND HER DAUGHTER CATHY** are doing the Race for Life for the tenth time on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Sybil will have her sponsor form available today for anyone who wishes to contribute. Many thanks for your support.

**FERNSIDE HALL** – do you have half-an hour to spare this coming Wednesday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.? If so the small team who will be visiting Fernside Hall will be very pleased if you could join them as they take this quite short service to the residents of Fernside as they come along, if they are able, to sing one or two hymns, listen to God's word and generally participate in whatever way they can on these occasions. **PLEASE DO COME IF YOU CAN – THANK YOU.**

**FAMILY FUN DAY** – on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a “Family Fun Morning” which will run from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. jointly run by the Messy Church Team and the Monday Morning Toddler Group Team. We are having a Seaside theme and will be doing all kinds of activities and will be very pleased if you can save us your empty cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes of all sizes, yoghurt pots, lolly sticks etc. for these activities. Please will you store these for us at home until nearer the time as we do not have very much storage room at Church – thank you. Please come along with your children even if you are not members of either of the two groups mentioned.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME is coming to ST ANDREW'S** on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 from 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. each day – please pick up one of the Application forms from the Vestibule Table, fill it in and give it to either Stella or Glenda to book your place – one, two or all three days for you to choose from – if you've been before we will be very pleased to see you again, if not we shall be pleased to welcome you for the first time – whichever we will be very pleased to see you there.

**YOU ARE INVITED to come to tea and to hear about HAITI** on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 in the early evening when John and Sharon Harbottle are coming to St Andrew's to share stories of their life in Haiti with us. More details later but do book the date now.

**THE MHA ENVELOPES** are in the pews again today if you didn't get one last Sunday and we thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity for this worthwhile cause. Last week the envelopes raised £105.69 – thank you for this, it is very much appreciated. It was lovely to have Rev Tony Green with us last Sunday and to hear about his life at Rowanberries, certainly sounds a great place to live. Thank you to Janet, Sybil and Tricia and members of O & A for leading this Service for us.

**MT ZION HERITAGE CHAPEL** - Saturday 11th July 11.30am - Rodney Collinge will lead a walk/ramble (no charge but donations for the work of Mt Zion) from Mt Zion returning to Mt Zion in time for the Open Afternoon 2pm-4pm. when 'Can do art' will be holding an art workshop for adults & children, there will be a small charge but all will go home with what they have made. Refreshments will be available. Sunday 12th July - 2.45pm Songs of Praise Service - weather permitting in Irene's Garden.

**CICS HAS REACHED A MAJOR CROSS ROADS** - after 9 years of amazing service to God and to the Young People of Calderdale through CICS. More information about this is now on the Notice Board for you to read.

**AN INVITATION TO A PRAISE PARTY on the theme of Freedom** – at Brighouse Central Methodist Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – The Party starts at 6.00 p.m. and all are welcome. This is a Circuit Service aimed mainly at young people but all are very welcome to attend.

**THE BIBLE SOCIETY (HALIFAX BRANCH)** invite you to a Garden Party with Cream Tea on 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2p.m. – 5p.m. at 129 Paddock Lane, Norton Tower. Tickets £1.50. Bring & Buy Stall.

**GREEK IN A WEEK** – A message from the Rev Roger Walton - See the Poster on the Notice Board which gives information about a short course taking place in August – to learn Greek in a week! This has arisen because of requests from a number of newly admitted local preachers who wanted to spend some time learning a little Greek. The course is open to anyone – local preacher, minister or someone who doesn't carry either of these roles in the life of the church but who might want to learn something about New Testament Greek. The attachment explains the level that we hope to achieve and there is no previous knowledge needed. There is however of course a fee of £50. This is largely to recompense the church for its time and resources and any person joining the course would need to purchase a copy of John Dobson: Learn New Testament Greek which is available from Amazon for about £18 – 20. Other materials I will supply at the Introductory Evening. It is essential that anyone wanting to join the course should register through the District Office. This is to make sure that we have the resources to support the numbers involved and get the materials ready. Do pass this on to any person you think might be interested.

**NEWS ITEMS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT** are from Food Drop in Centre – Methodist E-News for June – Methodist Publishing News for June - The Bible Society News Letter for this week - Christians Together Spring News Letter – New copy of Unity Post for Pentecost together with updated information – Insight Bulletin for June 2015 – “Greek in a Week” - Vacancy: Wellsprings Together Bradford for a Network Assistant - Reflect Autumn Retreat 20 – 22 October 2015 at Grange-over-Sands - See Posters and information on the Notice Board re all these things happening in coming weeks.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE COMING WEEK:**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 a.m.	St Andrew's Toddler Group
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 p.m.	YW's will meet <b>at Church</b> for a Beetle Drive – Please note change of venue.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3.00 p.m.	Service at Fernside Hall – <b>All welcome</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	3-15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Messy Church will meet – Theme – Sharing the Story
	7.30 p.m.	Music Group Practice
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship with Celtic Style Communion led by the Rev Alistair Newton followed by the Annual Church Meeting (see earlier).

**NO EVENING SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S – SERVICE AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHOUSE.**

**During this week please pray for:**

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Today we join with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as together we all pray for the Church Family at Todmorden and for their Minister the Rev Christine Griffiths. The Rev Alistair Newton as he prepares to lead our Morning Worship next Sunday with Celtic Style Communion and then our Annual Church Meeting after this Service. Please do pray for our decisions and discussions that will take place at this meeting. For Tim Asquith, John Hargreaves and Alison Dobson as they prepare to lead Worship at Heptonstall, Luddendenfoot URC and Todmorden Central Churches next Sunday morning. For all Ministerial Staff and Local Preachers who are part of the St Andrew's Church Family and the Calderdale Circuit as they spend time in preparation for their next Preaching appointments. 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 also for others who have family members or friends unwell at this time. Continue to pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will sustain them all through their time of worry and anxiety for themselves and for their loved ones.