

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 21st September 2014



10.30 a.m. Own Arrangement Morning Worship
led by Tricia Atkinson of O & A with other members of the
Church Family taking part

6.00 p.m. Praise Service led by Janet Holroyd
and members of the Praise Team
Preacher: Dr Eilidh Gunson

'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

- Tricia, Joanne, Eilidh, Janet 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. OWN ARRANGEMENT MORNING WORSHIP LED BY TRICIA ATKINSON OF O & A
WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY TAKING PART.
WITH JOANNE HAGUE SPEAKING TO US ABOUT "RAVENSCLIFFE@SPRING HALL"

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: Count your blessings (see screen for words)

PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung): said by Graham & Sybil Oakley

HYMN: StF 20 Be still for the presence of the Lord...

POEM READ BY Jonathan Asquith:

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS: by Tricia Atkinson

HYMN: StF 167 Colours of day dawn into the mind...

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 by Malcolm Holroyd

John chapter 2 verses 1 – 11 (NIV)

TALK: introduced by Tricia

JOANNE HAGUE OF RAVENSCLIFFE SCHOOL

THE OFFERING during which the Music Group will sing

THE DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: StF 465 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah...

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: said by Graham & Sybil Oakley

HYMN: StF 345 And can it be that I should gain...

THE BLESSING:

Organist : Mr David Whiteley

6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE LED BY JANET HOLROYD AND THE PRAISE TEAM
PREACHER – DR EILIDH GUNSON

SoF 783

Welcome

Worship Songs 1: SoF 1669, 671, 1007

Opening Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Readings: - Isaiah 25: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

Worship Songs 2: SoF 1209, 550

Sermon 'God's banquet'

Worship Songs 3: StF 673, SoF 1461

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Songs 4: SoF 646, 1237

Blessing

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is now being held every Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. in the Playgroup 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 –

Then let the servant Church arise, a caring Church that longs to be a partner in
Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all,
without reserve, and spread his liberating Word.

(Fred Pratt Green – Singing the Faith 415 verses 3 -5)

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

THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GROUP - met recently and you will see on the south wall of the church sheets of paper with sticky notes. These have ideas on for the group to work from. Please read them and add to them, if you would like to do so. They will all be considered – **PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF A "WHAT'S HAPPENING" LEAFLET FROM THE VESTIBULE TABLE TO FIND OUT THE CURRENT POSITION.**

THIS MORNING WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A VERY WARM WELCOME TO MRS JOANNE HAGUE better known to many of us as Joanne, Ian and Helen Braithwaite's daughter. Joanne is a deputy Headteacher at Ravenscliffe School and when you have heard her speak you will know just how much Ravenscliffe and its pupils mean to her. She is going to speak to us about the hopes and dreams for **RAVENSCLIFFE@SPRING HALL** during Worship and we look forward in great anticipation of what she has to say to us.

TODAY AFTER SERVICE WE ARE HOLDING OUR NEXT EVENT FOR RAVENSCLIFFE in the form of our annual **"Home Produce Stall"**. Please support us if you can – thank you very much indeed. **THE SUMMER QUIZ ENTITLED "BACK TO SCHOOL"** is still on sale from members of the Group at £1.00 per quiz and if you haven't got a pen to complete your Quiz we are selling them as well and they also cost £1.00! At today's date the total stands at **£1,154.00 – Thank You**.

THE LADIES GROUP EVENT FOR RAVENSCLIFFE will take place **NEXT** Saturday 27th September 2014 from 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon and will be a **Coffee Morning** when the Ladies will be selling 'proper coffee' and cakes and there will be a "Bran tub with a difference". The Ladies are hoping that as many of you as possible will support them in their efforts to raise funds for "Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall"

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet next on Wednesday October 8th 2014 at 7.30 pm, preceded by communion at 7.00 p.m. Please bring written reports to the meeting. Apologies and items for AOB should be given to Sue Wright at least 24 hours in advance. Minutes and agendas will be available shortly.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will begin to meet again **tomorrow evening** - Monday 22nd September and will then meet on Monday's 20th October, 17th November and 15th December. The group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – are discussing Christian Spirituality at the moment and will meet again this coming Thursday evening - September 25th and then on October 30th and December 11th. Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP will meet next on Monday 6th October and then on Monday 3rd November and Monday 1st December and will be continuing the study "Time to Talk of God". All meetings are held at the home of Vivienne & Enid and begin at 7.30 p.m.

GLEND A writes "I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers while I have been ill. I am feeling a little better and hope to be back with you all soon". We send our very best wishes and love to Glenda at this time.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during September will be meeting at **Highgate** - the leader this coming Wednesday will be the Rev Colin Sherwood.

OVERGATE HOSPICE CHOIR – present a Concert **"Lest we Forget"** in commemoration of the First World War Centenary Year on Saturday 18th October 2014 at Halifax Minster – See the Poster on the Notice Board for more information or have a word with Valerie Ashworth.

MRS GLADYS CARSL EY – please remember Sid, Hazel, Howard and Barry and their families at this time as they prepare for Gladys' Funeral Service which will take place at St Andrew's **tomorrow - Monday 22nd September 2014** at 12.30 p.m. followed by cremation at Parkwood, Elland.

MRS PHYLLIS LAMB – it is with sadness we tell you of the death of Mrs Phyllis Lamb who died peacefully on September 12th, aged 98 years. Phyllis was a long time, very faithful member at King Cross and before that at Pye Nest before both Churches closed. Unfortunately she has been unable to worship with us at St Andrew's due to her failing health and frailty. Please remember her two daughters Katherine and Jenny and their families at this time. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held here at St Andrew's on Tuesday 23rd September at 12 noon.

THANK YOU from GILLIAN & DAVID - a special thank you to all the church family at St Andrew's for the lovely cards and thoughts that Gillian and I received during our recent sad bereavement, it is a lovely feeling knowing that so many people are thinking of us. Once again many thanks....God Bless.... David & Gillian.

MESSY CHURCH is hoping to organise an afternoon in early December to make Christmas decorations and cards. This will be called Messy Mums and we will invite all the mums from Messy Church to come and perhaps bring a friend. If anyone is skilled at decoration-making **OR** would just like to help us out **OR** has any stuff at the back of a cupboard we could use **OR** has any bright but not difficult ideas, please let Sybil know.

FRIENDS OF SABEL UK IN YORKSHIRE – a film and discussion evening about the treatment of Palestinian child prisoners, based on a recent film and report by Defence for Children International. The event will be held at our usual venue of Holy Trinity Church, on Boar Lane in Leeds (just a few minutes walk from Leeds railway station) from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday 29th October – For any further information please have a word with Margaret Barnes or see the notice on the Notice Board.

FOOD AND SUPPORT DROP IN CENTRE AT NEW EBENEZER – because of the steep rise in people needing help the food supplies are getting very low and we are asked this week especially for the items written in capital letters on the list on the wall in the corridor leading down to the Coffee Bar – **HOPE YOU CAN HELP – THANK YOU – As the weather comes colder an appeal has been made for socks, shoes, trainers, boots, gloves, scarves, hats and coats and the Centre are also very short of quilts and bath towels – so again if you can help it will be very much appreciated.**

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT OFFICES this week is displayed for all to see and read on the Notice Board – it includes the following: - Food and Support Group report – Information about "Reading the Bible from Alpha to Omega" in an 84 hour non-stop marathon in September – Called to Preach? – A Taster Session for the Local Preacher Training Course – See Poster for further details - Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Ecumenism – MHA Conference – Where is my older neighbour? – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Methodist E-News for September – Bible Society News Letter for August.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE WEEK – 15th – 21st September 2014

Monday		PLEASE NOTE NO PARENT & TODDLER GROUP MEETING this week
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club – Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion conducted by the Rev Christine Perry

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Rev Alistair Newton and the Rev Christine Perry as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. and at 6.00 p.m. respectively. All Minister's and Local Preacher's in our Circuit as they prepare to lead worship at various Churches in the Circuit next Sunday.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church and for their Minister the Rev Christine Perry. For all members of the St Andrew's Church Family who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time – Hazel & Peter and their family and Katherine & Jenny and their family following the death of much loved Mother's and for all friends who may be mourning the loss of loved family members at this time.

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. Pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will sustain them all through their time of worry and anxiety 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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