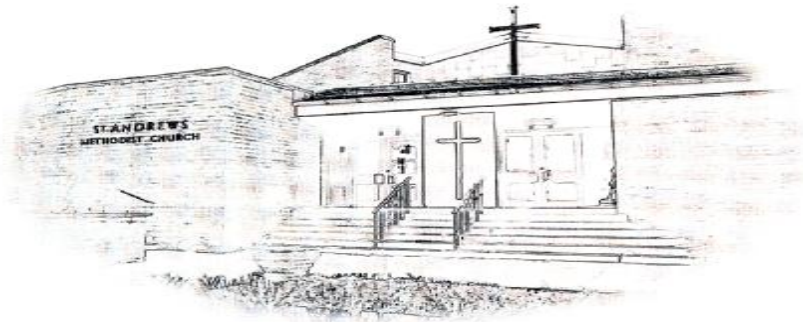


# ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – Low Sunday



**9.00 a.m. Early Morning Service of Holy Communion**  
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

**10.30 a.m. Service of All Age Worship**  
conducted by Mrs Stella Christie

*'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 Alistair Newton and Mrs Stella Christie 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.

CONDUCTED BY MRS STELLA CHRISTIE  
LOW SUNDAY

## **WELCOME:**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

HYMN: H&P 212

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

### **PRAYERS OF AFFIRMATION AND CONFESSION:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, in heaven

HYMN: SoF 464

Praise him on the trumpet (x 2)

### **BIBLE READING:**

Matthew chapter 28 verses 16 – 20 (N.T. page 44)

### **TALK:**

Disciples – who?

### **THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION:**

### **BIBLE READING:**

John chapter 20 verses 19 – 31

(N.T. page 145)

### **TALK:**

Which one was he?

HYMN: SoF 510

Spirit of the Living God

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

The response to:

"Loving God, fill their hearts with courage"

is

*"Fill their hearts with hope"*

HYMN: H&P 216

And can it be

### **THE BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL:**

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

**THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the pews again today and will be available next Sunday also – we look forward to your generous support and thank you in anticipation for your gift.

**THE CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE BEGINS THIS COMING TUESDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.00 p.m. – SO PLEASE DO SIGN UP TODAY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO!** – 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 book these dates in your diary - See the Notice Board for more information or pick up a card from the vestibule table. **WILL ALL FRIENDS WHO ARE HOPING TO SHARE IN THE CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN ONE OF THE TWO LISTS AVAILABLE IN EITHER THE VESTIBULE OR IN THE COFFEE BAR.** If you would like more information about this Course please have a word with either Stella or Susan (Hargreaves) – **THANK YOU.**

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place **NEXT** Sunday - April 14th after morning worship. All members and friends are encouraged to attend, though only members may vote. We will be electing four new stewards and two new reps to the church council from the church meeting. Nominations (proposed and seconded) should be in writing and given or emailed ([sjamwright@talktalk.net](mailto:sjamwright@talktalk.net)) to Sue Wright at least 24 hours in advance. Also any items for AOB should be given or sent ([sjamwright@talktalk.net](mailto:sjamwright@talktalk.net)) to Sue Wright at least 24 hours before the meeting. The meeting will be followed by a lunch in aid of the Haiti appeal – see below.

**LUNCH AFTER THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** – as part of their fund raising efforts for Haiti members of O & A will be serving a meal directly after the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 14th April 2013 and hope as many of you as possible will stay and share in the fellowship whilst we enjoy a meal together. Please will you sign the list on the Vestibule Table TODAY if you would like to stay. There will be a charge of £4.00 for the lunch.

**O & A HAITI APPEAL – THANK YOU** to everyone who so generously supported O & A last Sunday by making donations for the hot cross buns and coffee after morning worship - £76.00 was raised to start off the Appeal - so it's onwards and upwards from here. We also have copies of our first Quiz of the year which is called "DOGGIES" now on sale – please buy a copy (£1.00) – our next fund raising event will be the Lunch after the Church Annual Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April (see previously).

**THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will next meet on Monday 15th April 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 next meet on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> and then on **Thursday** May 16<sup>th</sup> followed by a meeting on **Thursday** June 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**OPEN TO GOD** – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during April will be meeting here at St Andrew's, the leader this week is Mrs Stella Christie.

**THE NETWORK (MWIB) EASTER OFFERING SERVICE** "Beyond the Harbour Wall" will be held at Mytholmroyd Methodist Church on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

**STAFFORD MANOR AND FERNSIDE HALL** – would you like to join in the St Andrew's ministry to the people living at Stafford Manor and Fernside Hall? Every second Wednesday in the month the Rev Alistair takes a short service at each of the above homes and it would be good if more of our people could go along and share in this time of fellowship. Please meet at Stafford Manor at 2.30 p.m. this coming Wednesday if you can help in this way or have a word with Rev Alistair or Janet Holroyd to find out more.

**THE LENT LUNCHESES** were extremely successful, both in the usual warm fellowship between members of the four churches and in the generous response to the four charities who provided speakers. The money raised was amazing considering many of the same people came to each event.

- CART at All Saints' £100 plus a £35 sponsorship
- Catholic Care at St Alban's a letter of thanks has been received but no total so far (there were a lot of notes in the plate - update later)
- The Drop-in Centre at St Mark's £131
- Christian Aid at St Andrew's £90, - £75 of which was gift-aided (wonderful given the heavy snow).....Very many thanks to you all....Sue Wright.

**CALDERDALE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER** – The Rev Graham Smith has agreed to produce a Circuit Newsletter and needs our items of Good News to be sent to him – is there anyone from St Andrew's who would like to take on responsibility for compiling and forwarding our news to the Rev Graham for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please have a word with Rev Alistair or one of the Church Stewards if you feel able to do this.

**GUIDES** – it is with sadness that we have to tell you that Guides have closed due to lack of numbers. We would like to thank everyone for the help and support given over the years. The remaining Guides have stayed on as Scouts and all girls are welcome to come on a Thursday and join Scouts. Claire has stayed on as a Scout leader. We would also like to thank Karen for all her work over the years.

**FRIENDS OF SABEL UK – YORKSHIRE** – 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) – More information on the Notice Board.

**A DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** – is wanted at Central Methodist Church, Brighouse – further details on Notice Board.

**CALDERDALE CIRCUIT WORLD CHURCH NEWS** – a World Church event will be held on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013** when Paul and Sarah Wright will be coming – they are currently serving in Nepal. The event will be held here at St Andrew's and starts at 3.00 p.m. with a talk by Paul and Sarah. There will be a faith tea about 4.30 p.m. followed by a Circuit Evening Service at 6.00 p.m. PLEASE ALSO BOOK the following date in your diary for a World Church Committee Meeting to which all churches are invited to send a representative – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Todmorden from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon.

**CICS ANNUAL OPEN MEETING** on Monday 22nd April in the Sacred Space of Trinity Academy, Halifax, have been confirmed and we would appreciate it if you could advertise it, hopefully using the attachment in your magazine and printing it off to display. As you will see, the main focus will be an hour, maximum, from 6.30 p.m. so if anyone has another meeting on Monday night they may well be able to do both!

**EVENTS NOTICES – LOTS TO READ AGAIN THIS WEEK** – Christians Together in Calderdale News Letter - Grand Opening of the Welcome Café at the St Augustines Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> April – Benefit Cuts and Changes a Faith Community Leaders and Workers Event on Thursday 11/4/13 at the Thornbury Centre, Leeds Old Road BD3 8JX - Love Calderdale 20/04/13 at Kings Church at 7.00 p.m. – Saturday Night at Clifton 7.15 p.m. 20/4/2013 – Methodist Women in Britain – Calderdale Circuit Easter Offering Service "Beyond the Harbour Wall" 23/4/13 at 2.30 p.m. – Kirkwood Awareness Day Friday 17/5/13 at 10.00 a.m. - Methodist e News - News from the Drop In Centre – Bible Society Newsletter – Afternoon Teas at Lumbutts Methodist Church on various dates during the coming months - Methodist Women in Britain Residential Conference at Swanwick - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group – **Calderdale Big Band** at Highgate Methodist Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.00 each call 01422- 357487 to reserve - May 4<sup>th</sup> Greetland & Lindwell "**Swing into Spring**" fundraising event – Open Days at Mount Zion - 1<sup>st</sup> June Circuit Garden Party at Warley House - Help Wanted Poster – Mission Event at St Andrew's 16<sup>th</sup> June – Information on the Church and Society Talks arranged for later in the year -

### THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

Tuesday	7.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Christianity Explored Course begins Y.W's – Speaker - Mrs Margaret Barnes her subject "Life and times of Phyllis Bentley"
Wednesday	2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Service at Stafford Manor Service at Fernside Hall Ladies Club – Speaker – Mrs Cynthia Feather her subject "Malawi"
Sunday	12 noon	Annual Church Meeting

### During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.  
Rev Alistair Newton as he prepares to lead our Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m. and our Service of Holy Communion at 6.00 p.m. next Sunday.

John Hargreaves, Alison Dobson and Ann Ashton as they prepare to conduct Morning Worship at Bethesda, Luddendenfoot URC and Mytholmroyd next Sunday Morning at 10.30 a.m.

Today the Circuit prays for the Church family at St Matthews LEP and for the joint ministry of the Rev Stephen Barnett, the Rev Stephen Hannam and the Rev Matthew Pollard.

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](mailto:j.turner302@btinternet.com) or by phone (362654)

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