

**ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Huddersfield Road, Halifax**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - Epiphany**



**9.00 a.m. Early Morning Communion led by the Rev Alistair Newton**

**10.30 a.m. All Age Worship led by Mr Colin Watson**



*'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**

- Alistair, Colin 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.

**LED BY MR COLIN WATSON**

**WELCOME:**

**HYMN:** H&P 110 O come, all ye faithful

**PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** H&P 128 Wise men, seeking Jesus

**THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:**

**BIBLE READING:** Isaiah chapter 60 verses 1 – 6 (O.T. page 723)

**HYMN:** H&P 97 Come and join the celebration

**BIBLE READING:** Matthew chapter 2 verses 1 – 12 (N.T. page 4)

**PRAYERS:**

**HYMN:** H&P 95 Born in the night Mary's child

**MESSAGE:**

**HYMN:** H&P 135 Go, tell it on the mountain

**THE BLESSING:**

**A BIG THANK YOU** is extended to everyone who has contributed to making the Advent and Christmas period at St Andrew's so special again this year. All our special Advent and Christmas Services have been very much appreciated and as we now move forward into a New Year we praise God for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come. Thank you also to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeals for others in our own town of Halifax and for those overseas as well.

*"Thank you very much indeed".*

**THE START OF A NEW YEAR** is also the time to say thank you to **'anybody'** - who all through the year makes sure that what has to happen at St Andrew's "happens" without anyone ever noticing. Usually the only time comments are heard is when something goes wrong and the usual doesn't happen, so to all who week by week go quietly about their work we want to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE "thank you"** to you for all you do to make sure St Andrew's runs like clockwork. – your contribution to the life of our Church is remarkable and we thank God for you all – whoever you are!

**CAN YOU HELP?** - more volunteers are needed on the Coffee Bar - can **YOU** help? You would be on the Rota about every 5 weeks but of course the more volunteers we have means this figure would be less - **Please have a word with Glenda if you can help in this way.**

**DOOR AND WELCOME STEWARDS** – the Rotas for the next six months are now ready so please pick up your copy from the Vestibule Table. If you would like to volunteer to become a Door & Welcome Steward then please have a word with Margaret White.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH FLOWERS** - Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated flower money this last year. The flowers are very much appreciated by the people who receive them. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANYONE WHO YOU THINK NEEDS THEM** even if you think I should know - some people have slipped the net! A new list for donations for 2014 is now up in the vestibule. Thank you again. Please ring (360020) or talk to Margaret (Whiteley) for further information.

**THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** – will meet tomorrow evening when they will begin in earnest to discuss the film 'Chocolat' linking the film to Bible passages and our Christian life and witness. All meetings are held at the home of Vivienne & 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** - the meetings planned for the beginning of 2014 will be held on Thursdays – January 9th, February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13th. When they will be looking at Michael Townsend's book on the sacraments - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

**THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will next meet on 20<sup>th</sup> January and then on 17<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 106 Dudwell Lane and the group will be pleased to welcome old and, hopefully, new members at 7.30 p.m.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HALIFAX** – have a Job vacancy for a Project Co-ordinator and Administrator and if you would like further details about this position please see the Poster on the Notice Board.

**THE INN CHURCHES PROJECT** is a night shelter that will operate from three locations in the Halifax town centre from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 until the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, seven nights per week and during this period Volunteer help is required. There is more information on the Notice board, please do read this information which gives details of this scheme.

**CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPS** – as in previous years Sue Hargreaves will be glad if you will bring your stamps from your Christmas card envelopes for the Leprosy Mission. Stamps can be given to Susan or placed in the box on the table in the Vestibule – thank you. Just to say you can bring your used postage stamps at any time during the year, the box is always there to put them in – Thank you.

**OPEN TO GOD** – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during January will be held here at St Andrew's - the leader this week will be the Rev Alistair Newton.

**MRS MARGARET WHITELEY a former member at King Cross** sadly died during the Christmas holidays and her funeral service will be held here at St Andrew's on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 2.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Park Wood at 3.00 p.m. Margaret has been ill for quite a long time now and has been unable to attend church since King Cross closed. Please remember her children Roger, Ruth and William and their families in your prayers at this sad time for them all.

**CALDERDALE INTERFAITH COUNCIL** - invites you to Calderdale College, Francis Street, Halifax HX1 3UZ at 6.00pm on Monday 27 January 2014 to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2014 – see the Poster on the Notice Board for further information.

**PLEASE NOTE MEETINGS BEGIN IN EARNEST AGAIN THIS WEEK – as a reminder they are printed below as well as in the section “What’s Happening at St Andrew’s”**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 p.m. – Service a Fernside Hall – all welcome to attend.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. – The Evangelism Committee will meet at the manse**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15 p.m. – First Messy Church of 2014**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 a.m. – Pastoral Visitors dedication and communion service.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 p.m. – Messy Church Planning meeting in the Quiet Room.**

**EVENTS NOTICES – LOTS TO READ AGAIN THIS WEEK** – Information on “The Inn Churches” – Job Application information for a position advertised by Christians Together in Calderdale - - Applications for job opportunities within the West Yorkshire District - Food and Support Group Christmas report - Bible Society E-News for December – The Methodist Church E-News for December – Information about a new book – **Faith in Food** this book gives authentic Pakistani recipes and stories – a mix of humanity! - **All information about these events on the Notice Board.**

#### **THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S**

##### **PLEASE NOTE – ALL MEETINGS RECOMMENCE THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:**

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday	7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.	- YW's Christmas Meal at the Stump Cross Inn – please have a word with Margaret (Barnes) if you are unsure of travel details
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Open to God
Wednesday	3.00 p.m.	Service at Fernside Hall
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee at the Manse
Friday	3.30 p.m.	Messy Church
	7.30 p.m.	Music Group practice
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Pastoral Visitor's Rededication Service : Rev Alistair Newton
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship : Miss Alison Dobson

##### **During this week please pray for:**

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

Alison Dobson as she prepares to lead our Evening Worship at 6.00 p.m.

Sue Ng, John Hargreaves, Tim Asquith as they prepare to lead Worship at Bethesda, Hebden Bridge & Southgate and Heptonstall next Sunday.

Today we join together with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as we pray for Ilingworth Moor Methodist Church 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 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.

For all as we face the New Year of 2014 thanking God that whatever happens to us and/or members of our families He will be there to sustain us and hold us in His arms at all times.

**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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With every Good Wish for a  
Very Happy and Peaceful New Year -  
May God be with us all and those we love as we go forward into 2014