

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 7th September 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF A NEW METHODIST YEAR



9.00 a.m, Early Morning Communion Service
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

10.30 a.m. All Age Worship Service
conducted by Mr Andrew Jacobs and Mr Chris Partington

*'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

- Rev Alistair, Andrew and Chris 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. – ALL AGE WORSHIP CONDUCTED BY

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MR ANDREW JACOBS AND MR CHRIS PARTINGTON

WELCOME:

THE PREPARATION:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING DECLARATION:

HYMN: StF 340 Ye servants of God...

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: StF 338 There is a Redeemer...

THE WORD:

ADDRESS PART 1: Powerpoint presentation:

HYMN: StF 363 My Jesus, my Saviour...

READING: Matthew chapter 16 verses 13 – 28 from The Message

ADDRESS PART 2: Powerpoint presentation:

HYMN: StF 317 At the name of Jesus...

THE RESPONSE:

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

HYMN: SoF 939 Name of all Majesty...

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL:

Organist – Mr Graham Cockroft

ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF A NEW METHODIST YEAR we remember all the Congregations throughout Methodism who are welcoming new Ministers into their midst. Especially today we remember the Rev Mark Cheetham and his family as they are welcomed into the Calderdale Methodist Circuit. **PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers** all Methodist Ministers and their families and all within Methodism who are meeting new "Church Families" today as they take up new posts within the Methodist Connexion. Pray that they will soon be made to feel at home within their new surroundings as they settle into new Church families, homes, working environments and schools.

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 –

Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye when none but God is near.

O thou by whom we come to God,

The Life, the Truth, the Way!

The path of prayer thyself hast trod:

Lord, teach us how to pray!

(H&P 557 verses 2 and 6 – James Montgomery (1771 – 1854))

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

CHURCH FUTURE WORKING GROUP: the group met for the first time recently. 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.

O & A RAVENSCLIFFE APPEAL – a very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported the Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall Appeal since it was launched on Palm Sunday – the total at the moment is **£1,079.00 – a MASSIVE 'Thank You!'** to everyone who has helped to raise this amount.

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!

OUR NEXT EVENT FOR RAVENSCLIFFE will be our annual "Home Produce Stall" on Sunday 21st September 2014 and will take place after morning worship. If you have spare items of home produce you would like to donate for sale please just bring it along on the day – thank you very much indeed.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will begin to meet again on Monday 22nd September and then on Monday's 20th October, 17th November and 15th December and 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 next meet on Thursday September 25th and then again on October 30th. 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.

MESSY CHURCH starts again this coming Friday and as with all our Church Family ventures more helpers would be very much appreciated – do you have a spare couple of hours on the second Friday of the month to come along and help out? If you have, then that would be really great. This month we will be thinking about Journey's based around Paul's adventures in Acts and in our "messy time" we will be making – a Water Painting – either a Bird or an Aeroplane – Dressing Dolls – A Jesus Train and Postcards and then we will be enjoying a Picnic Tea including a Heavenly Banquet for pudding (Jelly & Ice Cream with Sprinkles) – so even just out of curiosity why don't you come along and join us this coming Friday afternoon – you may actually enjoy yourself!

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 Mrs Paula Prosser.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS -first of all 'Thank you' to all who have given me things already. In addition to the knitting, the Salvation Army are desperate for 3" knitted or crocheted squares to make blankets for the emergency relief that is going on at present. A reminder that Pam Dennis will gladly sew up any squares or jumpers that you may have difficulty with. Thank you – Tricia.

CIRCUIT QUIZ NIGHT - The next session of inter-church quizzes between various Methodist churches in Calderdale Circuit – has now begun! There is one quiz a month – usually on the first Friday evening. The venue varies each month – gives us a chance to have a look at other churches and meet other local Methodists. You don't need to be Brain of Britain standard – the willingness to be a team player is more important. It's an enjoyable evening and we'd love some new quizzers. The next quiz will be on Friday 3rd October – Venue to be announced later – we have a few drivers and can take passengers. If you are interested in joining in, please contact either Margaret Caulfield or Leah Mullin. Tel Nos 363686 and 251225 respectively.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID - Thank you to those who gave donations to the Gaza Appeal via Christian Aid. £50 was sent from St Andrews... Lesley.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN (NCH) – just to say thank you to all box holders for their help, an amount of **£484.49** was sent off in August and gratefully received. Anyone interested in having a box please have a word with Sadie.

THE ROLE OF A DISTRICT CHAIR -the Larger than Circuit (LTC) working group would value your feedback on the role of a District Chair. The group would like to encourage you to use the link below to complete a Survey as they are keen to hear the voices of "the people in the pews" regarding this topic. **Online Survey:** <http://dotmailer-surveys.com/09bvi0c-4fx6y91> **The deadline date to complete this online survey is Thursday 18th September, 3.00 p.m.**

JUNIOR CHURCH AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at Susan Harreaves home starting at 7.30 p.m. If you wonder what we do in Junior Church, or are interested in helping in anyway, please join us, you will be made to feel very welcome. Any queries, please ring Margaret Caulfield – 01422 363686.

REV JUDITH AND THE GREAT NORTH RUN – please spare a prayer and a thought for Judith today as she runs in support of Christian Aid – Judith also begins her Sabbatical and is looking forward to what God has in store for her during this time of reflection and relaxation (after today that is!).

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE ON NEW PLAN - please note that John Ellis will not be coming to Christ Church Hipperholme TODAY because of his accident but that his co-moderator the Revd. David Grosch-Miller will take his place both for leading worship and giving a talk in the afternoon.

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 – Southgate, Elland present An Afternoon with The Gilbert & Sullivan Society on Saturday 13th September 2014 - Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Ecumenism – MHA Conference – Where is my older neighbour? – Calderdale Heritage Open Days – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Methodist Women in Britain – Fundraising Lunch with guest speaker Craig Whittaker, MP for Calder Valley on 20/09/2014 at Brighouse Central Methodist Church – Job Vacancy – Head of Mission and Advocacy in the Methodist Church – Methodist E-News for August – Bible Society News Letter for 22nd August 2014 -

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE WEEK – 8th – 14th September 2014

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
	7.30 p.m.	Local Preachers Meeting at Southgate, Elland
Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Messy Church Planning Meeting in the Quiet Room
	7.30 p.m.	St Andrew's Property and Finance meeting
Wednesday	3.00 p.m.	Service at Fernside – All welcome to join in this Service
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club – Speaker Mrs Thelma Robinson who will be demonstrating how to make icing sugar flowers
	7.30 p.m.	Junior Church AGM at the home of Susan Hargreaves
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Friday	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	- Messy Church – Theme "Journeys"
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Covenant Service conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship conducted by the Rev Colin Sherwood

During this week please pray for:

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

The Rev Alistair Newton and the Rev Colin Sherwood as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively.

Ann Ashton and Tim Asquith as they prepare to lead worship at Cross Hills and Luddendenfoot next Sunday morning.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at Todmorden Central Methodist Church and for their Minister the Rev Christine Perry.

For all young people who have now returned to School or started School for the first time recently and for any who are preparing to start College or University in the near future – we pray that the Lord will be very close to them all as they start another new phase in their lives.

For Gillian and David Miller and their family following the death of Gillian's father in Overgate on Tuesday.

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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