

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 24th March 2013
PALM SUNDAY



**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by
the Rev Alistair Newton and the Rev Edward Holmes**

**6.00 p.m. Evening Worship
conducted by the Rev Christine Perry**

*'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**

- The Rev Alistair Newton, the Rev Edward Holmes and the Rev Christine Perry 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. MORNING WORSHIP CONDUCTED BY

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**THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON AND THE REV EDWARD HOLMES
PALM SUNDAY**

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: StF 565 Only by grace can we enter

PRAYERS:

TALK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE:

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM CROSSES:

HYMN: StF 263 Hosanna, hosanna

THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 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: Luke chapter 19 verses 28 - 40

HYMN: StF 256 Ride on, ride on in majesty

THE REV EDWARD HOLMES: Focus on Haiti

HYMN: StF 713 Show me how to stand for justice

THE OFFERING and DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: StF 611 Brother, sister, let me serve you

THE BLESSING:

**6.00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
CONDUCTED BY THE REV CHRISTINE PERRY**

THIS EVENING'S SERVICE WILL INCLUDE THE HYMNS:

All glory, laud, and honour

Such love

Ride on, ride on in majesty

When I survey the wondrous cross

THE READINGS WILL BE:

Matthew chapter 21 verses 1 – 11 and chapter 26 verses 1 – 5

Organist: Mr David Whiteley



TODAY BEGINS THE START OF HOLY WEEK and you are invited to join with us as we move forward together and share again in the last few days of our Lord's earthly life, as we journey through the palms lifted high in praise today, to the celebration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday followed by the darkness and despair of Good Friday and culminating into the light and joy of Easter Day. During the coming week we shall be remembering this journey through the services to be held here on:

- Maundy Thursday at 7.30 p.m. a joint Service with friends from All Saint's Church -
 - Good Friday at 10.30 a.m. we have our Service for Good Friday -
 - Easter Sunday at 10.30 a.m. we celebrate the wonder of Easter Day at our Holy Communion and All Age Worship Service led by the Rev Alistair Newton -
 - Easter Day at 6.00 p.m. our Evening Service will be conducted by the Rev Tony Buglass -
- ALL WELCOME – PLEASE DO COME –**

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the pews today and for the next two Sundays – we look forward to your generous support and thank you in anticipation for your gift.

OPEN TO GOD – will meet at 10.00 a.m. each Wednesday morning during March at Illingworth Moor Church and the leader this week is the Rev Christine Perry.

WE GIVE A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE REV EDWARD HOLMES who is sharing in our Worship this morning alongside the Rev Alistair Newton as we launch the **O & A 2013 Appeal for HAITI**. As a church family during the rest of the year we will be focussing our thoughts on bringing awareness and raising some much needed money to help the people of Haiti, a country which lies in the path of many hurricanes and tropical storms. In 2010 thousands of people were killed or lost their homes and possessions following a massive earthquake and it is with the rebuilding and fitting out of a school and the lives of some of the children that we are looking forward to trying our very best to help. There is a display on the notice board and we do hope that you will take a little time to read and find out all you can about Haiti. We ask for your prayers and support for the 2013 O & A Appeal for Haiti, may the Lord continue to bless all we do in His name to ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters at the other side of the world – **THANK YOU**.

THE REV MICHAEL TOWNSEND – we have all been saddened and shocked to hear of the recent death of our dear friend Michael Townsend who died so suddenly at the end of last week. Please continue to hold Michael's family and many friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. We give thanks to God for Michael's ministry and friendship over a long number of years and take comfort from the knowledge that he is now with his Heavenly Father who he loved and served so faithfully for many years.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on 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) to Sue Wright at least 24 hours in advance. The meeting will be followed by a lunch in aid of the Haiti appeal – see the item 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 if you would like to stay. There will be a charge of £4.00 for the lunch.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED – 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**.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale last Wednesday - **£221.00** was raised for church funds (this could possibly have been more had the Courier remembered to print our advert!!). Thank you also to everyone who gave goods for the sale and to Glenda for all the work she did in collecting the jumble and setting up the event.

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 17th and then on **Thursday** May 16th followed by a meeting on **Thursday** June 20th. 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.

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

BRADFORD COURT CHAPLAINCY SERVICE are looking for volunteers and ask that anyone who relishes a challenge should apply! – further details on the Notice Board.

AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY – we are now without a Caretaker until Donald returns from sick leave therefore we will be having cleaners coming in to keep the place clean, but please can you all make sure you tidy up after your group has used a room. Donald is still undergoing treatment so we don't know when he will be returning to work. Thank you Glenda.

CHRISTIAN AID'S 48TH LONG MARCH "Fighting Poverty Step by Step"– takes place on Easter Sunday Night – 31st March 2013 – see the Notice Board for information re either walking or helping.

PRAYERS FOR CALDERDALE – you are invited to the next meeting at the Halifax Minster on Saturday 30th March from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. this date which falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday is an appropriate time to pray for our borough – Prayer requests to be shared on the day can be made to prayersforcalderdale@gmail.com.

CALDERDALE CIRCUIT WORLD CHURCH NEWS – a World Church event will be held on **Sunday 16th 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 5th October 2013 at Todmorden from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon.

THE CIRCUIT CHURCH AND SOCIETY GROUP have arranged a series of talks during the Autumn of this year. The topics are particularly relevant to the Christian and contemporary society – please take time to look at the poster on the Notice Board and book the dates in your diary **NOW**.

FRIENDS OF SABEEL 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.

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 – TODAY Halifax Choral Society – Symphony of Psalms - **Love so amazing!** a production by Greetland & Lindwell Church at 6.00 p.m. - Methodist e News - News from the Drop In Centre – Bible Society Newsletter – The Saviour at Southgate Methodist Church Good Friday at 7.30 p.m. - One Man Passion Play coming to Yorkshire 26th/27th March 2013 – Easter Labyrinth at Denby Dale – Afternoon Teas at Lumbutts Methodist Church on various dates during the coming months - Methodist Women in Britain Residential Conference at Swanwick – Cotton Reels, etc for the Mount Zion Heritage Group - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group –. – Calderdale Big Band at Highgate Methodist Church on Saturday 26th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.00 each call 01422- 357487 to reserve - May 4th Greetland & Lindwell "Swing into Spring" fundraising event – Open Days at Mount Zion - 1st June Circuit Garden Party at Warley House - Help Wanted Poster– Mission Event at St Andrew's 16th June – Information on the Church and Society Talks arranged for later in the year -

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Tuesday	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club – Easter Service
Thursday	6.15 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	10.30 a.m.	Good Friday Service

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
Rev Alistair Newton & Rev Tony Buglass as they prepare to lead our services at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Easter Day.
Mrs Sue Ng as she prepares to lead worship at Clifton on Easter day at 6.00 p.m.
Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Southgate, Elland and for their minister the Rev Stephen Barnett

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 or by phone (362654)

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