

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 25th January 2015



10.30 a.m. Morning Worship
conducted by Mr Ian Slim

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship with Holy Communion
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

*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

- Ian, Janet, Rev Alistair 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 MR IAN SLIM

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: H&P 704 O Jesus, I have promised...

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: H&P 315 God's Spirit is in my heart...

WITH THE CHILDREN:

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.

HYMN: H&P 746 One more step along the world I go...
(The Offering will be taken during the singing of this Hymn)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

READING: Mark chapter 1 verses 14 – 20 (N.T. page 46)

HYMN: H&P 770 Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!...

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION by Mrs Janet Holroyd

HYMN: H&P 774 Lord, thy Church on earth is seeking...

ADDRESS:

HYMN: H&P 437 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah...

THE BLESSING:

Organist : Mr David Whiteley

6.00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP WITH CELTIC COMMUNION
CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

WELCOME:

HYMN: StF 86 Praise the Lord! You heavens, adore him...

PRAYERS:

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

READING: Titus chapter 2 verses 1 – 14 (N.T. page 272)

HYMN: StF 661 Give me the faith...

READING: Matthew chapter 4 verses 12 – 23 (N.T. page 6)

ADDRESS:

HYMN: StF 585 God, whose love is all around us...

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER:

HYMN: StF 664 Lord you call us to your service Tune 39 'Angel Voices'

BLESSING:

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is held every Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. - now in the **Quiet 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 – ***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesu's love;***

The fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our fervent prayers:

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

John Fawcett (1740-1817) - (H&P 754 verses 1 and 2)

2015 SEES ST ANDREW'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN OUR CHURCH and during the year we will be holding special events and welcoming back to visit us many former Ministers – please take time to read the sheet (available from the Vestibule table) showing programme of dates which are booked so far and then keep an eye open for all the other things that will be happening during this Celebration Year for the Church Family here at St Andrew's.

WE SEND OUR LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS to Francesca and Harvey who have both celebrated birthdays recently – Francesca her 21st and Harvey his 18th and we want to wish them both a very **Happy Birthday and send them God's richest blessing** on these two very special milestone birthdays.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2015 – once Christmas is over people begin to think about holidays! – We have booked the **4th, 5th and 6th of August 2015 as our “Holiday at Home” for 2015** – please book these dates in your diaries now – hope to see you there.

ST ANDREW'S TODDLERS WITH THE ARK CHURCH, HALIFAX – starts again with a new team **tomorrow** - Monday 26th January 2015 from 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. – if you have children/grandchildren aged from birth – 4 years you are invited to go along every Monday morning during term time and meet friends – lots of toys and plenty of space to play, a craft activity, yummy snack, story time and a good old sing-song. All this for £2.00 per family. We take this opportunity to welcome members of The Ark Church into the fellowship of the St Andrew's church family.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday February 4th at 7.30 p.m, preceded by Communion at 7.00 p.m. All reports should have been sent to Sue by now along with any items for AOB. Having printed reports will give plenty of time for discussion of the Church Development Group report. Minutes and agendas are available for collection from the vestibule table

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP will next meet on Monday 2nd February 2015 at the home of Vivienne and Enid and thereafter on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise notified, all meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome, please ring Margaret Caulfield (363686) for further details

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will meet again on Monday 9th February 2015. The group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will next meet on Thursday February 12th and then on Thursday March 5th 2015. On April 23rd the Group will attend a talk by Tanveer Bostan in the Moore Hall to which all are invited - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during January will be held at **New Ebenezer** - the leader this coming Wednesday will be the Rev Colin Sherwood.

CALDERDALE METHODIST CIRCUIT – BEST FOOT FORWARD a Circuit Mission and Vision Team initiative ... Journeying with God into our communities... on Saturday 14th March 2015 from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. at Salem Methodist Church with Rev Ruth Gee (Ex-President of Conference); Ruth Crompton; Jim Hope and Piers Lane – more information to come at a later date.

CALDERDALE INTERFAITH COUNCIL invites you to Halifax Minster at 6.30 p.m. on this coming Tuesday 27th January 2015 to commemorate **Holocaust Memorial Day 70th Anniversary**. The HMD Trust have awarded CIC a special candle to be lit at the above commemoration. Halifax is really honoured to have been awarded one of the 70 candles recalling 70 years since Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated. Particularly in the light of the events in Paris last week it would be good if some members of St Andrew's were able to go the Minster on 27th January to be alongside people of all different faiths and people who are different from you – to show respect and understanding and help to create harmony in Calderdale. See the Poster on the Notice Board for more information

MRS JOAN COLLINGE – following Joan's death last week will friends please note her Funeral service will take place at Park Wood this coming Thursday 29th January 2015 at 9.45 a.m. Please remember Joan, Ann her daughter, and other family members and friends in your prayers at this time.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18TH FEBRUARY 2015 – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HALIFAX invite you to share in a day of prayer and fasting. There are some printed leaflets available from the Vestibule table which give more details about this event – please do take a copy.

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PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS – due to the fact that it has become extremely difficult and time consuming to take the plastic tops for disposal - will friends please note that **we can no longer continue to collect them**. It is now possible to put them into your white plastic bag in which you put plastic containers for collection by the Calderdale Recycling Team – **the only stipulation is that they must be separated and not still attached to the empty milk containers** – thank you to everyone who has brought plastic tops in the past and to Leah for taking them for recycling.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (MWIB) – West Yorkshire District – **Christians Against Poverty** a talk by Rachael Johnson on 26th February 2015 from 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at Highgate Methodist Church – ALL WELCOME – open to men and women.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT are from – Food Drop in Centre report – please read to see the food most needed at this time – “Change Over My Dead Body!” says Jesus – ‘A Christian Reflection’ 25/04/2015 at Addingham - Information on another of the “Minster Series” A programme of public debates on the topics affecting society in Britain today – “Engage Conference” – A conference to equip, resource and support churches engagement with schools - The Bible Society News Letter for January 2015 – The Methodist E News for January 2015 – **please see the extract on the Notice Board about Haiti which was our O & A project during 2013/2014 - NEW ITEMS ADDED THIS WEEK ARE:-** The premiere of RUACH - Spirit of God with Liz Babbs and Simeon Wood at Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Bradford on 7/3//2015 – Ceilidh at St Augustine's on 14/2/2015

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 26 th January	9.30 a.m.	Re-launch of the St Andrew's Toddler Group
Wednesday 28 th January	1.30 p.m.	Ladies Club when the Speaker will be Sharon Lawrence her subject “Busoasis” -

(Busoasis is a Calderdale Methodist Circuit Church funded project. - A Bright Yellow double decker bus, available to Churches, Youth and Community Groups, for Mission and Outreach within Calderdale. The aim of the bus is to tackle the needs of the community by sharing God's love).

Thursday 29 th January	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Thursday 29 th January	7.30 p.m.	O & A Meeting at the home of Tricia & Neil
Sunday 1 st February	9.00 a.m.	Early Morning Communion conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton
	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship Worship conducted by the Rev Graham Smith

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 Graham Smith as they prepare to lead our Services next Sunday – our Early Morning Communion Service will be led by Alistair at 9.00 a.m. and Graham will lead our All Age Worship Service at 10.30 a.m.

Today we join with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as together we all pray for the Church Family at St Paul's, Sowerby Bridge and for their Minister the Rev Francis Neil.

Rev Alistair as he prepares to lead the Pastoral Visitors/Communion Service at Highgate next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m.

For all the Local Preachers who are part of the St Andrew's Church Family as they spend time in preparation for their next Preaching appointments.

Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who need our prayers at this time, for those who are not well at this time either in hospital or recovering at home and for those who have family members or friends unwell at this time. Pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will sustain them all through their time of worry and anxiety for themselves and 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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