

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 18th May 2014
Aldersgate Sunday



10.30 a.m. Morning Worship
conducted by Mrs Kathleen Melling

6.00 p.m. Praise Service led by Mrs Janet Holroyd
and members of the Praise Team
Preacher – Mr Tim Asquith

*'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

- Kathleen, Tim and Janet 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.

10.30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
ON ALDERSGATE SUNDAY
CONDUCTED BY MRS KATHLEEN MELLING

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: SoF 870 Jesus is the name we honour

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN:

HYMN: SoF 208 If I were a butterfly

THE 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 READINGS:

The Epistle – Acts chapter 7 vs 54 – 60

The Gospel – John chapter 14 vs 1 - 14

HYMN: SoF 782

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

BIBLE READING:

The Epistle - 1 Peter chapter 2 vs 2 – 10

SERMON:

"Chosen – for what?"

HYMN: SoF 418

O Jesus I have promised

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

HYMN: SoF 599

When we walk with the Lord

THE BLESSING:

Organist – Mrs Leah Mullin

6.00 p.m. PRAISE SERVICE

LED BY MRS JANET HOLROYD AND MEMBERS OF THE PRAISE TEAM

PREACHER – MR TIM ASQUITH

Song SoF189

Welcome

Worship Songs 1: SoF 418, 788

Opening Prayers

Worship Songs 2: SoF 200, 780

Reading: John 14:1-14

Sermon

Worship Songs 3: SoF 779, 163

Sketch, leading into... The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Songs 4: SoF 599, 589, 1105

Blessing

A MEETING FOR PRAYER will now be 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. We are reminded in verse 5 of StF 529 – **"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air"**

**"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast"**
(StF 529 verse 1 by James Montgomery)

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

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet tomorrow evening - 19th May and then again on Monday 16th June 2014 at 106 Dudwell Lane and the group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – are due to start a new course on types of Christian Spirituality when they next meet this coming Thursday May 22nd and then on Thursdays June 19th and July 10th - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP – please watch this space for information about what the “Seekers” are doing next and the dates they will be meeting.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – MAY 11th to 17th - This year we are urged to “Give people a future without fear”. Thank you very much to those who have volunteered to deliver and collect envelopes locally. If you have not received an envelope at your home address and would like to make a contribution, please take an envelope from the vestibule table and then place it on the offertory plate or give it to me. There are also quiz sheets, with questions on a Yorkshire theme, available in the vestibule at the cost of £1. Thanks again, Lesley Wood

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during May will be held here at St Andrew's - the leader this week will be Mr Ken Speake.

O & A RAVENSCLIFFE APPEAL – please spare a few moments to have a look at the Ravenscliffe Information on the Display Board in the Corridor. During the coming months O & A will be arranging lots of events as we support Ravenscliffe over the next twelve months. In the meanwhile if you have any bright ideas of how money can be raised either personally or as a Church Family then please do let members of O & A know what they are. Watch this space for coming events – we have already raised £323.00 since the Appeal was launched in April - so onwards and upwards from here!

MOUNT ZION announce a Special Open Day next Saturday on “Wesley Day” – 24th May 2014 – the day will begin at 12 noon and go on until 5.00 p.m. with refreshments available until 3.00 p.m. At 1.00 p.m. there will be the official opening of “Irene's Garden” by the Rev Dr Roger Walton. From 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Dr John A Hargreaves will be speaking “Aldersgate, John and Charles Wesley and Mount Zion”. At 3.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Simeon Wood in Concert. See Poster for further details about this Special Open Day.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS - We have recently been informed that CART (who we have been supporting for a number of years,) do not need any more knitting. Many of you have knit away all through this time and I am very loathe to stop doing it. As if by magic, I received an urgent plea from St. Augustine's. They have lots of baby clothes but are desperately short of things for 4 to 7 year old children. What they need are, cardigans, jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves or mittens. In addition, they always need knitted toys. At the same time, The Salvation Army need knitted or crocheted blankets and adult hats and scarves. Pam Dennis will happily join squares together if you find it hard to sew things up. So – here we go again. A good time to resurrect the knitting circles I think. Can you help? We need you to help in any of 3 ways. A) Can you donate suitable patterns that you no longer need? B) Can you donate any wool – any colour including white – that you no longer need? C) Can you do some knitting for either of the above? I know you will help if you can. I will put some suitable patterns out on the vestibule table very soon and I look forward to receiving lots of little garments. Thank you so much, Tricia.

THE OVERGATE HOSPICE CHOIR present a “**Night at the Opera**” with Narrator: Elisabeth Horsey, Accompanist: Alan Horsey, Conductor: Simon Lindley and Soloists: Kristina James, Lucy Appleyard, Christopher Trenholme and Philip Wilcox at All Saints' Church, Elland on Saturday 31st May 2014 at 7.00 p.m. Admission by Ticket only £10.00. Further information available from Valerie Ashworth or see the Notice on the Notice Board.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2014 is coming to ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH on the 12th, 13th and 14th of August 2014 - so dig out your sunglasses, swimming costumes and sandals and of course your buckets and spades in preparation for another lovely “Holiday at Home” in 2014 – Application forms are available from the Vestibule Table – please fill one in and hand to either Stella or Glenda.

LOVE CALDERDALE – 31st May 2014 – on Southgate, Corn Market, Russell Street and Woolshops and everything is **FREE** – see the Poster on the Notice Board for further information.

BREEZY KNEES GARDENS, YORK - we are having to trip to the gardens on Thursday 3rd July we will leave Church at 9.30 am and return between 5pm & 6 pm The cost will be £20 for the coach and admission into the gardens. If you are interested in joining us please have a word with Glenda a.s.a.p.

CHURCH WEEKEND 2015 - this will be held on the 13 - 15th March 2015 at Grange-over-Sands. Please put this date in your diary.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE FOR ALICE'S WONDERFUL GARDEN – Do you remember Alice Jenny Hake who was baptised into the St Andrew's Church Family last November? - Alice needs our help and this is why – Her Family write - “Alice Jenny Hake was born on the 15th June 2013 after a normal pregnancy and delivery. At 6 weeks old her head hadn't grown and we were sent for an ultrasound test at the hospital. The results showed that Alice's brain hadn't developed correctly while I was carrying her resulting in Alice having Agenesis corpus callosum with hemispheric cyst and Microcephaly. Alice currently attends 3 physiotherapy sessions a week and has regular appointments at the hospital. Alice's 1st birthday is coming up and we would like to make her a sensory garden to enjoy with her friends and family all year round. Alice's Daddy is being joined by some friends and family to complete a bike ride from Blackpool to Halifax on 21st June and are asking for sponsors to help fund the garden development. Thank you for your support – Gail, Aaron and Alice Jenny Hake....Alice and her family have been coming to Messy Church recently and it would be great if we could support her and her family in this fund raising event. There is a Sponsor Form on the Vestibule Table if you would like to sign up to help Alice.

HALIFAX BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP invite you to a service of ‘**Pentecost Praise**’ with the Salvation Army Band when the speaker will be Andrea Robinson, Bible Society's Church Partnership Manager for the North – this is being held on Sunday 1st June 2014 at the Salvation Army Citadel, Halifax beginning at 6.15 p.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING COURSE 2014 – a new course is planned with eight sessions – 16th & 30th June; 17th July; 8th & 22nd September; 6th & 20th October and 10th November – all will be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2EQ – Please see the Notice on the Board of how to register – If you would like to become or find out more about becoming a Worship Leader then this is the Course for You.

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: - MwIB Events - Half Day Seminar on British Muslim Women :Beyond the Myths - Course run by the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds on Mental Health and the Church's Care - Food and Support Group report – The Methodist Church E-News for April 2014 – Methodist Church Publishing News for March 2014 – World Church Relationships News Bulletin – April 2014 – Wesley Study Centre News – Information regarding a Calderdale Methodist Circuit Organ Scholarship – do you know of anyone who may be interested in this position?

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent and Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Open to God – Mr Ken Speake
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Group
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship conducted by Mrs Stella Christie
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion conducted by the Rev Francis Neil

During this week please pray for:

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

Mrs Stella Christie and the Rev Francis Neil as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively.

John Hargreaves, Sue Ng and Ann Ashton as they prepare to lead Worship at Boothtown & Southowram, Clifton and Luddendenfoot URC Churches next Sunday morning.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at Cross Hills and their Ministers the Rev Francis Neil and the Rev Colin Sherwood.

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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