

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 12th October 2014



**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by the
 Rev Graham Smith**

**3.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Heptonstall Methodist Church with the
 President of Conference the Rev Kenneth Howcroft**

*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

- Graham and all who take part in our Service this morning.
- 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 THE
 REV GRAHAM SMITH**

INTRODUCTION:

HYMN: StF 17 With gladness we worship, rejoice as we sing

PRAYER:

TALK:

SONG: I cannot come (based on Luke chapter 14 verses 15 – 24 & Matthew chapter 22 verses 1 – 14)
 Accompanied by guitar

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”

FIRST READING: Isaiah chapter 25 verses 1 – 9 (O.T. page 689)

HYMN: StF 481 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

SECOND READING: Matthew chapter 22 verses 1 – 14 (N.T. page 32)

SERMON: “The parable of the wedding feast”

READING: “This Jesus”

HYMN: StF 401 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast

PRAYERS:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: StF 116 Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation

THE BLESSING:

Organist : Mr David Whiteley

PLEASE NOTE – NO EVENING SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S TODAY

**3.00 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE
 A CIRCUIT SERVICE AT HEPTONSTALL METHODIST CHURCH TO CELEBRATE THEIR
 250TH ANNIVERSARY – THE PREACHER WILL BE
 THE REV KENNETH HOLCROFT – PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE**

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 –
*The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay,
 our peace, and joy, and blessing; as with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own,
 his chosen band: to God all praise and glory!*

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

OUR HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE – a HUGE thank you to everyone who so generously supported the work of the Drop in Centre at New Ebenezer by bringing your harvest gifts last Sunday. All your gifts were thankfully received by the Centre and will make the work that goes on week by week to continue over the coming weeks – **THANK YOU – two very small words that mean such a lot!**

HEPTONSTALL METHODIST CHURCH are celebrating their 250th Anniversary over this week-end which cumulates at 3.00 p.m. today with a Circuit Service with the President of the Methodist Conference the Rev Kenneth Howcroft – See the Poster on the Notice Board for more details. You will be able to park in the Social and Bowling Club car park at the bottom of the Longfield. Just follow the parking signs.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? - The church desperately needs another two or three people to prepare and project the PowerPoints for services. You don't need to be an expert, just to have basic computer skills. Support and training will be available. If you think you could help, or just to find out more, then please talk to Margaret Barnes or Graham.

THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – the Group has been to visit 5 Methodist churches in the Skipton and Keighley areas to talk to people who had in recent years made big changes to the way their church operates and to see the kind of buildings that they have. Some very useful information for how St Andrew's might change! If anyone knows of a very exciting church building not too far from Halifax please let Sue Wright know and maybe a visit to that one might be made too.

O&A QUIZ - we had a record numbers of entries returned, of which 5 were correct. The winning one drawn was Alan Galloway. Thank you all for your participation. The Back to School Quiz raised £154.00 for the Ravenscliffe Appeal and this amount is included in the above total. The answers to the Quiz are on the wall in the Corridor leading into the Coffee Lounge.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - Glenda would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking over the running of the Parent and Toddler Group on Monday mornings.

MINISTRY OF CHURCH FLOWERS - thank you very much to those people who donate so generously to the Flower Fund! It is very much appreciated by those who receive them. We try and reach out to the elderly, ill, bereaved, those who are celebrating a happy occasion and those who go the extra mile for St. Andrew's and of course new people that walk through our doors. There are a few dates still available for this year - see me - and a new list for next year is now on the vestibule wall. So, big thanks again, Margaret Whiteley.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will next meet on Monday 20th October and then again on Monday's 17th November and 15th December. 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 meet again on Thursday October 30th and then on December 11th. Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP will meet again on Monday's 3rd November and then again on 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.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during October will be held here at **St Andrew's** - the leader this coming Wednesday will be the Rev Francis Neil.

OVERGATE HOSPICE CHOIR – present a Concert "**Lest we Forget**" in commemoration of the First World War Centenary Year next Saturday 18th October 2014 at Halifax Minster – See the Poster on the Notice Board for more information or have a word with Valerie Ashworth.

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH, ELLAND invites you to their "**All Souls' Day Service**" on Sunday 2nd November 2014 at 6.00 p.m. This will be a service of quiet reflection and a time to remember loved ones who have died, whether recently or longer ago. See Poster on Notice Board for more information.

THE REV IAN LEWIS OBE – we are sad to announce that the Rev Ian Lewis OBE died peacefully on October 2nd. 2014 – Mrs Lewis writes "Ian served thirteen years in Halifax in the 1960's and 70's and brought together six churches to build St. Andrew's Methodist Church. It had a very large youth membership and a coffee bar crammed full of young and old. The Celebration Service is on Thursday October 16th at Ben Rhydding Methodist Church, Ilkley at 1.30 pm. with refreshments to follow at Emmandjay Court, Valley Drive, Ilkley. Please convey my greetings to the churches in Halifax. Together, Ian and I and our two boys have very fond memories. Any donations will be given to the Alzheimer's Society. Sincerely, Audrey Lewis" Many of you will have your own fond memories of Mr Lewis and we remember him and his family in our prayers at this time.

THE FAIR TRADE STALL sold goods to the value of £133.32 last Sunday – thank you to everyone who supported the stall. There is a poster on the wall leading into the Coffee Lounge detailing the Christmas cards on sale from Traid Craft this year if you would like to order any of these cards then please have a word with either Vivienne or Enid. There is also a Catalogue on the Vestibule table if you would like to have a look at what's on offer this year.

FRIENDS OF SABEEL UK IN YORKSHIRE – a film and discussion evening about the treatment of Palestinian child prisoners, based on a recent film and report by Defence for Children International. The event will be held at our usual venue of Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane, Leeds (just a few minutes walk from Leeds railway station) from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday 29th October – For any further information see the notice on the Notice Board.

FOR CICS NEWS – please see the News Sheet on the Notice Board.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CALDERDALE – needs your help – Youth for Christ Calderdale has the opportunity to run the football cage in a number of locations in Calderdale, but in order to do this, we need the help of volunteers. Could you give an afternoon once every few weeks to help us out? We are looking for volunteers for the following roles (See the Poster on the Notice Board for these roles) - **Training will be given where required.**

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 - Job Opportunities – Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service require Volunteers - Methodist Evangelicals Together led by Rev Dr Derek Tidball – Touchstone Event – Weaving Women's Wisdom – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Methodist E-News for September – Bible Society News Letter – Methodist Publishing News for September – Fresh Expressions Course – Mission shaped ministry-Taster evening Monday November 17th in Sheffield – World Church Relationships News Bulletin – A Craft Fair is to be held at Southgate, Elland next Saturday from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. – Lots of things on offer – Admission £1.00 – An Evening of musical entertainment with "One Accord" at Clifton Methodist Church also on 18th October at 7.30 p.m. – Happiness Course – exploring the meaning of happiness in your community – Job Application as an Administrator at Touchstone – Info re Volunteer Football Cage Workers

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

Monday		PLEASE NOTE NO PARENT & TODDLER GROUP MEETING this week
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Open to God led by the Rev Francis Neil
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and the hymns of Moody and Sankey conducted by the Rev Colin Sherwood
	6.00 p.m.	Café Worship led by David & Margaret Whiteley and members of the Praise Team

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
The Rev Colin Sherwood and David, Margaret and members of the Praise Team as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
The Church Family at Heptonstall and all who take part in their 250th Anniversary Celebrations and Circuit Service today at 3.00 p.m.
Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at Christ Church, Hipperholme and for their minister the Rev Patrick Taylor.
Rev Alistair, Sue Ng, Stella Christie and Tim Asquith as they prepare to lead Worship next Sunday at Southgate, Elland, Cross Hills, Highgate and Salem.
We continue to remember all members of the St Andrew's Church Family who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.
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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