

# ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014



**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship**  
conducted by Mr Robert Booth

**6.00 p.m. Praise Service led by Mr Tim Asquith and members  
of the Praise Team**  
Preacher : 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- Mr Robert Booth, Rev Alistair Newton, Mr Tim Asquith and members of the Praise Team 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** CONDUCTED BY MR ROBERT BOOTH

### **WELCOME:**

HYMN: StF 8 God be with us: Creator, Father...

### **PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

WITH THE CHILDREN: led by David Whiteley

HYMN: StF 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky...

### **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.

### **READINGS:**

Psalm 123 (O.T. page 617)

Matthew chapter 25 verses 14 – 28 (N.T. page 37)

Give me the faith which can remove...

HYMN: StF 661

### **PRAYER:**

### **THE OFFERING & DEDICATION:**

READING: 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 1 – 11 (N.T. page 259)

HYMN: StF 491 As servants working an estate whose owner is away...

### **SERMON:**

### **PRAYER:**

HYMN: StF 634

Fight the good fight with all your might...

### **THE BLESSING:**

Organist : Mr David Whiteley

## **6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE LED BY TIM ASQUITH AND MEMBERS OF THE PRAISE TEAM** PREACHER : THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is 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 –

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

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us, Revive your church, with life and power;**

**O breathe of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart;**

**Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,**

**Revive your church in every part.**

**Bessie Porter Head (1850 – 1936) H&P 777 verses 1 & 3**

**LOTS OF THINGS ARE HAPPENNING NEXT SUNDAY** starting with our service of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. conducted by the Rev Alistair which will include the dedication of our Pastoral Visitors. This will be followed by the signing of Christmas Cards which will then be sent to Christians and others in prison for their beliefs and following this we will be able to view the efforts of the Junior Church Lego activity on behalf of our Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall Appeal. We do hope you will support the children in their endeavours to raise money for the Appeal and show off their building skills – who knows we may have budding Architects and Engineers in our midst.

**JUNIOR CHURCH - BUY A LEGO BRICK FOR RAVENSCLIFFE** - Junior Church children are asking for donations of just 50p towards their Ravenscliffe fund raising event. This will be a Lego brick building activity on the 23/11/14 when the resulting 'builds' will be on display in the main hall after the service, and photographs on screen the following week. We would be very grateful if you could support the children in this fun fund raising. Thank you.

**MOUNT ZION** held their special service recently to mark the end of an era of regular Sunday Services in their church so this special Carol Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 is not on your next plan. The Circuit Office will endeavour to keep us informed of any special events or services held at Mount Zion in the future as they continue to be a special Heritage Centre.

**OPEN TO GOD** – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during November will be held at **Illingworth Moor** - the leader this coming Wednesday will be the Rev Graham Smith.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST ANDREW'S** – although it's hard to believe Christmas 2014 will very soon be here – in fact after today we only have 38 days before we celebrate the birthday of Jesus! – before that though we have lots of special events to celebrate and we would like you to make a note in your diaries of the following events - and look forward to seeing you celebrate with us -

- 30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent begins
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Gift & Toy Service
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service to which everyone is invited
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Messy Church at Christmas
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Church Nativity followed by a Christmas Lunch in support of Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall – tickets available next week
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Morning Worship followed by Mince Pies and Coffee
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Carols by Candlelight at 5.00 p.m. preceded by a buffet tea at 4.00 p.m. and refreshments after the Carol Service
- 24<sup>th</sup> December - 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30 a.m. Celebration of Jesus' birthday party

Please watch this space for further details of all these events – see the first one below –

**YOU ARE INVITED TO..... JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY**, here at 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day morning. Transport can be provided – see Margaret or David – **See you there.**

**PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** - as in previous years we shall be sending Christmas cards to Christians and others in prison for their beliefs. Cards will be available for signing after morning worship next Sunday, November 23rd and then again on the 30th. Postage outside Europe is now £1.28 for the smallest cards. Over 20g is £2.15. Consequently we have to ask for a donation of £1.50 to cover card and postage. Please support as generously as in the past. It means so much to prisoners to know they are not forgotten.

**RAVENSCLIFFE@SPRING HALL – A NEW QUIZ IS AVAILABLE – “TOYS AND GAMES”** this time and appropriately named for this time of year. The Quiz costs £1.00 and can be bought from Tricia, Sue and other members of the O & A Group – we look forward to your support for Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall – thank you.

**CHURCH WEEKEND - Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March 2015** - If you are interested in joining us on the Church Weekend please add your name to the list and give Glenda a £20 deposit. Leaflets about the weekend are available in the Church entrance. We are going to Grange-over-Sands again as the hotel offers a sea view and lots of comfortable space for fellowship together. All rooms are en-suite and there are single, twin and double rooms. We enjoy a weekend of Christian fellowship together, with time to enjoy the surrounding areas.

**THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP** will next meet on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and then on Monday's 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at the home of Vivienne & Enid and begin at 7.30 p.m.

**THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP** – will next meet on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> and then on Thursday's January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> 2015. Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

**THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will next meet on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

**THE LADIES CLUB** – will Ladies please note that during the months when the nights are dark the Ladies have taken the decision to meet fortnightly on a Wednesday **afternoon from 1.30 p.m. until 3.00 p.m.** Their next meeting will be this coming Wednesday - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 when the speaker will be Vera Parojic who will talk about Malaysia.

**EBOLA APPEAL** - thanks to your generosity, I have been able to send £117.00 to Christian Aid over the last two weeks. £90.00 of the donations was gift-aided, adding a further £22.50 to the total amount.... Lesley Wood

**WHO LIVES IN A HOUSE LIKE THIS (Picture on the Notice Board)** – well - it could be you! – Joseph Crossley Almshouses have upstairs and downstairs flats available more information on the Poster on the Notice Board.

**CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHOUSE** are holding a Taizé Service this evening - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November and they send an invitation to the service and they'd also like to invite anyone who's interested in joining the singers' to come to a rehearsal at Central, Brighouse at 3.00 pm this afternoon, and maybe learn some of the songs for the service.

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

**THE FOOD AND SUPPORT DROP IN CENTRE** report for last week is on the Notice Board and also details of “Christmas Day at the Drop In” and information about the Inn Churches Programme which will run again this year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 until the end of March 2015.

**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 - CICS Annual Meeting 19/11/2014 at Northowram – Halifax Minster (BBC Radio Leeds) Christmas Carol Service 4/12/2014 – Info re Book Launch Monday 1/12/2014 “Growing Dementia Friendly Churches” - Information re the Overgate Hospice “Light up a Life 2014 events – Cross Hills Methodist Church invitation to a service of Sacred Songs and Solos Sunday 23/11/2014 at 6.00 p.m. and also to their Christmas Fair 6/12/2014 - St Paul's, Sowerby Bridge “Christmas Tree Festival” during December – MWIB Event “Christmas Joy” at Southgate 6/12/2014 – Carol Service at Mount Zion Sunday 14/12/2014 – Christmas Fayre at Boothtown & Southowram 6/12/2014 – Durham Preaching Conference – West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council Unity Post – Food & Support Drop in Report – Order a copy of a DVD made by Your Way (Yahweh) the Youth Choir at Cross Hills - Methodist Evangelicals Together led by Rev Dr Derek Tidball – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Methodist E-News for November – Bible Society News Letter – Fresh Expressions Course – Mission shaped ministry - Taster evening Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> in Sheffield – World Church Relationships News Bulletin — MWIB Advent Reflections with the Rev Dr Roger Walton on Thursday 27/11/2014 and a letter from Judith Robinson, West Yorkshire District MWIB President – Job Opportunity for Pastoral Worker for Skipton & Grassington Circuit - **please take time to look at the Notice Board and find out what is happening here and in the wider Community.**

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

Wednesday	1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Ladies Club – Speaker Mrs Vera Parojic
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts O & A Meeting at the home of Tricia & Neil
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and the Pastoral Visitors' Dedication Service conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship conducted by the Rev Patrick Taylor

**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 Patrick Taylor as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at Highgate and for their Minister the Rev Alistair Newton.

The Rev Alistair Newton and Mrs Stella Christie as they prepare to lead Worship next Sunday at Clifton and Salem.

Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who need our prayers and for those 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 themselves and for their loved ones. We think particularly of Leah our Senior Steward recuperating at home following surgery and Ann (Ashton) still in Huddersfield RI with a broken hip and the Rev Christine Perry who is in hospital.

**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](mailto:j.turner302@btinternet.com) or by phone (362654)

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