

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 17th August 2014



10.30 a.m. – Morning Worship with Family Communion
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

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

- Alistair, Christine 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 WITH FAMILY COMMUNION
CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: StF 342 All hail the power of Jesu's name!

PRAYERS:

READING: Isaiah chapter 56 verses 1, 6 – 8 (O.T. page 721)

HYMN: StF 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell

READING: Matthew chapter 15 verses 10 – 28 (N.T. page 23)

HYMN: StF 685 In Christ there is no east or west

SERMON:

PRAYERS:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 594 Lord Jesus Christ

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

HYMN: StF 487 You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace

BLESSING:

6.00 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP
CONDUCTED BY THE REV CHRISTINE PERRY

'AN EVENING PRAYER'

**THIS EVENING'S SERVICE WILL BE AS PRINTED ON THE SEPARATE SHEET
AND WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING HYMNS AND BIBLE READINGS**

HYMN: H&P 513 Stand up, and bless the Lord verses 1, 2 and 4

HYMN: H&P 753 All praise to our redeeming Lord verses 1 – 3

HYMN: H&P 280 Breathe on me, Breath of God

HYMN: H&P 804 The Church of Christ, in every age

READINGS: Ephesians chapter 6 verses 11, 14 – 18
Luke chapter 11 verses 1 - 13

Organist – Mr David Whiteley

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 –

Lord, teach us how to pray aright with reverence and with fear;

though fallen sinners in thy sight, we may, we must, draw near.

Our spirits fail through lack of prayer: O grant us power to pray;

and when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way

(Methodist Hymns Old and New 484 verses 1 & 2 – James Montgomery (1771 – 1854))

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

THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON – we are glad to welcome Alistair and Carol back from Sabbatical and hope and pray that this has been a special time of refreshment and learning for Alistair.

CHURCH FUTURE WORKING GROUP: the group met for the first time recently. You will see on the south wall of the church sheets of paper with sticky notes. These have ideas on for the group to work from. Please read them and add to them, if you would like to do so. They will all be considered.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2014 – well as they say ‘all good things must come to an end’ and this years Holiday at Home was certainly good and enjoyed by all who came, and that is what we as a Church wanted to happen – this event has become part of our church family life and very grateful thanks are extended to **‘EVERYBODY’** who was involved in any way at all to make it the success it was – Kay and Clive sold Fairtrade goods to the value of £86.90 on Wednesday and thank everyone for supporting Fairtrade – Watch this space for news of “Holiday at Home 2015”!!

MR JIM HOLCROFT – it is with sadness that we record the death of Mr Jim Holcroft whose Funeral Service will take place here at St Andrew's tomorrow at 12 noon. Please remember Jim and members of his family in your prayers at this sad time.

O & A RAVENSCLIFFE APPEAL – a very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported the Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall Appeal since it was launched on Palm Sunday – the total already stands at **£1,006.00 – Thank You!** **THE SUMMER QUIZ ENTITLED “BACK TO SCHOOL”** is now on sale from members of the Group at £1.00 per quiz. Hannah Palfreeman has once again set this quiz for us and we are very grateful to her for her continued support as we raise money for the Ravenscliffe@Spring Hall Appeal. Please buy a copy if you can. Pens are also on sale – they are on the table in the Vestibule - £1.00 each.

SYBIL AND CATHY thought you would like to know that they raised £330.00 for cancer research by doing the Race for Life. Thanks very much to all at St Andrew's who sponsored them.

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – have started a new course on types of Christian Spirituality and will next meet on Thursday August 28th and then on Thursdays September 25th and October 30th. Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP – begin a new session on Monday 1st September 2014 and thereafter will meet on the first Monday of each month up to the end of this year and will continue the study “Time to Talk of God”. All meetings are held at the home of Vivienne & Enid and begin at 7.30 p.m.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane are taking a short summer break at present but will begin to meet again on Monday 22nd September and then on Monday's 20th October, 17th November and 15th December and the group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during August will be meeting at **New Ebenezer** - the leader this week will be the Rev Alistair Newton.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A CIRCUIT SERVICE to which all are invited on Saturday 30th August 2014 at St Matthew's Rastrick Anglican-Methodist Church to welcome the Rev Mark Cheetham as a Circuit Minister.

THE METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK for 2014/5 will be available in September. It contains prayers for each day of the month, reflecting concern for the world church as well as for each Methodist District in Great Britain and Ireland. The price is around £3.50 to £4 depending on numbers and postage. Please sign the list in the vestibule by August 24th if you would like a copy.

CHRISTIAN AID'S GAZA APPEAL - GAZA CRISIS: UNIMAGINABLE SUFFERING - As each day passes more innocent civilians are being killed as a result of Israel's disproportionate attacks in Gaza. To date, 789 Palestinians, including 185 children, have been killed in the Gaza Strip, and more than 149,000 people have been forced from their homes. 37 Israelis have been killed. This has got to stop. Christian Aid is deeply concerned for the security of both Israeli and Palestinian civilians and condemn violence on all sides, including rocket fire from Gaza. The people of Gaza desperately need your support. You can help save lives – Christian Aid Envelopes are available from the Vestibule table if you would like to help by giving donations – please write **“GAZA CRISIS”** on the envelope – **Thank you.**

THE REV GORDON TURNER - it is with sadness that we advise you of the death last Friday of the Rev Gordon Turner, a supernumerary minister in the North Kirklees & Morley 27/36 circuit. Gordon was very well known around the District having served in Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Dewsbury and Elland in addition to stations away from this area. He had been suffering from lung cancer and had gone into residential care a short time ago. He leaves two sons and a daughter. Funeral arrangements are not yet known.

AN INVITATION has been received for friends from St Andrew's to attend **Fernside Hall Summer Fayre** this coming Friday from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Further details are on the Notice Board – **ALL WELCOME.**

FOOD AND SUPPORT DROP IN CENTRE AT NEW EBENEZER – because of the steep rise in people needing help the food supplies are getting very low and we are asked especially for the following types of food – pasta sauce – (tomato) – tinned meals – e.g. meat balls, Irish stew, etc – tinned vegetables – tinned fruit – coffee – instant noodles - bags of pasta – tins of custard – tinned potatoes – tins of beans – tins of soup – toiletries but NOT hair conditioner – **HOPE YOU CAN HELP – THANK YOU.**

CHRISTIAN AID – if anyone would like to sponsor either Rev Judith Satchell or the Rev Jane Wild in their sporting efforts on behalf of Christian Aid please see details on the Notice Board.

THE HALIFAX MINSTER have some Indian worshippers at the Minster at the moment and are planning on having a social evening for them and invite anyone interested in going to join them for the **‘INDIAN EVENING’** at 7.00 pm, on Saturday 6th September. This will be an opportunity to socialise, eat, and learn about each other and especially our Indian friends who worship at the Minster. Please sign the sheet on the Vestibule Table if you would like to go or have a word with Margaret Barnes.

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 – Information about “Reading the Bible from Alpha to Omega” in an 84 hour non-stop marathon in September – Called to Preach? – A Taster Session for the Local Preacher Training Course – See Poster for further details – Southgate, Elland present An Afternoon with The Gilbert & Sullivan Society on Saturday 13th September 2014 – Information from Friends of Sabeel – Kairos Britain Statement & Call to Action on Gaza – Statement on Notice Board – Youth Leader wanted by Silsden Methodist Church in the Airedale Circuit – Information on Notice Board –Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Ecumenism – MHA Conference – Where is my older neighbour? – Calderdale Heritage Open Days – Children's Ministry Enabler required in the Bradford North Circuit – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Fernside Hall Summer Fayre – Friday 22nd August 2014 from 2.30 p.m. onwards – Methodist Women in Britain – Fundraising Lunch with guest speaker Craig Whittaker, MP for Calder Valley on 20/09/2014 at Brighouse Central Methodist Church -

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE WEEK – 18th - 24th August 2014

During the School Holidays the Youth Organisations are taking their Summer Break.

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Friday	7.30 p.m.	Music Group Practice
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship conducted by Mrs Sue Ng
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion conducted by the Rev Harry Scott

During this week please pray for:

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

Mrs Sue Ng and the Rev Harry Scott as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively.

Tim Asquith, Rev Alistair and Sue Ng as they prepare to lead worship at Illingworth Moor, St Paul's, Sowerby Bridge, Southgate, Elland and Brighouse Central next Sunday.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at St Matthew's LEP at Rastrick as they await the arrival of their new Minister the Rev Mark Cheetham.

For all who are taking a Summer Break that they enjoy a wonderful time of refreshment and relaxation and also for those who cannot take a break away from home this year for whatever reason. Ask God that they all may all be refreshed by some lovely summer weather and time away from ‘normal’ duties.

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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