

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 17th March 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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

6.00 p.m. Praise Service
conducted by Mr Peter Jenner and members of the Praise Team
Preacher : Rev Stephanie Jenner

**‘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

- Mrs Kathleen Melling, Rev Steph Jenner, Mr Peter Jenner 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 MRS KATHLEEN M MELLING
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
THEME – “WHAT DOES DISCIPLESHIP MEAN TO YOU”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: SoF 1187

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN:

HYMN: SoF 299

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.

SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 34 verses 1 – 3

Before the throne of God above

Mouse's story

Jesus put this song into our hearts

Philippians chapter 4 verses 4 – 13 (NT p 250)

John chapter 14 verses 15 – 31 (NT p 138)

HYMNS:

SoF 197

SoF 177

SoF 89

I am a new creation

His name is wonderful

Faithful One, so unchanging

“WHAT DISCIPLESHIP MEANS TO ME”

SERMON:

HYMN: SoF 1163

All to Jesus I surrender

THE OFFERING TAKEN AND RECEIVED:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

HYMN: SoF 21

And can it be

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE
LED BY MR PETER JENNER AND MEMBERS OF THE PRAISE TEAM
PREACHER : THE REV STEPHANIE JENNER

PLANNED PREACHING FOR LENT – Today is the last in the series of our Planned Preaching Services and today we will hear from Mrs Kathleen Melling and we look forward to hearing what she has to say to us.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to the Rev Alistair for leading our Church Family Week-end to Grange-over-Sands last week and also to Glenda for all her careful planning both before and during the week-end. Those who went had a fabulous time and all welcomed this special time of sharing and getting to know each other better as we spent more time together as part of the church family. Please consider joining us next year - you can certainly be assured that you would enjoy the occasion, it is great fun. Thanks also go to everyone who was part of the week-end – it wouldn't have been the same without YOU!

THE MEMBERS OF THE OUTREACH AND AWARENESS GROUP would like to remind you that during 2013 we will, as a church family be focussing our thoughts on bringing awareness and raising some much needed money to help the people of Haiti, a country which lies in the path of many hurricanes and tropical storms. In 2010 thousands of people were killed or lost their homes and possessions following a massive earthquake and it is with the rebuilding and fitting out of a school and the lives of some of the children that we are looking forward to trying our very best to help. **The Haiti Appeal will be launched next Sunday which is Palm Sunday at a service led by the Rev Alistair Newton with the Rev Edward Holmes a former missionary in Haiti taking part.** A display will be going on the notice board and we do hope that you will take a little time to read and find out all you can about Haiti and as a group we also would like you to know that we are very grateful to you all for your support during last year's appeal and ask for your prayers and support for the 2013 O & A Appeal for Haiti, may the Lord continue to bless all we do in His name to ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters at the other side of the world – **THANK YOU.**

MRS BETTY POTTER wishes to say thank you for all the supportive prayers, cards, good wishes, visits, flowers and the most acceptable meals she has received during the past few weeks. Betty sends her most grateful love to everyone for their kindness. Please continue to remember Betty and others of the church family who need our continual support through prayer at this time.

JUMBLE SALE - Church is holding a jumble sale this coming Wednesday – 20th March. If you have any jumble please bring it along to Church by Wednesday morning. If you have any jumble that needs collecting please have a word with Glenda. Hope you are free to come along and help – please have a word with Glenda **TODAY** if you can help to sort and serve on the day – thank you.

DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN LENT: the last in the series of lunchtime talks followed by a light lunch will be held this coming Friday March 22nd in the Moore Hall here at St Andrew's when the speaker will be from Christian Aid. **PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN** - All Welcome.

LUNCH AFTER THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – as part of their fund raising efforts for Haiti members of O & A will be serving a meal directly after the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 14th April 2013 and hope as many of you as possible will stay and share in the fellowship whilst we enjoy a meal together. Please will you sign the list on the Vestibule Table if you would like to stay. There will be a charge of £4.00 for the lunch.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED – The course Christianity Explored gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ - You don't need to know anything about the Bible - You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing - You can ask any question you want, or just listen. This course will be led by our Minister and will start on **Tuesday 9th April** and run every Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m., ending on May 21st. Starting with a light meal the sessions will end about 9.15pm. The course will include an Away Day at the Blackley Centre on 11th May. Please book these dates in your diary - See the Notice Board for more information or pick up a card from the vestibule table. **WILL ALL FRIENDS WHO ARE HOPING TO SHARE IN THE CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN ONE OF THE TWO LISTS AVAILABLE IN EITHER THE VESTIBULE OR IN THE COFFEE BAR.** If you would like more information about this Course please have a word with either Stella or Susan (Hargreaves) – **THANK YOU.**

OPEN TO GOD – will meet at 10.00 a.m. each Wednesday morning during March at Illingworth Moor Church the leader this week is Mrs Paula Prosser.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on Monday 15th April 2013. All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Vivienne and Enid. The group will be pleased to welcome new friends to join them. If you want to find out more please contact Margaret Caulfield (363686).

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on Wednesday April 17th and then on Wednesday May 16th followed by a meeting on **Thursday** June 20th. Please note the Green Park Fellowship Group will then continue to meet monthly on a **Thursday evening**. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

CHRISTIAN AID'S 48TH LONG MARCH "Fighting Poverty Step by Step"– takes place on Easter Sunday Night – 31st March 2013 – see the Notice Board for information re either walking or helping.

FRIENDS OF SABEEL UK – YORKSHIRE – offers a day for Christian Prayer and Reflection at Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel, City Square, Leeds on Saturday 13th April entitled "The Holy Land – Experience, Reflection, Action" The speaker is Bishop Richard Llewellyn (who is also preaching at Evensong at Halifax Minster at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 14th April, 2013) – All welcome – See further information on the Notice Board.

AS REPORTED LAST WEEK - Andrew, Donald's son who has been helping out with the caretaking work at Church is leaving as he has managed to get a permanent full time job. We thank him for all his help while Donald has been off sick. We will be having cleaners coming in to keep the place clean, but please can you all make sure you tidy up after your group has used a room. Donald is still undergoing treatment so we don't know when he will be returning to work. Thank you Glenda.

RADIO 4 ON PALM SUNDAY is live from Methodist Central Hall Westminster with our old minister Rev Martin Turner preaching – so set your radio for 8.10 am to hear this broadcast!

PRAYERS FOR CALDERDALE – you are invited to the next meeting at the Halifax Minster on Saturday 30th March from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. this date which falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday is an appropriate time to pray for our borough – Prayer requests to be shared on the day can be made to prayersforcalderdale@gmail.com.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS – a World Church event will be held on **Sunday 16th June 2013** when Paul and Sarah Wright will be coming – they are currently serving in Nepal. The event will be held here at St Andrew's and starts at 3.00 p.m. with a talk by Paul and Sarah. There will be a faith finger tea about 4.30 p.m. followed by a Circuit Evening Service at 6.00 p.m. **PLEASE ALSO BOOK** the following date in your diary for a World Church Committee Meeting to which all churches are invited to send a representative – **Saturday 5th October 2013 at Todmorden from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon.**

THE CIRCUIT CHURCH AND SOCIETY GROUP have arranged a series of talks during the Autumn of this year. The topics are particularly relevant to the Christian and contemporary society – please take time to look at the poster on the Notice Board and book the dates in your diary **NOW.**

OVERGATE HOSPICE CHOIR present a **"HYMN SING"** at Brighthouse Central Methodist Church on Saturday 23rd March 2013 at 7.30 p.m. See Valerie Ashworth for tickets or further information.

THE NETWORK (MWiB) EASTER OFFERING SERVICE "Beyond the Harbour Wall" will be held at Mytholmroyd Methodist Church on Tuesday April 23rd at 2.30 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.**

CICS ANNUAL OPEN MEETING on Monday 22nd April in the Sacred Space of Trinity Academy, Halifax, have been confirmed and we would appreciate it if you could advertise it, hopefully using the attachment in your magazine and printing it off to display. As you will see, the main focus will be an hour, maximum, from 6.30 p.m. so if anyone has another meeting on Monday night they may well be able to do both!

EVENTS NOTICES – LOTS TO READ AGAIN THIS WEEK – Methodist e News - News from the Drop In Centre – Bible Society Newsletter – The Saviour at Southgate Methodist Church Good Friday at 7.30 p.m. - One Man Passion Play coming to Yorkshire 26th/27th March 2013 – Easter Labyrinth at Derby Dale – Afternoon Teas at Lumbutts Methodist Church on various dates during the coming months - Methodist Women in Britain Residential Conference at Swanwick – Cotton Reels, etc for the Mount Zion Heritage Group - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group – Halifax Choral Society – Symphony of Psalms 24/3/2013 - Love so amazing! a production by Greetland & Lindwell Church on Sunday March 24th at 6.00 p.m. – Calderdale Big Band at Highgate Methodist Church on Saturday 26th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.00 each call 01422- 357487 to reserve – Mission Event at St Andrew's 16th June – Information on the Church and Society Talks arranged for later in the year -

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
Wednesday	1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Good as New Sale
	6.30 p.m.	Jumble Sale
Thursday	6.15 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
	7.15 p.m.	Music Group Practice
Friday	12 noon in the Moore Hall	Lent Lunch with a speaker from Christian Aid

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
Rev Alistair Newton & Rev Edward Holmes as they prepare to lead our service next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. This Service marks the launch of our 2013 Appeal for Haiti and the Rev Christine Perry as she prepares to lead our evening service at 6.00 p.m.

Mrs Stella Christie as she prepares to lead worship at Salem next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and the Rev Alistair Newton as he prepares to lead worship at Clifton next Sunday at 6.00 p.m.

Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Southgate, Elland and for their minister the Rev Stephen Barnett

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.

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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