

## ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014



10.30 a.m. – Morning Worship  
conducted by Mrs Sue Ng

6.00 p.m. – Evening Worship with Holy Communion from Iona  
conducted by the Rev Harry Scott

*'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

- Sue and Harry 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.

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10.30 A.M. – MORNING WORSHIP CONDUCTED BY MRS SUE NG

### PREPARATION AND PRAISE:

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Voice 1: Jesus asked, 'Who do people say that I am?'  
Voice 2: Some say John the Baptist.  
Voice 3: Some say Elijah.  
Voice 4: Others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.  
Voice 1: And you, who do you say that Jesus is?  
All: We say that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.  
Voice 1: Then let us worship together in His name.

HYMN: StF 353 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it...

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: Graham Oakley

CHILDREN'S TALK:

HYMN: StF 483 We are marching in the light of God...

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

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"

### GOD'S WORD TO US:

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Mathew's Gospel chapter 13 verses 1 – 17 (N.T. page 19)

HYMN: StF 250 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult...

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Philippians chapter 2 verses 1 – 11 (N.T. page 248)

SERMON 1: Power Point on Mission to India

SERMON 2: "Jesus both an inspiration and goal of our mission"

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD:

HYMN: StF 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky...(remain seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Sybil Oakley

CLOSING HYMN: StF 470 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided...

BLESSING:

6.00 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM IONA  
CONDUCTED BY THE REV HARRY SCOTT

OPENING RESPONSE:

HYMN: StF 78 Give thanks with a grateful heart...

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION:

BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah chapter 25 verses 1 – 9 (O.T. page 689)

Luke chapter 22 verses 7 – 23 (N.T. page 109)

HYMN: StF 712 Put peace into each other's hands...

SERMON: 'This is for you'

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION and THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: StF 588 I come with joy, a child of God...

HOLY COMMUNION: (See separate sheet)

SHARING THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 585 God, whose love is all around us...

CLOSING RESPONSES:

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 –

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope nor Saviour if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us strength to serve thee hour by hour;

none can move us from thy presence while we trust thy love and power.

(William John Sparrow-Simpson 1859 – 1952)

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

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A CIRCUIT SERVICE to which all are invited next Saturday evening - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 6.00 p.m.** 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 **TODAY** if you would like a copy.

**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.

**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.

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

**THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** – begin a new session on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September and then on Monday's 20<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Mr Ken Speake .

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS** -first of all ‘Thank you’ to all who have given me things already. I am going to take the first batch of knitting during the week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> August, so if you have things made, could you bring them to Church on the 31<sup>st</sup> please so that I can pick them up then. In addition to St. Augustine's, the Salvation Army are desperate for 3” knitted or crocheted squares to make blankets for the emergency relief that is going on at present. A reminder that Pam Dennis will gladly sew up any squares or jumpers that you may have difficulty with. Thank you – Tricia.

**THE REV GORDON TURNER** - it is with sadness that we advise you of the recent death 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. The service will be at Longcauseway (United Methodist/URC) Church, Dewsbury (WF13 1NH - the church is actually on Longcauseway!) at 2.00 p.m. on Friday August 29th, followed by cremation at Huddersfield Crematorium (Dewsbury Crematorium being temporarily closed for refurbishment).

**HOLIDAY AT HOME 2014** – this years Holiday at Home has come and gone and it 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”!!

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

**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 – As the weather comes colder an appeal has been made for socks, shoes, trainers, boots, gloves, scarves, hats and coats and the Centre are also very short of quilts and bath towels – so again if you can help it will be very much appreciated.**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – Information from Friends of Sabeel – Kairos Britain Statement & Call to Action on Gaza – Statement on Notice Board - Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Ecumenism – MHA Conference – Where is my older neighbour? – Calderdale Heritage Open Days – Developing Healthy Churches : A One Day Seminar led by Canon Robert Warren – Methodist Women in Britain – Fundraising Lunch with guest speaker Craig Whittaker, MP for Calder Valley on 20/09/2014 at Brighouse Central Methodist Church – Job Vacancy – Head of Mission and Advocacy in the Methodist Church – Invitation to Cross Hills Methodist Church for Liquid Worship on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6.00 p.m. – Methodist E-News for August – Bible Society News Letter for 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 -

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE WEEK – 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

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

Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	The Ladies Club will meet when the speaker will be Mr Brian Crowther – his subject “The West Highland Way”
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship conducted by Mr Kester Dean
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship conducted by the Rev Colin Sherwood

#### **During this week please pray for:**

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

Mr Kester Dean and the Rev Colin Sherwood as they prepare to lead our Worship next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively.

Rev Alistair, Tim Asquith, John Hargreaves and Sue Ng as they prepare to lead worship at Blackshaw Head, Hebden Bridge, Northowram and Highgate next Sunday.

Today we join other members of the Calderdale Circuit as they pray for the Church Family at St Paul's, Sowerby Bridge and for their Minister the Rev Francis Neil.

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 be refreshed by some lovely summer weather and time away from 'normal' duties.

For all young people who are preparing to return to School or go to School for the first time very soon, for all who have had exam results in recent weeks and for any who are preparing to start College or University in the near future – we pray that the Lord will be very close to them all as they start another new phase in their lives.

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

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