

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 6th January 2013 - Epiphany



**9.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton**

**10.30 a.m. – Service of All Age Worship
conducted by Miss Linda Bailey**

**‘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

- Rev Alistair Newton and Miss Linda Bailey and all who take part in our Services 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.

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2013

10.30 A.M. ALL AGE WORSHIP CONDUCTED BY MISS LINDA BAILEY



CALL TO WORSHIP: READING:

HYMN: SoF 120

From heaven You came, Helpless babe

A LITANY FOR EPIPHANY:

HYMN: SoF 362

Lord, the light of your love is shining

READING :

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING:

READING:

HYMN: H&P 121

As with gladness men of old

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SERMON:

“Hope”

HYMN: H&P 125

Hail to the Lord's anointed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

HYMN: H&P 552

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

THE START OF A NEW YEAR is the time to say thank you to **anybody** - who all through the year makes sure that what happens at St Andrew's “happens” without anyone ever noticing. Usually the only time comments are heard is when something goes wrong and the usual doesn't happen, so to all who week by week go quietly about their work we want to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE “thank you”** to you for all you do to make sure St Andrew's runs like clockwork. – your contribution to the life of our Church is remarkable and we thank God for you all – whoever you are!

THE CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION amounted to £135.00 and this was given to the Street Angels who have expressed their sincere thanks to the Church for the gift from this special service and also for thinking and supporting them on Christmas Day.

MINISTRY OF CHURCH FLOWERS - thank you to all those who gave donations towards the cost of the flowers in church during the year. It is very much appreciated, not least by those who receive the flowers after the church services. The life of our church would be much less beautiful and colourful without your help. There is a list in the vestibule for those who would like to donate flowers for a specific Sunday during 2013 - just write your name on it. General donations should be passed to me. Margaret Whiteley. On behalf of the Church Family we extend our grateful thanks to Margaret and to all who through the year make sure that we have a wonderful floral display on the Communion Table week after week – thank you.

O & A NEXT STEP TRUST APPEAL – all members of the Outreach and Awareness Group wish to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the Next Step Trust Appeal during the past year – this appeal closed last week and we are very happy to announce that with your help St Andrew's raised the magnificent amount of **£2,070.00** – which will soon be on the way to The Next Step Trust to help them purchase a **"Prone Stander"** and we are assured this will be of enormous help to some of the youngsters at the trust – Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

THE MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will meet for the first time this year tomorrow evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Quiet Room. You will be made very welcome if you would like to join them. In the meantime Sue Hargreaves or Valerie Ashworth would love to talk to you about the group.

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet again on Wednesday evening - January 9th 2013 and then again on February 6th. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will next meet on Monday 14th January 2013 and thereafter on the first Monday of the month unless notified differently. 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).

OPEN TO GOD – will begin meeting again on **Wednesday 9th January 2013** at Highgate Methodist Church when Mrs Susan Watson will be the leader.

MESSY CHURCH will be meeting again this coming Friday and this month the theme is "New Start" based on the story of Noah and the Ark so we will be doing all sorts of 'messy' things connected with a NEW START. Please continue to pray for this community event. As usual offers to supply buns, etc are always very welcome. Please have a word with Margaret Whiteley this month – thank you.

LADIES CLUB – will members of the Ladies Club please note that the next meeting will be the **New Year Party on 16th January 2013** and will start at **7.00 p.m.**

PRAYERS FOR YOURSELF OR FOR OTHER PEOPLE – please remember that if you have a particular concern for which you would welcome prayer but do not wish to use the 'prayer slip' available on a Sunday morning you can use the Prayer Vine facility – by either emailing Stella on stella@properdog.co.uk or by 'phone on 01422-300843.

CALDERDALE INTERFAITH COUNCIL invites you to Halifax Minster on Sunday 27th January at 6.00 p.m. for a service to mark **Halocaust Memorial Day** – see the Poster on the Notice Board.

THE FAIRTRADE STALL will be set up in the Coffee Lounge this morning please support the stall if you can – thank you.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CIRCUIT CHURCH AND SOCIETY GROUP will be on Thursday, January 17th 2013 at St. Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. The group has lost a number of key members during the last 6 months due to movement out of the district, and we are looking for a few new members who are interested in the links between Church and the world at large. The group is very active, and since it was formed two years ago when the Calderdale circuit was set up, has held a major event each year. We are still very active within the poverty spectrum following the Poverty Conference last November, and there are a number of ways in which the Church can help that we are exploring. We are also planning a series of talks to be held this coming autumn on various contemporary issues in society, so the group is definitely a 'doing group' and not a talking shop. If you are interested, you will be made very welcome at this next meeting, and we do hope that a few new people will come along and join us. If anyone is interested but would require transport, please ring 885141, and we will try to arrange this. Thank you!

EVENTS NOTICES – – **See all the Posters on the Notice Board** - Drop-in Centre News - The Sound of Music at Southgate Methodist Church – January 16th – 19th 2013 – Holocaust Memorial Service at the Halifax Minster on Sunday 27th January at 6.00 p.m. – Information about the Circuit Church and Society Group.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S -

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
Friday	3.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Messy Church
	7.30 p.m.	Music Group Practice

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
Mr David Brackenridge and the Rev Tony Buglass as they prepare to lead our Morning and Evening Services of Worship next Sunday.
Rev Alistair as he prepares to lead Services at Boothtown and Southowram and Christchurch next Sunday.
Rev Michael Townsend and Alison Dobson as they prepare to conduct worship at Highgate and St Pauls, Sowerby Bridge next Sunday morning.
Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Heptonstall and for their minister the Rev Tony Buglass.
Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who are not well at this time either in hospital or at home and for those who have family members unwell at this time.
God's Blessing on us all as we begin the year 2013 – we know that He will be with us as we step out in faith at the beginning of this brand New Year.

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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