

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 31st March 2013

EASTER SUNDAY



10.30 a.m. All Age Worship with Holy Communion for Easter Day
conducted by the Rev Alistair Newton

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship
conducted by the Rev Tony Buglass

*'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

- The Rev Alistair Newton and the Rev Tony Buglass 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.

CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON
EASTER SUNDAY



WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

RESPONSE: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (Three times)

HYMN: StF 298

Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia

During the first hymn we will dress the Easter Cross with flowers:

PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 264

Make way, make way, for Christ the King!

Offering taken during the singing of this hymn:

BIBLE READING:

Luke chapter 24 verses 1 – 12

THE EASTER MESSAGE:

PRAYERS:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 592

Let us break bread together with the Lord

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 313

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

THE BLESSING:

6.00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
CONDUCTED BY THE REV TONY BUGLASS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: H&P 250

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

PRAYER:

HYMN: H&P 204

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain

READING:

Luke chapter 24 verses 13 – 35

HYMN: H&P 216

And can it be that I should gain

READING:

Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 – 11

HYMN: H&P 190

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

SERMON:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

HYMN: H&P 212

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr David Whiteley

WE OFFER A VERY WARM WELCOME to all who share the joy of the Risen Lord with us at St Andrew's today.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the pews today and for the next two Sundays – we look forward to your generous support and thank you in anticipation for your gift.

THE REV MICHAEL TOWNSEND – following the very sad death of the Rev Michael Townsend we can now tell you that the Service of Thanksgiving for Michael's life will take place at **1.15 pm on Thursday 4 April at Central Methodist Church, Brighthouse HD6 1AQ**. We give thanks to God for Michael's ministry and friendship over a long number of years and take comfort from the knowledge that he is now with his Heavenly Father whom he loved and served so faithfully for many years.

OPEN TO GOD WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK – but after that will continue to meet at 10.00 a.m. each Wednesday morning during April here at St Andrew's when the leader on the 9th of April will be Mrs Stella Christie.

O & A HAITI APPEAL – following a wonderful Launch Service for **HAITI** last Sunday (which sadly many of you missed due to the snowy weather!) the first O & A fundraising event takes place after this morning's worship when the group will be serving Hot Cross Buns with fresh ground coffee and as always your generous support will be very much appreciated. We also have copies of our first Quiz of the year which is called "DOGGIES" now on sale – please buy a copy (£1.00) – our next fund raising event will be the Lunch after the Church Annual Meeting on 14th April (see below).

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on Sunday April 14th after morning worship. All members and friends are encouraged to attend, though only members may vote. We will be electing four new stewards and two new reps to the church council from the church meeting. Nominations (proposed and seconded) should be in writing and given or emailed (sjamwright@talktalk.net) to Sue Wright at least 24 hours in advance. The meeting will be followed by a lunch in aid of the Haiti appeal – see below.

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.

ONLY JUST OVER TWO WEEKS NOW BEFORE THE CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE BEGINS – SO PLEASE DO SIGN UP NOW! – 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.**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale recently - **£221.00** was raised for church funds (this could possibly have been more had the Courier remembered to print our advert!!). Thank you also to everyone who gave goods for the sale and to Glenda for all the work she did in collecting the jumble and setting up the event.

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 **Thursday** 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.

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.

BRADFORD COURT CHAPLAINCY SERVICE are looking for volunteers and ask that anyone who relishes a challenge should apply! – further details on the Notice Board.

GUIDES – it is with sadness that we have to tell you that Guides have closed due to lack of numbers. We would like to thank everyone for the help and support given over the years. The remaining Guides have stayed on as Scouts and all girls are welcome to come on a Thursday and join Scouts. Claire has stayed on as a Scout leader. We would also like to thank Karen for all her work over the years.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER - Following careful assessment of the route for the 48th Long March and advice from the Police, the Long March Committee has decided it has to cancel this year's event. Prevailing icy conditions and low temperatures over the next few days mean that the route will remain dangerous on Sunday night. We want to thank everyone who has promised their support for the event either as walkers or helpers. The event will happen again Easter Sunday 20th April 2014 (weather permitting). We are very aware of the great loss in support for some of the world's poorest people, which will result from the cancellation of the event. Any sponsorship already collected can still be paid in through the Long March. We hope you will join us next year and support Christian Aid in other ways this year – particularly during Christian Aid Week (12 – 18 May). More information available on www.longmarch.org.uk

CALDERDALE CIRCUIT 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 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.

FRIENDS OF SABEEL UK – YORKSHIRE – 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) – More information on the Notice Board.

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 - **Love so amazing!** a production by Greetland & Lindwell Church is **RE-SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY APRIL 6TH** at 6.00 p.m. – Grand Opening of the Welcome Café at the St Augustines Centre on 10th April - Methodist e News - News from the Drop In Centre – Bible Society Newsletter – Afternoon Teas at Lumbutts Methodist Church on various dates during the coming months - Methodist Women in Britain Residential Conference at Swanwick - Update from the Circuit Church and Society Group –. – **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 - May 4th Greetland & Lindwell **"Swing into Spring"** fundraising event – Open Days at Mount Zion - 1st June Circuit Garden Party at Warley House - Help Wanted Poster– 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

Most Groups are taking a break this week for the Easter Holidays

Friday 7.15 p.m. Music Group Practice

During this week please pray for:

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

Rev Alistair Newton as he prepares to lead our Early Morning Communion Service at St Andrew's at 9.00 a.m., Morning Worship at Blackshaw Head at 10.30 a.m. and at Brighthouse Central at 6.00 p.m. next Sunday.

Mrs Stella Christie as she prepares to lead our Service of All Age Worship at 10.30 a.m. next Sunday morning.

Alison Dobson as she prepares to conduct Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m. at Salem next Sunday morning.

Today the Circuit prays for the Church family here at St Andrew's and we ask God to bless us all during the coming week as we strive to carry out His will for us as a Church Family.

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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