

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 9th February 2014



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

*'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 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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CONDUCTED BY THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

WELCOME:

HYMN: StF 315 **We sing the praise of Jesus**

PRAYERS:

READING: I Corinthians chapter 2 verses 1 – 12 (N.T. page 206)

HYMN: StF 455 **All my hope on God is founded**

READING: Matthew chapter 5 verses 13 – 20 (N.T. page 7)

SERMON:

HYMN: StF 706 **Longing for light**

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

PRAYERS:

THE PEACE:

HYMN: StF 592 **Let us break bread together**

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

HYMN: StF 397 **The Spirit lives to set us free**

THE BLESSING:

(Organist – Mr David Whiteley)

A CIRCUIT SERVICE WHICH INCLUDES THE LOCAL PREACHERS RECOGNITION SERVICE FOR MRS JULIE TAYLOR – will take place this afternoon – 9th February 2014 at Mytholmroyd Methodist Church at 2.30 p.m. to recognise Julie as a Local Preacher – **please note there will not be an Evening Service at St Andrew's tonight.**

WILL FRIENDS PLEASE NOTE that the date of our next visit to Fernside Hall has been rearranged to **19th February at 3.00 pm.** (not the 12th) as previously arranged.

OPEN TO GOD – meets every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. and during February will be held at Boothtown and Southowram Methodist Church - the leader this week will be the Rev Colin Sherwood.

CHURCH WEEK-END TO GRANGE OVER SANDS - 21st – 23rd March. If you are interested in joining us, there is still time to say you would like to come. Please have a word with Glenda.

THE O & A APPEAL FOR HAITI has almost reached its conclusion with just the Quiz called **"A BUNCH OF FLOWERS"** doing the rounds at the moment, it will be on sale in the Coffee Lounge after Morning Worship again today. Just the right time of year to spend an hour solving the clues and thinking of all the beautiful flowers growing hidden in the dark earth at the moment but preparing to burst through into the sunshine (we hope) at various times during the coming year. Please buy a copy of the Quiz and help us to raise a little bit more money for the Haiti Appeal – **THANK YOU.** (P.S. The Appeal fund total now stands at **£2,549.00**).

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will meet this coming Thursday, February 13th when they will continue to look at Michael Townsend's book on the sacraments - their following meetings will be held on Thursdays March 13th and April 10th. Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet again on Monday 17th February and then on Monday 17th March 2014 at 106 Dudwell Lane and the group will be pleased to welcome old and, hopefully, new members at 7.30 p.m.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will meet next on **Monday 7th April 2014** (no meeting in March) – when they will continue their discussions on the film 'Chocolat' as they link the film to Bible passages and our Christian life and witness. All meetings are held at the home of Vivienne & 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).

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (West Yorkshire District) – THE DAFFODIL RALLY will take place at Central Methodist Church, Batley on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 2.30 p.m. and will be led by the Rev Judith Satchell with Mr John Wilson local preacher of Mirfield who is a former editor of the Reporter Series as guest speaker. Please see the letter and Poster on the Notice Board for further details.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – please book Saturday 5th April 2014 in your Diary – we will be holding a Barn Dance with a pie & pea supper in aid of Methodist Homes on this date – watch this space for further details. George & Susan Watson will be leading this for us – so it promises to be a good evening – even if you do not dance just come along and enjoy the atmosphere and the food!

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DAIRY – WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY is on 6th April 2014 and will be celebrated in the Circuit with a visit from Steve Pearce who is the Partnership Co-ordinator for Asia and the Pacific who will conduct services during the day as follows:

- 10.30 a.m. at Illingworth Moor – “Introducing the Church in Asia”
- 3.00 p.m. at Southgate, Elland “Focus on Sri Lanka which will be followed by a faith tea at 4.30 p.m.
- 6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Southgate “The Church under pressure in Asia” – You are invited to come to one event – or come to them all! Too good an opportunity to miss!

A CONSULTATION FOR METHODISTS on same sex marriage and civil partnerships has now been launched, with a deadline of 9 am tomorrow - 10 February 2014. Those who wish to take part can access the Methodist website at www.tinyurl.com/methodist-marriage. A Frequently Asked Question sheet is on the Notice Board and is also available online. Please share this information as widely as possible so that all views may be considered. From the web site: *The Methodist Conference in July 2013 set up a working group "to consider whether the Methodist Church's position on marriage needs revising in light of changes in society, undertaking this consideration with reference to scripture, tradition, reason and experience. The terms of reference would be:*

- a) To consider the implications for the Methodist Church of a change in legislation covering same-sex marriage;*
- b. To consider whether the Methodist Church's position on marriage needs revising in the light of changes in society;*
- c. To undertake the work directed by the reply to Memorial 29(2012) [a Memorial from the Birmingham Synod seeking for a review of the Conference's ruling that blessing of civil partnerships should not take place on Methodist premises]*
- d. To make recommendations for any changes in practice or polity."*

The working group has started to identify a range of possible areas for consideration. It intends to test out by wide consultation whether these are indeed the issues about which it should make recommendations to the Conference of 2014 that they be explored more fully. Please take the opportunity to engage with this important topic. Best wishes, Alistair Newton.

CICS INFORMATION –

- **CICS Annual Open Meeting**, involving some of the young people themselves (with only the minimum amount of time spent on the obligatory AGM) Thursday 27th March, 3WAYS CENTRE, Ovenden (Thanks to New Beginnings for hosting it for us). Evening - time tbc.
- **How can Christians support their local schools?**
Event with Key Note Speaker, Jane Newby - England's National Coordinator for Prayforschools and involving Ruth Wyeth, our Primary school Development Worker. (Any suggestions for a more snazzy title for Ruth?). Thursday 15th May @ Halifax Elim Church, probably from 7.00 pm
- **A Connect Event** will be held on Sunday March 9th at 6.30 pm at the New Ebenezer Centre, St James Road, Halifax. This is a Youth Service with fun, food, worship and music. It's an opportunity for young people from different churches and youth groups to get together for fellowship.

Chris and Tony are doing an excellent job at keeping our website up to date. If you are in the habit of praying for the work, please go onto the site to see where they are each day. www.cicscalderdale.org.uk Rosemary Wright (Administrator).

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN CHURCHES TOGETHER ON PILGRIMAGE TOURING THE HOLY LAND staying in Jerusalem & Galilee from 11th – 21st May 2015 – see the Poster and extensive information sheets on the Notice Board.

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BRIGHOUSE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS proudly present **JESUS CHRIST SUPER STAR** by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber from 1st – 5th April 2014 at Brighthouse Civic Hall – tickets available by 'phone 01484 402435 – See the Poster on the Notice Board for more information.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT OFFICES RECENTLY is displayed for all to see and read on the Notice Board – it includes the following:

- a) Information on Methodist Church Consultation (see previous page)**
- b) Chaplain (Ordained or Lay) wanted by MHA for Rowanberries, Clayton, Bradford**
- c) Clerical Administrator required by Bradford South Circuit**
- d) Livability Community Mission – Working with Volunteers – Training Day**
- e) West Yorkshire Youth Network Event “Wynn Together”**
- f) Chair of Trustees wanted for OneSound**
- g) Summer Biblical Study in Oxford**
- h) Half Day Seminar on British Muslim Women :Beyond the Myths**
- i) Course run by the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds on Mental Health and the Church's Care plus all the other items mention below**

OTHER NOTICES ON THE BOARD - Food and Support Group report - Bible Society E-News for December – The Methodist Church E-News for January 2014.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW 'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club
Thursday	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	- Rainbows/Brownies/Cubs/Beavers/Scouts
Friday	3.15 p.m.	Messy Church – Theme “Love Rules”
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship led by the Junior Church Leaders
	6.00 p.m.	Praise Service – Preacher the Rev Paul Welch

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
Mrs Julie Taylor as she prepares for her recognition service to become a fully accredited Local Preacher this afternoon at Mytholmroyd Methodist Church at 2.30 p.m.
The Junior Church Staff as they prepare to lead Morning Worship here next Sunday Morning at 10.30 a.m.

The Rev Paul Welch and members of the Praise Team as they prepare to lead our Praise Service next Sunday Evening at 6.00 p.m.

Rev Alistair as he prepares to lead Morning Worship at Blackshaw Head next Sunday Morning at 10.30 a.m. and Evening Worship with Holy Communion at Highgate at 6.00 p.m.

Tim Asquith, Ann Ashton and Alison Dobson as they prepare to lead Worship at Christ Church, Hebden Bridge and Illingworth Moor next Sunday Morning at 10.30 a.m. and for Alison who leads Evening Worship at Clifton at 6.00 p.m.

Today we join together with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as we pray for the Church Family at Northowram and for their Minister the Rev Patrick Taylor.

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.

Sadie Harrison and her family on the death of Ronnie.

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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