

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH
Huddersfield Road, Halifax
Sunday 10th March 2013
FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY



10.30 a.m. Morning Worship
conducted by Mr Chris Robinson

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship with Holy Communion
conducted by the Rev Michael J Townsend

‘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

- Mr Chris Robinson and the Rev Michael Townsend 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 MR CHRIS ROBINSON
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY
THEME – “WHAT DOES DISCIPLESHIP MEAN TO YOU”

WELCOME:

HYMN: StF 470 Lord, for the years

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

TALK TO THE CHILDREN:

HYMN: StF 473 Moses, I know you're the man

THE OFFERING & 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.

READINGS: Matthew chapter 19 verses 16 -30

Luke chapter 9 verses 57 - 62

HYMN: StF 442 Beneath the cross

SERMON: “Discipleship and Me”

HYMN: StF 458 Away with our fears!

PRAYERS:

HYMN: StF 610 Best of all is God is with us

THE BLESSING:

Organist: Mr Granville Brook

6.00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

CONDUCTED BY THE REV MICHAEL J TOWNSEND

'Holy Communion for Lent and Passiontide'

from The Methodist Worship Book, pages 148-159

HYMNS: Singing the Faith

449 Lord of creation, to you be all praise (at no. 2 on page 148)

443 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love (at no. 10 on page 151)

556 Just as I am, without one plea (at no. 17 on page 153)

416 There's a wideness in God's mercy (at no. 30 on page 159)

READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5. 16-27

Gospel: Luke 15. 1-3, 11b-32

SERMON: Lost and Found

Organist: Mr Malcolm Bannister

PLANNED PREACHING FOR LENT – this morning Mr Chris Robinson continues the theme “What does discipleship mean to you?” Next Sunday we will hear from Mrs Kathleen Melling – we look forward to hearing what they both have to say to us on this theme.

THE MEMBERS OF THE OUTREACH AND AWARENESS GROUP would like to tell 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 on Palm Sunday at a service led by the Rev Alistair Newton with the Rev Edward Holmes a former missionary in Haiti taking part. During the next couple of weeks 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.

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 PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY** - See the Notice Board for more information or pick up a card from the vestibule table.

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

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 meet this coming Wednesday - March 13th and then again on April 17th. New members always welcome. Ring Sue Wright (354736) for details.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN LENT: this year South Halifax Churches Together are having a change! On the first four Fridays in March we are having a light lunch with a speaker from a Christian charity. There will be a collection for each charity after the lunch. Please give this your support; it will be an opportunity to meet old friends if the snow prevented you from coming to the week for Prayer services. **The talks all begin at 12 noon.** This coming Friday **March 15th** the talk will be at **St Mark's Church Sidal - speaker from the Drop-in Centre** March 22nd St Andrew's speaker from Christian Aid. **PLEASE NOTE THESE EVENTS ARE 'TALKS' rather than 'SERVICES' - All Welcome.**

MESSY CHURCH – will all those involved please note there will be a short meeting to plan the next three months of the Messy Church Programme this coming Tuesday 12th March at 2.00 p.m. – please come if you are able. Please pray for Messy Church taking place on Friday afternoon.

JUMBLE SALE - the Church is having a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 20th March 2013. If you have any jumble we have room to store it. Bring it along to Church and have a word with Glenda.

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.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT – 'NEW EBENEZER' ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT A "NEW EBENEZER" ADMINISTRATOR due to the exciting ongoing developments at the Church. There is a Job Description on the Notice Board if you or anyone you know may be looking to work in this type of challenging situation – Closing date for applications is **12th March 2013.**

SAM AND CHRISTINE KILBURN have moved home. Their new address is – 34 Trinity Court, Oxford Road, Halifax HX1 2GX. No land line – 'phone or broadband at the moment. Mobile 0781 102 9857. Thank you for prayers and flowers.

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.

GOOD NEWS – we are pleased to let everyone know that the future of the Church in Luddendenfoot is secure as the Luddenden Foot Community Association has been granted a 30 year lease of the building which will commence on 1st April 2013. Members of the Church wish to thank everyone who has supported or prayed for the them over the last few years and trust that they will continue to do so as there is much work to do to improve the condition of the premises.

AS FROM MONDAY 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.

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.**

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.

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 – One Man Passion Play coming to Yorkshire 26th/27th March 2013 - St Augustine's Centre – Ceilidh on 16/3/2013 - Greetland & Lindwell present the pantomime Aladdin during the week 9th – 16th March 2013 – Easter Labyrinth at Denby Dale – 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 – Events at Boothtown & Southowram Church – 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 -

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group
Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Messy Church Meeting at Church
	6.15 p.m.	Cubs and Beavers
Wednesday	2.30 p.m.	Service at Stafford Manor
	3.15 p.m.	Service at Fernside Hall
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club – Speaker Margaret Squire
		Her subject "Flower Arranging"
Thursday	6.15 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Rainbows/Brownies - Scouts/Guides
Friday	3-15 p.m.	Messy Church

During this week please pray for:

Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker.
Mrs Kathleen Melling and the Rev Steph Jenner as they prepare to lead our services next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Rev Alistair Newton, Tim Asquith and Alison Dobson as they prepare to lead services at Highgate, Heptonstall and Todmorden Central next Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m.

Today we join the Circuit as it prays for the Church family at Old Town and for their minister the Rev Heather Taylor.

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.

For members of the Church Family who are away on the Church Week-end at Grange-over-Sands that they will experience God's Blessing on all they share together.

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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