

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

Huddersfield Road, Halifax

Sunday 15th February 2015



St Andrew's Methodist Church, Halifax
50 year Celebration
- 1965 - 2015 -

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship
conducted by Mr Clifford Lees of Elland

6.00 p.m. Praise Service led by members of the Praise Team
Preacher – 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

- Clifford, 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.

10.30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP CONDUCTED BY
MR CLIFFORD LEES OF ELLAND

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: H&P 461

O splendour of God's glory bright...

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: StF 483

We are marching in the light of God...

WITH THE CHILDREN:

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.

This joyful Eastertide...

HYMN: H&P 213

COLLECTION AND DEDICATION:

READINGS:

Deuteronomy chapter 18 verses 15 – 20

Mark chapter 9 verses 2 - 9

Stand, soldier of the cross...

Text - Mark chapter 9 verse 2

"As they looked on a change came over Jesus"

Christ, whose glory fills the skies...

HYMN: H&P 591

SERMON:

HYMN: H&P 457

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: H&P 463

To God be the glory...

THE BENEDICTION:

Organist : Mr David Whiteley

6.00 P.M. PRAISE SERVICE

LED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRAISE TEAM

PREACHER – THE REV ALISTAIR NEWTON

The Theme/Text is Ephesians 4:15 'But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.'

A MEETING FOR PRAYER is held every Sunday morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. - now in the Quiet 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 –

Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Singing the Faith 28 verse 1 (John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (B.1958)

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18TH FEBRUARY 2015 – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HALIFAX invite you to share in a day of prayer and fasting. There are some printed leaflets available from the Vestibule table which give more details about this event – please do take a copy.

SOUTH HALIFAX CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT SERVICE - this year we have decided to join together for one service. This will be at St Alban's on Wednesday February 25th at 7.30 p.m. The service will concentrate on 'The Stations of the Cross'. This is a very moving service (some of us went about 10 years ago) meditating on the stages of Christ's journey to Calvary. Do come if you can. If you would like a lift see Sue Wright.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GROUP (CDG) - DON'T FORGET next Sunday 22nd February there will a slightly shortened morning service, so that we can bring all members up to date with progress. Coffee & biscuits will be served in the church to save time for everyone. We expect to finish by 12 o'clock. We look forward to seeing you. The members of the CDG group are anxious that the entire congregation know what is happening and the progress we are making. Do come and stay behind for half an hour so you know the whole picture, with the opportunity to ask any questions which may be troubling you. **Thank you for reading this important news. Sam Kilburn Chairman CDG.**

2015 SEES ST ANDREW'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN OUR CHURCH and during the year we will be holding special events and welcoming back to visit us many former Ministers – please take a copy of the up-dated sheet (available from the Vestibule table) showing the dates which are booked so far. Please continue to keep an eye open for all the other things that will be happening during this Celebration Year for the Church Family here at St Andrew's.

WE ARE STARTING OFF OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS with a “Barn Dance” on **Saturday 7th March 2015** – this will start at 6.30 p.m. which we hope will encourage friends of **all ages** to come along and share this time of fun and fellowship together. George and Susan Watson will be running this event for us and we can assure everyone they will enjoy it, even if only watching others tire themselves out! Pie and peas for supper! What more incentive can you want than that! See the Poster on the Notice Board for more information – Tickets (£2.50 for Adults and £1.50 for Children) are available from Leah. Please do come along and make this a happy family event at the start of our 50th birthday celebrations.

THE MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP which meets monthly at 106 Dudwell Lane will meet tomorrow evening - Monday 16th February 2015 and thereafter on the third Monday in the month unless advised differently. The group will be pleased to welcome old and new members at 7.30 p.m.

THE SEEKERS FELLOWSHIP will meet again on Monday 2nd March 2015 at the home of Vivienne and Enid and thereafter on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise notified, all meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome, please ring Margaret Caulfield (363686) for further details

THE GREEN PARK FELLOWSHIP GROUP – will meet again on Thursday March 5th 2015. On April 23rd the Group will attend the talk (see later) by Tanveer Bostan in the Moore Hall to which all are invited - Contact Sue Wright (354736) for details.

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 coming Wednesday will be Mr Andrew Jacobs.

CALDERDALE METHODIST CIRCUIT – BEST FOOT FORWARD a Circuit Mission and Vision Team initiative ... Journeying with God into our communities... on Saturday 14th March 2015 from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. at Salem Methodist Church with Rev Ruth Gee (Ex-President of Conference); Ruth Crompton; Jim Hope and Piers Lane – more information to come at a later date.

“THE REAL EASTER EGG” is once again being sold by Fairtrade and if you would like to order any please sign the sheet on the Vestibule Table – thank you.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (MWiB) – West Yorkshire District – **Christians Against Poverty** a talk by Rachael Johnson on 26th February 2015 from 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at Highgate Methodist Church – ALL WELCOME – open to men and women.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is being held at Halifax Minster on Friday 6th March 2015 and will be led by Rev K Shoesmith – this year the theme is “Praying for The Bahamas” – Jesus said to them “Do you know what I have done to you”

MRS JUNE JONES writes “To friends at St Andrew's Church – I would like to thank you most sincerely for the many kind messages I have received since my knee operation. The visits, phone calls, cards and flowers have been greatly appreciated. I am improving now but not quite ready to dash about yet. My best wishes to all at St Andrew's”. With love and best wishes from June Jones.

JUMBLE SALE on Wednesday 11th March with Good as New Sale from 1.00 - 2.30 p.m. and Jumble Sale at 6.30 p.m. We would appreciate support from anyone who can help during the day from 9.30 a.m. onwards. We will be having fish and chips for lunch so if you want to join us, or you have any jumble that needs collecting please let Glenda know (ring Hx 350040).

HALIFAX ELIM INTERNATIONAL CENTRE invites all Ladies to go to their “Women of Victory” evening with special guest speaker, Gail Chamberlain – Author, Pastor, wife and mother. This takes place tomorrow evening from 7.00 p.m. onwards with buffet.

INTERFAITH NEWS – Margaret (Barnes) writes “at the October Church Council I was asked to arrange a meeting so that we could learn more about Islam. Little did we know then that terror masquerading in the name of Islam would hit France and freedom of expression so hard just a few weeks ago. This meeting has now been organised and I would ask you all to put this in your diaries and make every effort to come along. It will take place here on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm. This is St George's Day and if you read up about St George you may think like I do that the date is very appropriate. One other event to which I would like women (only) to come to is Weaving Women's Wisdom on Tuesday 17th March (this is St Patrick's Day) which is being run by the Touchstone Project well known to us at St Andrew's”.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT are from – Food Drop in Centre report - Information on another of the “Minster Series” A programme of public debates on the topics affecting society in Britain today – “Engage Conference” – MWiB Daffodil Rally on 3/3/2015 at Central Methodist Church, Batley at 2.30 p.m. - The Bible Society News Letter for this week – The Methodist E News for January 2015 – **please see the extract on the Notice Board about Haiti which was our O & A project during 2013/2014** - The premiere of RUACH - Spirit of God with Liz Babbs and Simeon Wood at Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Bradford on 7/3/2015 – Quiz Night organised by Southgate Methodist Church on 7/3/2015 at Blackley Cricket Club - Halifax Choral Society “Spring Concert” on 19/04/2015 — Lenten Retreat Day on 28/3/2015 at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley – The West Yorkshire District is seeking a District Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults (See more information on Notice Board).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST ANDREW'S DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday		No Toddler Group due to half-term
Thursday		No Uniformed Organisations due to half-term
Sunday 22nd February	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Mrs Stella Christie followed by Meeting to discuss Church Development Group Report – Coffee and Biscuits will be served in the Church
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Holy Communion conducted by the Rev Mark Cheetham

During this week please pray for:

The Rev Alistair Newton our Minister and Mrs Stella Christie our Pastoral Lay Worker. Mrs Stella Christie and the Rev Mark Cheetham as they prepare to lead our Services next Sunday.

Today we join with other members of the Calderdale Circuit as together we all pray for the Church Family at Bethesda Methodist Church, Elland and for their Minister the Rev Colin Sherwood.

John Hargreaves and Alison Dobson as they prepare to lead Worship at Hebden Bridge and Southgate, Elland next Sunday..

For all the Local Preachers who are part of the St Andrew's Church Family as they spend time in preparation for their next Preaching appointments.

Members of the St Andrew's Church Family who need our prayers at this time, for those who are not well either in hospital or recovering at home and for those who have family members or friends unwell at this time. Pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will sustain them all through their time of worry and anxiety for themselves and 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 or by phone (362654)

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