

*The*  
***Messenger***

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April 2016

**Saltaire United Reformed Church**



Welcome to our church:  
a place of worship and of  
community.



## *Notes from the Manse*

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Our services are children-friendly, with a **Sunday School** for very young children and their carers, which starts after the first 20 minutes of the service.

**Coffee and Tea** are served after each Sunday service in the downstairs rooms. **Please do join us.**

If you wish to discuss a **wedding or christening**, please see one of the authorized persons at the front desk after a Sunday service.

Every once in a while when I think that it would be wonderful to live in a much warmer climate, I am reminded that although living in England means that we cannot always make plans based on good weather, I am happy that we get to experience the seasons of each year as they come and go.

A week ago, Mike and I returned from having had a week away in Ambleside, one of my all time favourite villages nestled in the beautiful Lake District. For many years my family and I enjoyed many holidays in the North and south areas of the Lake District, and while most people longed for the summer months, it was always the onset of spring that lured me back year after year.

In an unconscious way, most of us throughout the winter months yearn for the weather to become warmer, and we look for the first signs of spring that hold great promise. The term 'spring,' and 'springtime,' whilst defining a season, also refer to nature's circle of new life, rebirth; a time of new beginnings and limitless possibilities.

Each year, as Christians, we travel through the often emotional journey of Holy week. We pause to reflect on the great joy of celebration on Palm Sunday, and we experience something of the sadness of Christ's last evening on earth on Maundy Thursday. The horror of the cross of Good Friday, together with our love for Jesus, often has many of us wishing that we could even for just one year fast forward through the day that we call 'good' and onto the more positive aspects of what it means to follow Christ. We long to feel rejuvenated, to hold onto those three words 'Christ has risen,' the reality of hope that we receive from the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

As I am writing this message, I am reflecting on so many things, as today, on this Good Friday, I felt a great sense of pride having witnessed the gospel story played out through the Shipley Churches Together ecumenical 'Passion Play.' Since early October of last year I worked closely with James Dingwall from St. Paul's Church, directing this dedicated group of Christians who have been highly motivated by the need to publicly share the passion story of our Lord Jesus with the wider community of Shipley. I was greatly saddened to have to step away from this

project when I had major surgery back in February.

However, in no longer sharing the responsibility of the piece, I was able to study the response of those out shopping and going about their business on this sunny afternoon. As I watched the drama of the passion play unfold, I wondered how much of an impact, if any, Jesus' sacrifice had upon the people of Shipley today. It was not until the last scene, as the actor playing Jesus was being nailed to the cross, that I noticed a young Mum pushing a pram with a small child inside who joined our crowd for a few minutes. This young woman looked as though she was carrying the weight of the world on her shoulders, and I then watched as she retraced her steps back up the hill and disappeared out of view. As followers of Jesus, we may never know if the seed of the gospel story that we sow will ever take root in the hearts and minds of those around us, but I believe that the message of the resurrection has the power to transform and renew those who hear it.

As we look for signs of new life around us this spring, I pray that we remember that it is in all life that the Spirit of God lives, moves and breathes.

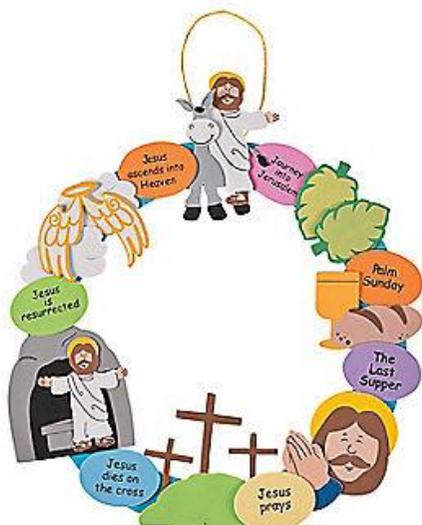
With every blessing,

Rev'd Caroline Andrews



## *Diary for April 2016*

| Date   | Time               | Event   |
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| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>                            | 10.30am<br>12 noon | Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews.<br>Organist: Mr Geoff Popple<br><br>Church Meeting.  |
| Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>                            | 7.30pm             | Elders' Meeting   |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>                           | 10.30am            | Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews, to include the baptism of Cameron Cowan, son of Rob and Stacey.<br>Organist: Mr Howard Hutchinson. |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> |                    | World Heritage Weekend. Events information in Notices section.  |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>                           | 10.30am            | Family Service for World Heritage Weekend led by Rev. Caroline Andrews.<br>Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.  |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>                           | 10.30am<br>12 noon | Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews.<br>Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.<br><br>Messenger deadline for May's edition.                         |



## *Regular Church Activities*

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| <b>S<br/>U<br/>N</b> | 10.30am<br>Service:<br>1pm-4pm | 1 <sup>st</sup> – Communion<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> – Family Services<br>Church & cafe open to the public (all year) |
| <b>M<br/>O<br/>N</b> | 1.30-3pm<br>7-8.30pm           | Toddlers' Praise Time<br>Bell ringing practice  |
| <b>T<br/>U<br/>E</b> | 7-7.30pm<br>7.30pm             | Prayer meeting for the Church and Saltaire<br>Elders' meeting (meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue in the month)  |
| <b>W<br/>E<br/>D</b> | 10.30am<br>6-9pm               | Informal Worship Service<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Shipley Scout Groups' meetings  |

The church is open to visitors 2pm-4pm Monday to Friday from April to September.

**Please join in!** New group members are assured a warm welcome.

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| Bell ringing contacts:   | Len Morris      | 01274 597894 |
|                          | Robert Appleby  | 01274 223753 |
| Scout contact:           | Barbara Lawson  | 01274 591931 |
| Toddlers' group contact: | Valerie Jenkins | 01274 542510 |
|                          | Helen O'Loan    | 01274 405847 |

## *Thanks & Notices*

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### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Many congratulations to Jenn, Zac and Alistair on the birth of Benjamin Williamson. Born on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, weighing 9lb 10oz.

### **WEEKDAY OPENING APPEAL**

The church will re-open for visitors on weekdays from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 2pm to 4pm. If anyone is willing to help, please speak to me. Ideally, we require five more people, one for every alternate Tuesday and 2 for each alternate Fridays. It would be such a shame if we had to close on these days. Please can you help!

*Janet Clark*

## **WELCOME BACK**

It was wonderful to see Caroline back on Palm Sunday after a period of convalescence after her lengthy operation in BRI. She has made a remarkable recovery and it was good to see her looking so well after the short break with Mike in the Lake District.

## **SOCKS FOR CALAIS**

Dear friends,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you, to Caroline and the elders for giving my idea the go ahead, and to the members of the congregation and people from the wider community for going out of your way to buy lovely warm socks for the people living in the camps in Calais.

I was overwhelmed on palm Sunday and my car boot is full. Someone suggested we go for 1000 pairs and I haven't counted them but I don't think we're so far off!

Bless you all, it's a beautiful thing we've done together. I can't wait to pass them on and get them on the feet of some lovely people.

I thought Caroline's sermon was very fitting too. What are we hanging onto and what are we prepared to give away? Lots to reflect on.....

Much love, *Kate Kelly*.

## **COPPERS APPEAL 2015**

I am sure you will be delighted to know that the 2015 Coppers Appeal raised £877 for our on-going restoration work. Hopefully to this amount can be added a tax refund of approximately £105 bringing the total amount raised to £982. A huge thank you to everyone who has again supported the appeal, whatever the amount contributed.

A special "thank you and well done" to the 5th Shipley Scout Group who collected an amount of £125.47.

This year the appeal was swelled by a generous donation by Sylvia Harney. Sylvia spent many hours sewing Christmas stockings and lavender bags which she sold for church funds. The initial proceeds went towards the general maintenance of the church but Sylvia kindly donated the remainder, totalling £88, to the Coppers Appeal. Sylvia asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone who bought one of her treats. Well, who could resist that chocolate?!!

Since handing over the money, I have already received another three bags of coppers and so I guess we'll do it all again in 2017. Keep saving those coppers and loose change!

Sincere thanks to everyone who made this fantastic amount possible.

*Pauline Sleight*.

## **VACANCIES FOR WAITERS/WAITRESSES**

Can you spare a few hours to help keep the Café open on a Sunday afternoon?

The full list is on the Café cupboard door and, if you can help, please speak to Janet Clark or just add your name in one or more of the blank spaces. If you can only manage just one Sunday, it will be much appreciated. The café is open from 1pm until 4pm.

## **WORLD HERITAGE WEEKEND**

The World Heritage Weekend this year is from Friday the 15th to Sunday the 17th of April. I have worked closely with Rob Martin, in putting together what we hope will be a wonderful two day walking event, in conjunction with Saltaire Stories. The two day event will begin on Saturday the 16th of April at 11.00am in the downstairs (East) room with a short talk on Saltaire United Reformed Church led by Len Morris. A guided tour will follow from Saltaire URC through Robert's Park, up through Shipley Glen, and onto Bracken Hall.

Rob, and I have worked with a group of students studying a course on Travel and Tourism at Shipley College from early last September. The students will be based in a number of places throughout the walk offering an insight into the history of their locality on Saturday the 16th. There will also be a number of students on the Cookery and Catering course, also at Shipley College, who will be volunteering in the church cafe, also on Saturday the 16th of April.

There will be four guided tours running on Saturday the 16th of April, and three tours running on Sunday the 17th of April.

An exhibition of photographs and archive information celebrating Saltaire World Heritage Village will be displayed on Saturday the 16th, and Sunday the 17th of April in Saltaire URC.

Come along, and enjoy what Rob and I hope will be a fun filled weekend in the great outdoors.

If you would like to volunteer and be a part of the guided walk from Saltaire URC and onwards to Bracken Hall on Sunday the 17th of April beginning once again with a short talk led by Len Morris at 12 Noon at Saltaire URC, please contact me.

*Rev'd Caroline Andrews.*

# Quiz

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1. Which Beethoven symphony is known as the "Choral" ?
2. Which Bronte sister wrote the book Wuthering Heights?
3. Who won the Oscar this year for best actress?
4. What is the state capital of Florida?
5. In church bell ringing what is 135246?
6. Allen Stewart Koningsberg is better known as whom?
7. In what year was the Berlin Wall built?
8. Who had a no. 1 hit in 1964 with "Little Children"?
9. Which London structure, completed in 1964, did not appear on Ordnance Survey maps for security reasons?
10. Name all the Teletubbies and their respective colours?
11. Which car manufacturer made the Dolomite?
12. Who was the oldest Beatle?
13. What is the capital city of Switzerland?
14. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
15. In Coronation Street, which character drew an audience of 28.5 million viewers when he/she left Weatherfield?
16. Who is the present Foreign Secretary?
17. In the TV Tudor saga "Wolf Hall" who played Henry VIII?
18. Who painted the The Night Watch?

19. What names have the Met Office given for the recent storm up to the present one which began with "J"?

20. In the Bible it states that when Jesus died, there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

Answers on page 10

*Thanks to Tony & Elaine Wilson*

## *Book Review by Caleb O'Loan*

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Summary of Chapter 2 of *Reading Backwards* by Richard Hays.

This book looks at the subtle ways in which the gospel writers use the OT (Old Testament) to reveal the divinity of Jesus. Here I look at the chapter on Mark. Throughout Mark, Jesus refers to himself as the 'Son of Man'. What is that about? Not till Mark 14:62, in front of the Sanhedrin, do we get more information: "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven." From this we hear that Jesus will reign in the future alongside God. The next obvious question is what then is the relationship between YHWH and Jesus? (YHWH pronounced Yah-way is the name of Israel's God that God reveals to Moses from the burning bush, translated as LORD, all capitals, in English.) Hays goes through the Gospel of Mark and asks five questions:

**Question 1: For WHOM is John preparing the way?** In Mark 1:2, John the Baptist is introduced with reference to a passage from Isaiah 40:3. In this passage someone is preparing the way for YHWH. In Mark, John is clearly preparing the way for Jesus. If John is the one prophesied about in Isaiah preparing the way of YHWH, who then does that make Jesus?

**Question 2: Who can forgive sins but God alone?** Jesus says to a paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven' (Mark 2:5). The scribes ask 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' Now in the OT it is clear that YHWH alone forgives sins. What does that imply then about Jesus?

**Question 3: 'Who has authority over the wind and sea?'** In Mark 4, Jesus and his disciples are in a boat. Suddenly the wind and waves pick up and a mighty storm is upon them. Jesus stills the storm with a command. The disciples then ask 'Who then is

this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?' It is clear in the OT that YHWH controls the wind and waves.

**Question 4: Who is the Shepherd of Israel?** In Mark 6:34, Mark comments that Jesus “saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.” The implication is that Jesus saw himself as a shepherd to Israel. It is clear in the OT that YHWH was the Shepherd of Israel, e.g. “The Lord is my shepherd” (Psalm 23:1), and in Psalm 100 “we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

**Question 5: ‘Who passes me by?’** This is a more subtle connection. In Mark 6, Jesus “came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by...” This last sentence seems strange, but is interestingly close to a passage in Job, “Look, he passes by me, and I do not see him; he moves on, but I do not perceive him (Job 9:11).” This is part of a dialogue concerning YHWH the God of Israel.

So Hays shows that in many ways Mark is hinting that Jesus is the embodiment of Israel’s God YHWH.

*The book can be purchased on Amazon. Reading Backwards, Richard E Hays, SPCK Publishing, 2015*

ANSWERS

1. The Ninth; 2. Emily; 3. Brie Larson; 4. Tallahassee;
5. Queens; 6. Woody Allen;
7. 1961; 8. Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas; 9. Post Office Tower (BT Tower);
10. Tinkly-Winky (purple), Dipsy (green), Laa Laa (yellow), Po (red);
11. Triumph; 12. Ringo Starr (July 7, 1940); 13. Bern;
14. Mary Magdalene;
15. Hilda Ogden; 16. Philip Hammond; 17. Damian Lewis OBE; 18. Rembrandt;
19. Abigail, Barney, Clodagh, Desmond, Eva, Frank, Gertrude, Henry, Imogen and Jake; 20. Three hours (noon to 3 o'clock).



## **5<sup>th</sup> Shipley Scout Group**

**Saltaire United Reformed Church**

**Meet on Wednesdays in the Church Rooms**

**Group Scout Leader: Linda Malloy**

**Beaver Scouts – age 6 to 8 years**

**6pm to 7pm. BSL: Linda Malloy**

**Cub Scouts – age 8 to 10½ years**

**6pm to 7.30pm. CSL: Jennifer Williamson**

**Scouts – age 10½ to 14 years**

**7.15pm to 9pm. SL: Neil Holmes**

**Explorer Scouts – age 14 to 18**

**8pm to 9.30pm. ESL: Zac Williamson**

**For further information contact**

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