

The
Messenger

April 2017

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



Letter From the Manse

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.

Dear Friends,

During a recent visit to a local primary school I asked the children what they thought Easter was all about. In no time at all a lot of the children began shouting various things that I had expected, such as chocolate, bunnies, and eggs. A boy of nine years old named Kyle on the back row put his hand up, and with great enthusiasm he shouted, "Please choose me, choose me". I asked Kyle to stand and to explain the meaning of Easter. To my surprise Kyle jumped to his feet, and said "Jesus was nailed to a cross because he loves us, and a few days after he died he came back." It is fair to point out that I assumed that Kyle attended a local church with his family. I was even more surprised to learn that Kyle did not attend church but that he had asked his Mum to buy him a bible for his last birthday, and that he regularly wanted to talk about Jesus to his class friends. The teacher went on to describe how some children struggled to understand Kyle's new found faith and that he had been bullied a number of times.

After the school assembly I walked back to church and thought a great deal about Kyle. I thought about some of the ways in which Kyle's school friends had found it difficult to understand the importance of Jesus in Kyle's life. I was struck by Kyle's bravery and conviction to speak openly about Jesus, even though it may result in him being further bullied. I was reminded of the text from Ephesians chapter 3 verses 18 & 19 that reveals so much about the hope that the apostle Paul invests in the Ephesian church to recognise the nature and extent of how much Our Lord and Saviour loves and keeps on loving His followers.

"I pray that you may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge."

Ephesians 3 v 18-19

As we travel through the remaining period of Lent and onwards to Holy Week, I pray that we will rediscover the power and depth of our lives lived in Christ Jesus. May the empty tomb that we find on Easter Sunday remind us of the hope and the new life that is offered to each of us in the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus.

With every blessing, *Rev Caroline Andrews*

Diary for April 2017

Date	Time	Event
Sun 2 nd	10.30am 12 noon	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins. Church fete planning meeting.
Sat 8 th	10am – 12 noon	The Big Hunt – see notices.
Sun 9 th	10.30am 10am – 12 noon	Church Anniversary Celebration and Palm Sunday Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Richard Niczyperowicz. Donkey rides
Thu 13 th	6pm	Maundy Tenebrae Meal and Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews.
Fri 14 th	9.15am 10am	Hot cross buns served in the downstairs rooms. Good Friday Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.
Sun 16 th	10.30am	Easter Celebration Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr David Kirk.
Sun 23 rd	10.30am 12 noon	Family Service for Heritage Weekend and St. George's Day led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Howard Hutchinson. Messenger deadline for May's edition.
Sun 30 th	10.30am	Family Service led by The Worship Group. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.

Regular Church Activities

SUN	10.30am Service: 1pm–4pm	1 st – Communion 2 nd 3 rd 4 th & 5 th – Family Services Church open to the public (all year). Cafe open 1 st Sunday of each month.
MON	1.30–3pm 7–8.30pm	Toddlers' Praise Time Bell ringing practice
TUE	7-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer meeting for the Church and Saltaire Elders' meeting (meets 1 st Tue in the month)
WED	6-9pm	5 th 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.

Thanks & Notices

COMMUNION CHARITY COLLECTION

As from 1st April the Communion Charity Collection will be in aid of EYH (End Youth Homelessness) a national movement of local charities that work directly with more than 15,000 vulnerable and homeless young people aged 16 - 25. They aim to challenge public preconceptions of youth homelessness and believe that everyone needs a safe place to call home. It seems incredible but 83,000 young people are homeless in the U.K. each year.

Joyce Poot

IAN STANTON

We are sorry to record the sudden and unexpected death of Ian Stanton on 15 February 2017, aged 77 years. Ian's death came as a shock as he worshipped with us on Sunday 12 February. He was in good spirits and seemed quite well.

Ian and his late wife Althea served the church faithfully in various roles for many years. Some of the roles in which Ian served were as an Elder, Treasurer (1969 to 1975) and he was one of the original leaders of a Pilots Group started in September 1982. He also played his part in the Men's weekends and provided great hilarity performing dressed as a lady --- a real contrast to this usual quiet and private man.

Ian was a keen walker, be it on his own or in the company of his son Neil. He was also a member of Bradford CHA, serving as a member of the committee and one of the walk leaders for the Saturday walking group.

In addition to attending our church, Ian and his late wife Althea, also worshipped at Idle Upper Chapel.

Ian's funeral took place at Nab Wood Crematorium on Friday 24 February 2017.

We send our sincere sympathy to Ian's sons Neil and Andrew, his daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

THE BIG HUNT – Saturday 8th April 2017

The Big Hunt is an ecumenical Shipley Churches Together event that will be held on Saturday the 8th of April. The Shipley Churches Together want to make our churches available to all who would like to visit a local church in the run up to Holy Week, in order to reflect and pray. All of the churches involved are offering an 'arts and crafts' space for young families. **Saltire United Reformed Church will be open from 10:00am to 12 noon, and in the downstairs rooms of the church we will be offering 'Easter crafts', cake, and coffee!** Come along and enjoy a morning of reflection, crafts, and fellowship!

COMIC RELIEF

Joanne Ballantyne is walking 50 laps of Yeadon Tarn to raise funds for Comic Relief supporting U.K. and African charities. She is challenging herself more than her usual 7 mile walk to work as she will be 50 this year (Never!)

Good luck Joanne

Joyce Poot

ANNUAL FETE 2017

The Annual Fete this year will take place on **Saturday 3rd June from 12.30pm to 4.00pm** and will have a royal theme to celebrate the Queen and Prince Phillip's Platinum Wedding Anniversary. Everyone is invited to dress up for the occasion and children are encouraged to come in fancy dress. There will be our usual cafe for refreshments and this year there will a bar-b-que and ice-cream stall. Attractions include the chance to try sumo wrestling, donkey rides, music and dancing, children's races, owls, children's crafts and face painting. We will also have stalls including cakes, A Prize Every Time, chocolates and bric-a-brac so there really will be something for everyone. This is our major fundraising event for the year so **we need as much help as possible**. The more helpers we have the more events and stalls we will be able to include on the day. Make sure you put the date in your diary and don't forget to save anything that you can spare for the stalls. Please let Caroline, Richard or Sue know what help you are able to give as soon as possible or come to **the next update meeting which will take place on Sunday 2nd April after the service**.

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE BRIDGE OF KNITTING

We are going to knit a bridge - the more pieces we knit the bigger the bridge will be! Please knit or crochet or weave strips 30cm by 12cm in blue and/or yellow wool - the exact design and pattern is up to you! We need the knitting as soon as possible - if it arrives before 25th April then it will be part of the bridge for the Tour de Yorkshire as it travels through Bradford 28-30th April. If possible, use your knitting group to make your own bridges - find other people or groups to join you. We would love to hear what you are up to email ruth@touchstone-bradford.org.uk

We hope to travel with our bridge all over the place to show the power of communities working together despite the barriers of faith, ethnicity and migration - let's knit good news stories!!

Happy knitting!

Barbara Glasson

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The date for the celebration of the **Church Anniversary will be 9th April** this year due to the way Easter falls and the Heritage Weekend celebrations. If you are able to give a gift to the church items such as biscuits, liquid soap, rubber gloves and toilet rolls are extremely useful and would be most welcome.

CHURCH FETE PHOTOGRAPHY STALL

I have volunteered to run a photography stall at the Church Fete and you can help me! The idea is to offer for sale mounted photographs with the proceeds going to church funds. I have a vast number of mounted prints that I will bring a selection from. I am also prepared to mount any prints that you might have and are willing to offer (no charge). Prints can be any size up to A3. Subject ideas might include interesting places, including Saltaire, churches, other countries, nature, people, or anything else you feel would be of interest. If you want me to mount a photo please let me have it at least a month before the fete. You can of course buy your own image once it is mounted!

Len Morris

On The Third day by Margaret Wideyke

As the sun bursts through the skies,
The darkness of the night is no more.
Two women trudge the dusty road,
A road that leads to the place where He lies.

Bringing burial spices, they enter the garden of rest.
Subdued by all that had happened,
Their hearts are so heavy.
As they near the tomb they stop and stare.
Where is the stone that blocked the entrance.

This is the place they had laid Him.
They find an angel all dressed in white.
The angel speaks of their Lord.
"He is not here, and He is not dead."
The angel cries out to them.

"He is not here. He is not dead."
The women repeat over and over.
They stand paralysed, astonished, overjoyed!
They drop their bags and run.

It is time to report to one and all.
"Our Lord has risen."
"Our Lord has risen."

NEWS FROM SCT

Some news from Shipley Christians Together:

February 2017

Officers

At the 2017 AGM the following were elected as officers of SCT:

Chair: Revd Andrew Taylor
Secretary: Hugh Firman
Treasurer: Gary Furze.

Lent 2017

In 2017, Lent is 1st March (Ash Wed) to 15th April (Easter Saturday). The ecumenical Lent groups have proved popular in the past. This year SCT will again run Lent Groups from w/c 6th March and using the Keswick Book "The whole of life for Christ". There are several groups at various times/venues and these have been put up in Churches. If you haven't signed up and want to, contact the group leader.

Walk of Witness

SCT holds an annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 12.00 noon, starting at St Paul's and ending with a short service in the market place. Readings and hymns with the Salvation Army Band. A Soup Lunch should be available to the Baptist Church afterwards at 1.00pm. Permission to hold this has been sought from the Local Council (a legal requirement).

Good Friday United Service 7.30pm Friday 13th April 2017 will be held at St Paul's Church, Shipley and will take the form of Tenebrae (Shadows)

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 2017 will be from 14 to 21 May. There will be the House to house collection, "the Big Brekkie" and a Street Collection in Shipley Market Square Saturday 20 May. Volunteers will be wanted for these.

The Christian Aid Week Service and Commissioning of Volunteers is on **Sunday 14 May at 14.00 hours**, at the Bandstand in Roberts Park with John Froud and guests. Come from church with a picnic lunch and join in the service.

PRAY FOR SHIPLEY: a group meets monthly at different venues to pray for the needs of Shipley and for the Lord's work that goes on here. Sometimes prayers are held in the town centre or as a prayer walk. The next three are on Tuesday 21st March 7.30, Wednesday 26th April 7.30, Thursday 25th May 7.30. For details and meeting places contact Euan Woodward 2013edw@gmail.com

CUPPACARE

Cuppacare drop in café provides friendly service, delicious freshly prepared food and high quality Fairtrade tea and coffee. But also community outreach; a meeting place; work experience and generates income. Cuppacare relies on the help of over thirty volunteers every week so any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated. Visit and ask for Dorothy on a Monday or Edna on a Friday.

FIND OUT MORE on the SCT website <http://shipleychristianstogether.org.uk/>

Quiz Time

1. Tom Mix was an early star of which genre of films?
2. Under whose reign did Buckingham Palace become the monarch's official residence in London?
3. Donald McGill was famous for illustrating what?
4. What coat colouring pattern in animals, particularly dogs, cattle and guinea pigs, is sometimes described as tiger-striped?
5. Which former German currency unit was equal to 1/100th of a mark?
6. Which Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII from 1529 to 1532 was executed for treason?
7. Which British tea clipper launched in 1869 is now preserved as a museum ship at Greenwich?
8. Which country issued all soldiers with a folding pocket knife in 1893?
9. Which is the first Monopolystation after passing "GO"?
10. What is the capital city of Iceland?
11. Helvellyn is a mountain in which part of the U.K.?
12. At which well did Jesus talk with a Samaritan woman?
13. How old was Chuck Berry when he died recently?
14. What word connects the Rover Car Company, Kirk Douglas and UK's largest stationery company?
15. Which horse won this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup race?
16. Mali became independent from which country in 1960?
17. Which U.S. writer's works include the Great Gatsby?
18. Who was the British inventor who launched a battery electric vehicle in 1985?
19. Which clear jelly made from meat or fish stock is used as a mould in savoury dishes?
20. What is the name of the traditional tea bread - enriched with lard, sugar, spices and dried fruit - which is popular in southern and western counties of England?

Thanks to Tony Wilson.

Answers on page 10

My Favourite Memory

What is your favourite memory of your time here at Saltaire United Reformed Church? This month I have introduced a new feature in *The Messenger* which I hope will help readers reflect on the times we have shared over the years. Please submit as many memories as you would like, but as separate articles, either to saltaireurcmessenger@hotmail.co.uk or in person to Leona or Eric Holland. Thank you.

There are many great memories of being part of the Saltaire URC family. When I think of one of my favourites I go back to the first candlelight Christmas Service my family attended in 2011. It was a wonderful evening with the sound of a full church singing traditional Christmas time hymns. Young and old alike who were in attendance that evening were filled with enthusiasm and hope for the holiday season and, as strange as it may sound, you could really feel it in your soul. It was uplifting and fun and, yes, a bit magical. I thought it was a great example of the church connecting with the local community in a very positive, tangible way by helping to maintain a cherished tradition. Looking ahead, I think it also shows us how strong and important our Church could be in Saltaire and the surrounding area if we continue to strengthen and create new community links.

Eric Holland

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Westerns;
- 2 Queen Victoria;
- 3 Comic postcards;
- 4 Brindle;
- 5 Pfennig;
- 6 Thomas More;
- 7 Cutty Sark;
- 8 Switzerland;
- 9 Kings Cross;
- 10 Reykjavik;
- 11 The Lake District;
- 12 Jacob's Well;
- 13 Ninety;
- 14 Viking;
- 15 Sizing John;
- 16 France;
- 17 F Scott Fitzgerald;
- 18 Sir Clive Sinclair;
- 19 Aspic;
- 20 Lardy cake.



5th 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 more information contact Linda Malloy 01274 400771