

The
Messenger

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Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



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Amid the winds and the waves of life

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.

Lent is supposed to be a time for spiritual self-examination. But suppose our lives are so full of problems that we can scarcely take our eyes off of them?

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake... 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' Matthew 14:25-31

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Unfortunately, this story isn't evidence that Jesus is in the habit of handing out superpowers. So, what can we learn from this account? Like most of our modern superhero stories, this incident is less about the superpower on display and more about what the characters learn about themselves and others.

Most significantly of all, the first thing Peter sees is Jesus doing what God alone can do. In Scripture, power over the wind and waves is always attributed to God. Jesus' feat of walking on water is more than just a clever trick. It's further evidence of his authority – an authority which enables Peter himself to walk on water. Even more remarkably, we can trust that the power of Christ residing in us through his Spirit will enable us to walk through life's storms without fear.

The second thing Peter learns is that he can't do it himself. He began to walk towards Jesus, "but when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'" Peter was aware of the wind and the waves in his peripheral vision when he climbed out of the boat. But when he stopped focusing on Jesus and allowed his vision to be filled with the storm, he began to sink.

Few of us will ever find ourselves in a boat surrounded by a storm, but we regularly weather metaphorical storms. The storms around us might be powered by financial difficulty, impossible deadlines at work, family strife, unstable health, relationship breakdown. But when we find ourselves in a storm, what do we do? Do we allow the wind and waves to fill our vision and overwhelm us, or do we keep focusing on Jesus? Do we trust that, if we begin to sink, he will reach out and catch us?

The one we look to is the Lord, who not only directs the winds and waves but also death and life, the only one who can save us – and carry us through the storms of today.

Gemma Curran

Diary for February 2015

Date	Time	Event
Sun 1st	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Alan Evans. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.
	12 noon	Church Meeting.
Tue 3 rd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Sun 8 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Mr James Duncan. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.
Sat 14 th	10.30am	Under 40's-ish Meeting.
Sun 15 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Andrew Taylor. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.
	4pm	Wedding Preparation Service.
Tue 17 th	5:30pm	Pancake Party in downstairs rooms. Bring food/drink to share.
Sat 21 st	9.30am	Wedding Preparation 1.
Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Family Service led by Mrs Valerie Jenkins. Organist: Mr John Chapman.
	12 noon	Messenger deadline for March's edition.
Sat 28 th	1pm	Wedding of Stephen Peacock and Catherine Davidson.

Date to be confirmed – Fete planning meeting

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

- Anon

Regular Church Activities

S U N	10.30am Service: 1pm-4pm	1 st – Communion 2 nd – Scout Groups' Parade 3 rd 4 th & 5 th – Family Services Church & cafe open to the public (all year)
M O N	1.30-3pm 7-8.30pm	Toddlers' Praise Time Bell ringing practice
T U E	7-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer meeting for the Church and Saltaire Elders' meeting (meets 1 st Tue in the month)
W E D S A T	6-9pm	5 th Shipley Scout Groups' meetings
S A T	10.30am	Under 40's Group (meets 2 nd Sat of each month)

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.

Bell ringing contacts:	Len Morris	01274 597894
	Robert Appleby	01274 223753
Scout contact:	Barbara Lawson	01274 591931
Under 40's contact:	Leona Holland	07522 106912
Toddlers' group contact:	Valerie Jenkins	01274 542510
	Helen O'Loan	01274 405847

Thanks & Notices

DISABLED ACCESS AT CHURCH

A pathway round the back of the Church to the Emergency Exit door has been installed to assist people in wheelchairs and parents with pushchairs to access the lower rooms more easily. We should like to express our thanks to Michelle Eyres (Landscape Gardener), Jonathan Eyres, Arch Building Supplies and Chippindale Plant for their invaluable help with this project.

Finance Committee

ANNUAL SUMMER FETE

The Church Summer Fete will be held on Saturday, 27th June this year from 12.30pm to 4pm, as usual. We are hoping to have the usual stalls and entertainment for which (you've guessed it!) we need lots of volunteers!

Please come to our planning meeting (date to be confirmed in church notices) in the Church Rooms and let's make this year's Fete the best one ever.

Joyce Poot

LENT 2015 STUDY GROUPS – SHIPLEY CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

Five weeks of bible study/discussion/fellowship together. You have the choice of 10 times and venues (all commencing in the week 23rd-27th February 2015):

- Monday: 9.30am at Salvation Army Citadel; 7.30pm at 10 Grosvenor Road.
- Tuesday: 2.00pm at 106 Avondale Rd; 7.30 pm 61 Grosvenor Rd.
- Wednesday: 10.00am at 24 South Edge, Moorhead; 2.30pm at 26 Grange Ave, 7.30pm at 4 Scarborough Rd.
- Thursday: 7.30pm at 1A Victoria Rd.
- Friday: 10.30am at 3 Grove Rd; 2.30pm at 19 Redburn Rd.

You need to register with a group (Helen O'Loan 01274 405847 has a form and contacts) but there may be scope to catch up any missed sessions on other groups. Many people find the small groups very helpful in increasing their understanding and devotion. You make new friends too!

OBITUARY: JENNIE GUDGEON

A letter has been received from Ernest Gudgeon advising us of the death of his wife, Jennie, after a long illness courageously borne. Ernest was a member of our church for many years and held the office of Deacon and Treasurer, and was also a member of the choir. We extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family and hold them in our prayers.

Janet and Dick Clark

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please place your used postage stamps in the tin on the front pew – they are sent on to support charitable works.

June Blue

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 2017

The Open The Book project organizes Christians to go into school to act out Bible stories for the children at School Assemblies. Helen Longman from St. Margaret's Frizinghall has co-ordinated this work for a number of years and plans to retire in 2017 – so we have 2 years notice to find someone else .

The ORB Co-ordinator liaises (by phone & e-mail) with the storytelling teams and the schools to agree the dates of assemblies and ensure that the correct props are available to each team in good time. S/he brings them out of storage, the teams collect and return the appropriate one as arranged, s/he checks each box of props is complete on its return, folds and stores them neatly and follows up any shortfall, and replaces them in storage ready for the next use. There is a programme of stories to follow, which may be adapted occasionally to suit a given situation, but which needs to be kept to fairly closely in order to avoid clashes. At Easter and Christmas there are 'specials' and negotiation is needed to ensure that teams have the resources they need when they need them. Storage is currently in a loft (with a sturdy loft ladder!) at St Margaret's Church, Frizinghall.

Valerie Jenkins

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Denys Crossley Salt *4th May 1918 – 21st December 2014*

Denys was the son of Harold Crossley Salt and his wife Grace and therefore Great grandson of Sir Titus Salt.

He remembered his grandmother, Catherine (nee Crossley) who was the wife of Titus Junior and spoke fondly of her, recalling how she had been greatly involved in the church activities here and returned for special; events when she moved out of Milner Field.

Denys was educated at Marlborough school before going up to St. Edmund Hall College, Oxford where he graduated with an Oxford MA

After the Second World War Denys served in the British Military Government of occupied Austria in the Province of Styria and was decorated by the Austrian Government for his contribution to the reconstruction of the country.

He then went to work for the BBC where he remained for 28 years, during which time he regularly visited Austria forming firm ties with the country and the people. In 1989 he married Eva Kiesling of Graz and it was there that he and Eva lived latterly, although sadly, Eva died in May 2010.

Denys first visited Saltaire in 1953 for the centenary celebrations of the village. He arrived not knowing what to expect and was overwhelmed with the scale of his ancestor's estate. Since then Denys has visited regularly until the last two years when his health has not been strong enough for the journey.

In 1955, along with representatives of 3 generations of the Salt family, he was present at the opening of the Saltaire Study Centre at Shipley College. In September 2003 four generations of the family were reunited for the Saltaire Festival which commemorated the bi-centenary of the birth of Titus Salt and attended the church to rededicate the bells. Indeed each time Denys visited he came to the church for Sunday morning worship.

He visited again in 2006 for the 150th anniversary of the presentation of the marble bust to Sir Titus salt, which now sits in the church porch. He came again in 2007 and 2008 for the Festival and on the second occasion he visited the new Titus Salt school. In 2009 he joined us in April for the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the church and marched up Victoria Road with us to our celebratory lunch in Victoria Hall. In September of the same year Maggie silver hosted a lunch in his honour at the Mill.

His last visit was in September 2012 when, at the Festival, he was present for the Salt Symposium, an event organised as part of the Festival.

Titus Salt was not his only famous ancestor. As well as his connections with the Crossley family, whose carpet business was a long established employer in Yorkshire, he was the great, great, great nephew of the poet William Cowper whose hymn "God moves in a mysterious in a mysterious way" is to be sung at his funeral service in February. His father was also a close friend of Sir John Steiner who set the tune "Cross of Jesus" to the words by John Henry Newman "Firmly I believe and truly" – a splendid hymn of certainty which Denys has also chosen to be sung on the same occasion.

All who met Denys can testify to his kindness and vibrant interest in all whom he met. Truly a wonderful gentleman.

Valerie Jenkins with information provided by Pauline Sleight.

Prayer Matters

The prayer meeting still takes place **each Tuesday at 7pm**. **Everybody is welcome**, no experience is needed. You can come and listen to the music, the quiet and the spoken prayers of others – no pressure to pray aloud!

If you can't make the meeting, you can join us in your own space and time. Some recent and ongoing items for **thanks and prayer** include:

- Continued recovery for Sheila Bruce, Dick & Janet, Len & Doreen, Angela & John, Dorothy, Clare, Mandy, Hazel, Mabel and Nancy; Bud & Doreen, Sheila Thornton and her family, including little Guilia and mum Kate in Peru.
- The new elders, Andy, David & Zac; and the search for a new minister: that they and the whole church may bring their talents – as God guides – to build his kingdom in Saltaire and among us.
- Strength and wisdom for Ian & Helen Livingstone and the rest of the local health community struggling to meet rising demands. Those fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.
- The suffering, bereaved and refugees across the Middle East; the fearful in France and Ukraine; God's guidance for peace makers.

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5th Shipley Scout Group

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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

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