

The
Messenger

July & August 2016

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



Come Before His Presence with Singing

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.

I love to sing. I always have. I don't consider myself to have the greatest singing voice in the world but I have sung a fair bit over the years. I was in the choir at middle school and sang in various school concerts, I've been involved in many amateur dramatics productions over the years. I even sang in a gospel choir fairly recently and absolutely loved it, but singing in a choir is different to leading worship, there is safety in numbers....

When Caroline asked if I would sing with Naveen and Caleb I didn't hesitate to say yes. I figured their voices and their guitars would overshadow my voice, and no-one would notice the odd bum note.....voices, like any instrument, if not used regularly become a bit rusty, and I felt very rusty!

The first time I sang with them someone said to me, 'You have a lovely voice' I thought, 'Oh no! You couldn't hear me could you?'

But then as the weeks have gone on, I've relaxed into it. This morning I was even brave enough to sing the first verse of 'Be still' on my own. I felt really out of my comfort zone, but then after the service I had some lovely feedback. Two people said what a lovely voice I have, and one of them said every time I open my mouth to sing it moves her to tears, (I think she meant in a good way, not because my singing is so shocking it makes her cry!)

So many people have said what a great mix they think Caleb, Naveen and I make. Caleb and Naveen are so laid back they seem happy for me to make suggestions, they just go with the flow, even when I ask them to stop because I want to say something!

But the thing is, it's not about us. There is a bigger thing at work here than just three very different people singing a couple of worship songs and I've alluded to it a couple of times. I have really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as we've sung, in a tangible way.

That's why people feel moved to tears, God is at work.....

I think God honours us when we step out in faith, even if it's not something we are fully confident about.

Music is so important. I really believe in the power of praise. At the moment I am going through a time of uncertainty, I am having to

really dig into God's Word and his promises and music is playing a big part in that. I am playing worship songs in my car everywhere I go and singing at the top of my voice (it can mean some funny looks when you stop at the traffic lights!) but God is good, and it is good to lift our praises in song.

I hope the songs we sing are as much of a blessing to you as they are to me. (Yes, even Bind us together!)

Psalm 100 King James Version (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Much love.

Kate.

Diary for July & August 2016

Date	Time	Event
July		
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.
	12 noon	Church Meeting.
Tue 5 th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Sun 10 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Mr Chris Clough. Organist: Mr Geoff Pople.
Sat 16 th	10.30am	Church day out to Sconce???? Please speak to David Swales for more information.
Sun 17 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Mr John Tilbury. Organist: Mr John Chapman.

Tue 19 th	7.30pm	Church Meeting.
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.
Fri 29 th	7.30pm	Plymouth Philharmonia concert.
Sat 30 th	1pm	Wedding of Damien Jolly and Katie Taylor.
Sun 31 st	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Howard Hutchinson.
August		
Sat 6 th	12.30pm	Wedding of Mark Brookes and Karen Finter.
	3.30pm	Wedding of Andrew Clark and Lisa Kendall.
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Howard Hutchinson.
Sat 13 th	3pm	Wedding of David Burke and Tamsin Spivey.
Sun 14 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Ms Kate Beck. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.
Fri 19 th	2.30pm	Wedding of Daniel Wells and Jodie Armitage (TBC).
Sat 20 th	TBC	Wedding of Liam Seery and Sophie Eastell.
Sun 21 st	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.
	12 noon	Messenger deadline for September's edition.
Fri 26 th	1pm	Wedding of Benjamin Davis and Marie Illingworth.
Sat 27 th	3pm	Wedding of Mark Mounsey and Nicola Moulden.
Sun 28 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr John Chapman.

Regular Church Activities

S U N	10.30am Service: 1pm-4pm	1 st – Communion 2 nd 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	10.30am 6-9pm	Informal Worship Service 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.

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

CLEANING OUR CHURCH

As we don't have a cleaner, if you have a few spare minutes when you are in church could you please help with some cleaning tasks? A list of jobs that should take around 10 - 15 minutes to complete has been put on the board in the shop. All the materials you may need are in the cupboard to the right in the shop. When a job has been finished please put the date in the appropriate box so we know when it will need doing again. Any help you can give to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy would be much appreciated.

Many thanks
Sue Longbottom

BRADFORD FOOD BANK

Can you buy a couple of extra items in your weekly shop to help a worthy cause?

The following can be added to the collection in the church vestibule:

Tins: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, custard, rice pudding, soup, beans, etc.

Jars: peanut butter, pasta sauces, drinking chocolate, coffee, etc.

Packets and Cartons: rice, pasta, tea bags, noodles, UHT milk, cereal bars, pitta bread, biscuits, dried fruit, nuts, cream crackers, etc.

Jo Cox MP

Dear Friends

Following my email last week regarding the tragic murder of local MP Jo Cox, I have had quite a few people contacting me to ask how they might make a donation to honour her life.

I attach a link below to a website where you can make a donation if you would like to do so. All monies collected will go to the causes closest to Jo's heart which are:

The Royal Voluntary Service, to support volunteers helping combat loneliness in Jo's constituency, Batley and Spenningsdale in West Yorkshire.

HOPE not hate, who seek to challenge and defeat the politics of hate and extremism within local communities across Britain.

The White Helmets: volunteer search and rescue workers in Syria. Unarmed and neutral, these heroes have saved more than 51,000 lives from under the rubble and bring hope to the region.

In her husband Brendan's words:

"Jo believed in a better world and she fought for it every day of her life with an energy, and a zest for life that would exhaust most people. She would have wanted two things above all else to happen now, one that our precious children are bathed in love and two, that we all unite to fight against the hatred that killed her."

www.gofundme.com/jocox

In Christ's love

Kevin Watson

Synod Moderator

United Reformed Church



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

For further information contact

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