

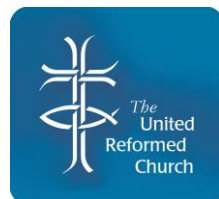
The
Messenger

June 2016

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



Pilgrimage: Part 2

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.

Early this year my daughter Gem, and I discussed the possibility of the two of us going on a spiritual pilgrimage together. As I was approaching a serious operation in February, we discussed the possibilities of going on a pilgrimage in late summer of this year. However, due to my recent illness, it will no longer be possible, and so Gem, and I have postponed our trip until the early autumn of 2017. Gem and I also hope to raise sufficient funds in order to begin the restoration of the gallery and what was the 'breakfast room' for Sir Titus Salt's family on the occasions when they worshipped at Saltaire URC.

In having an in-depth conversation about various pilgrimages that we would seriously think about, we realised that a particular pilgrimage had been of growing interest to each of us in recent years: the pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostela, most commonly known as Santiago, which is also the capital of the Galicia community in north-western Spain.

The shrine of St James the Great is a leading and popular Catholic pilgrimage and is known as 'The way of St. James.' The first pilgrimage dates back to the 9th century. The shrine of St. James the Great is to be found within the medieval cathedral in Santiago, and the cathedral building itself is a middle marker, dividing the medieval part of the city from that of the developed, and modern part of the city. In 1985, the well preserved medieval part of the city of Santiago was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and each year more than three hundred thousand pilgrims make the long and arduous journey to what is believed to be the last resting place of the Apostle James.

The medieval legend of the apostle St. James suggests that after his execution, his body was brought to Galicia, where he had visited and preached many times during his ministry. In 813 AD, according to medieval legend, a shepherd was watching his flock in a field at night overlooking the city of Santiago, when a bright star lit up the night sky and guided his footsteps to the site of St. James' remains. The shepherd, it would seem, wasted no time in travelling to the home of Bishop Teodomiro, where he reported that although at first he had been frightened by the brightness of the star, he had heard a voice that he believed to be an angel of the Lord, encouraging him to follow the star to where he would

find the remains of the apostle James. Bishop Teodomiro sanctified the remains, and declared them to be those of the apostle James. King Alfonso II, agreed to honour St. James in the immediate building of a cathedral on the site.

It is thought that the legend of St. James' remains was recorded by a Catholic priest who served King Alfonso II, and that in the months that followed the shepherd's 'great find', he also recorded many miraculous events that occurred within one mile of what would later become the final resting place of St. James. One such miracle concerned the stream that ran under the cathedral and over the remains of St. James. It was believed to have 'God given' healing properties which, at the beginning of the 9th century, heralded a surge in those travelling to Santiago to be healed from various diseases and great suffering.

Five years ago, I read about a number of people suffering from blindness and other eye conditions such as diplopia, also known as 'double vision,' who had made the long pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela and whose vision had been greatly improved by bathing their eyes in the stream that runs through the cathedral of St. James. While I am motivated to share such a spiritual pilgrimage with my daughter Gem, in the hope of us sharing an experience that no doubt will challenge and reveal God's call on our lives, I am also drawn to Santiago as my daughter Gem and I both suffer from diplopia, which is a condition that is ever present each day of our lives, and I hope and pray for an improvement for our shared condition. If I believe that God can do all things then, if it is God's will, I believe that God will see fit to give to us a partial or full healing. I am also acutely aware of the hundreds of thousands of people each year who make this pilgrimage with a similar prayer in mind.

In the words of Julian of Norwich: "A pilgrimage is a journey that we take in our walk with God each day. Some pilgrimages are short, and others are vast. What defines our daily pilgrimage with our God, is the ability to be open to hearing His still, small voice."

With every blessing,

Rev'd Caroline Andrews



Diary for June 2016

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Sun 5 th | 10.30am | Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple. |
| Tue 7 th | 7.30pm | Elders' Meeting. |
| Sun 12 th | 10.30am | Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Howard Hutchinson. |
| Sun 19 th | 10.30am 12 noon | Family Service (leader to be confirmed). Organist: Mr John Chapman. Fairtrade Stall in the downstairs rooms. Father's Day celebration BBQ. Messenger deadline for July/August's edition. |
| Sat 25 th | 12.30pm – 4pm | Church Fete |
| Sun 26 th | 10.30am | Family Service led by Karen and Ian Simkins. Organist: Mr Ian Simkins. |
| Wed 29 th | 10am – 4pm | Open Door Forum, organised by the Church Visitors and Tourism Association. |



Thanks & Notices

CELEBRATION LUNCH

On Saturday 2nd July there will be a meal in the downstairs rooms to celebrate the work Valerie Jenkins has done for our church over the years. Please note that this will be in place of the day out to Marton Mere. Everyone is welcome. More details to follow in the church notices at the start of the service.

The Church Elders

Regular Church Activities

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| 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

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### **GRAND ANNUAL FETE - SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE 2016**

Mark the date in your diaries!!!

Help is needed in all areas – please give your names to Joyce or Janet.

We have ordered a lovely sunny, warm day so come along and enjoy yourselves and raise money for the church.

*Joyce Poot*

### **FATHER'S DAY BBQ**

Everyone is welcome to come to the annual Father's Day BBQ after the service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please bring your own items to cook on the BBQ. Drinks and bread buns will be provided.

*Leona Holland*

## **THANKS AND AN UPDATE**

I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their prayers, cards and support during my current illness. I fell somewhat of a fraud because hip replacement today is normally no big deal and mine should have been completed December last. However they kept finding possible problems causing delay until the eventual date this month.

Progress now seems to be good but the pain is still severe.

God bless you all.

*Allan Blue*

## **THE REVEREND TIM J HARWOOD**

Tim, who was our Minister at Saltaire from 1978 to 1987, is to retire from the Ministry after a further 29 years at Shrewsbury URC, ably supported by his wife, Harriet. He will take his last service on 29th May and we wish Tim and Harriet a very long and happy retirement.

*Janet and Dick Clark*

## **SAFEGUARDING ADVISER POST**

If you are interested in viewing the job advert, job application form and other information in respect of the newly created joint post of Safeguarding Adviser for Yorkshire and Northern Synods, please email [theseecretary@saltaireurc.org.uk](mailto:theseecretary@saltaireurc.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is 10 June with interviews being held on 21 June.

*Sue and Richard Longbottom*

## **CUPPACARE S.O.S.**

We need you at Shipley Baptist Church Hall, New Kirkgate!

We are very proud of our Cuppacare drop in café and hope you enjoy our friendly service, delicious freshly prepared food and high quality Fairtrade tea and coffee.

However, our café isn't only about food and drink. It provides a valuable outreach to the community, a meeting place for people from Shipley and beyond, work experience opportunities, and it generates income for the charities chosen by the helpers each year.

Cuppacare relies on the help of over thirty volunteers every week so any help you could offer us would be greatly appreciated. Could you join our friendly team for just three hours on a Monday or Friday? On the job training will be given. Volunteers help at times to suit themselves. The greatest current need is 8am to 11am and 11am to 2pm. The work can be tiring but it is very satisfying as you make friends with other helpers and get to know the customers.

Please pay us a visit and ask for Dorothy on a Monday or Edna on a Friday

*Barbara Judd, Hon. Secretary*

## FAMOUS FACES IN CHURCH

There was a surprise visit on the afternoon of 23rd May when Timothy West and Prunella Scales popped into church after filming their canal journey on Leeds Liverpool canal. Following their visit they caught the train to Leeds and thence to Bristol where Timothy West is appearing as King Lear at the Bristol Old Vic.

The film crew did some filming in the church but it remains to be seen if it is included in the programme.

*David Swales*

## *Bell Ringing at Saltaire URC*

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Being a part of the Saltaire United Reformed Church Bell Ringers for a couple of months now, I think I can safely say this; it is by far my most favourite hobby that I have.

It is the most satisfying thing by far, to first start at the beginning and coming to know the theory behind what makes the bell tick (or ring in this instance), then developing competence in being able to ring as part of a group, and most recently the much more complex art of learning where your bell should be ringing after a call change. For those not up to date with the bell ringing lingo; a call change is where bells switch during a sequence e.g. there are six bells in our bell tower. Now say I ring bell number five and the change is bell four, swapping with bell five. This means that bell five must chime after bell three (where bell four would have chimed previously in the sequence).

I do believe that the fellow ringers will agree with me when I say that bell ringing is a lot more taxing than it may seem to be. What it lacks in physical movement, it certainly makes up for it in the multi-tasking that is required to make the ringing pleasant to hear. To be able to be a competent ringer is no small feat and is worthy of admiration for those whom have spent time and effort to learn such a unique skill.

However, it isn't just the excitement of ringing that makes ringing at our church a pleasure to be up in the tower. I also get to ring with an excellent group of ringers who have supported me and made me feel comfortable whilst learning the ropes (pun). While I may be keeled over when I get to the top of the bell tower, the spiral stairs are still magnificent to observe. However knackered they may be, they are still very aesthetic.

For those lucky enough to go to the roof where the bells actually are (or rather unlucky as this means there is fixing to be done) then you are in for a treat (do keep in mind that my experience of this was in nice sunny weather and not bleak, cold, raining type of weather). The view from there is absolutely stunning, especially if you move your gaze towards Shipley Moors.

So there you have it, bell ringing; complicated, curious, fun, unique and amazing.

God Bless. *Edward Convery*

## Quiz

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1. Bradford City FC, Motherwell FC and Hogwarts School, what's the connection?
2. Lady Malinda Rose Woodward died recently, to whom was she married?
3. Duke Ellington, Bear Grylls and the newest member of SURC bell ringers, what do they have in common?
4. What type of wood, mentioned in the Bible, was Noah's Ark was built from?
5. Who founded the Body Shop?
6. "Rocket 88" by Jackie Brenston and Ike Turner in 1951 was the first what?
7. Who sang "Catch the Wind" in 1965?
8. "W" is the chemical symbol for which element?
9. Titan is the largest moon of which planet in our solar system?
10. In what year was the United Reformed Church formed?
11. Which bicycle manufacturer made the Superbe model?
12. How high is Mt. Everest?
13. Which horse won this year's Grand National?
14. In which town was Tommy Cooper born?
15. What is the collective noun for owls?
16. What is "Twiggy's" real name?
17. What is the state capital of North Dakota?
18. Who is the patron saint of the Scouts?
19. The ballet "The Rite of Spring" was composed by whom?
20. Which company produced the black uniforms for the SS officers in the 1930s and 1940s.

*Many thanks to Tony Wilson*

**Answers found on page 10**

*Oh we do love to be beside the seaside!*

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The second Wednesday in May! That means it's the URC Yorkshire Assembly when the good folk of the churches in the Synod hi-tail it to the Spa at Scarborough for a day of



fellowship, fun and fish and chips. ....though the more restrained of our number may opt for salad.

The Assembly was ably chaired by Sue Ripley, the convenor of the Women's Committee which has been responsible for instigating and continuing the tradition of this Assembly for many years.

During the day worship was led by the Rev. Alison Micklem from St. Columba's Church in York with Mrs Margaret Wood from Idle URC in Bradford accompanying the singing. The morning session was taken by the Rev. Michael Mewis, retired URC minister who now worships at Flowergate Church in Whitby. Michael was speaking in the slot usually allotted to the Synod Moderator, but as Rev Kevin Watson is rather in demand these days as the General Assembly approaches, he was unable to be present but sent an inspiring message which was printed in the programme. Michael provided us with an interesting, amusing, lively and thought provoking reflection on prayer - reminding us all that prayer is a constant dialogue with God wherever we are.

In the afternoon a visit from an ex- Mayor of Scarborough, Pat Marlsburg, who had a tale to tell about her journey into local politics, was followed by an entertaining half hour with the Jelly Roll Jazz Band – a trio of young men – double bass banjo, clarinet and spoons!

Finally a huge treat for the assembly as we listened to the Rev. Janet Lees, currently Chaplain at Silcoates School as she reflected upon the work she has done there in the past 5 years. She has enthused the young people with the excitement of the gospel message, encouraged them to be involved in leading worship in the School Chapel in words and music, developed a team of children from all age groups to be listening ears and mentors when problems occur. She has been involved with the annual WW1 Battlefields trip, and is organising a second trip to work to develop schools in Babati in Tanzania with the Livingstone Trust. The first group who went out two years ago returned so thrilled and vocal about what they had seen and done that this time the number in the group going has increased by 50%. Janet has prepared worship resources which she generously posts on the website for all to share. Sadly, Janet's job will not be funded beyond November this year; a sadness and disappointment which she deeply feels which is shared by many of the assembled throng.



So, it was a great day together! Come and join us next year on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

*Valerie Jenkins*

## *The Elders' Day Out*

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The Church Elders felt that they needed a day out to talk about where the church is going and where it should be going. We chose Parcevall Hall which is run by the Church of England, and we were made very welcome. When the planned day dawned, the sun was out and everything was most enticing. Some of us had not visited Parcevall hall before and it proved a welcome place to talk and think with our prayers.



The Hall is set in the dales with good views of the dale around. We were greeted with coffee and sat down to learn a little more about each other and why we felt that we had come. We spent some time discussing what we were hoping for in the church and led on to what we felt should be the communications and interface with the Village. Caroline has visited quite a high number of residents of Saltaire and has been welcomed by many of them. They see the Church as an important part of the village even if they do not attend services regularly. However they feel that it is a key place to look for support. We sat down for lunch with others visiting the Hall and had a chance to enjoy the adjacent views and think and talk about our visit.

After lunch we spent some time considering what the church can do to support those around us, many of whom find it hard to put food on the table but do not like to admit it. What sort of activities can we support in the church that may be welcome to those around as well as ourselves?

Not surprisingly we did not finish all our thoughts and explorations before it was time for tea and home. Other churches have grown from nothing to strong by helping those around them. The elders have many ideas but have yet to plan a way forward and would welcome the ideas of church members to help us look more outward.

There are some small leaflets about Parcevall Hall in the church and it is well worth a visit. Why not take one and seek inspiration yourselves?

*Len Morris*

Quiz Answers: 1. The claret and amber scarf; 2. Sir Tom Jones; 3. First name Edward; 4. Gopher Wood; 5. Dame Anita Roddick; 6. It was the first Rock and Roll record; 7. Donovan; 8. Tungsten; 9. Saturn; 10. 1972; 11. Raleigh; 12. 29,029ft (8,848m); 13. 'Rule the World'; 14. Caerphilly, Glamorgan; 15. A parliament; 16. Lesley Lawson (nee Hornby); 17. Bismarck; 18. St. George; 19. Igor Stravinsky; 20. Hugo Boss.



## **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**

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