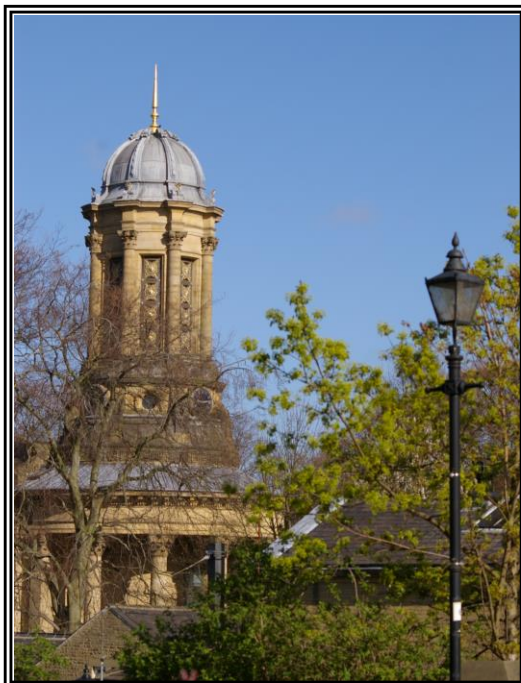


The
Messenger

March 2017

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



Notes 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.

The first two months of this new year in the life of the church and community have been incredibly busy. In January the Building and Finance Committee held a meeting, and it was agreed that the renovation work to the downstairs rooms would begin in earnest. It is fair to suggest that Mike has made a good start in the last five weeks, and that the cafe room is slowly but surely being transformed to reflect a new beginning in the life of our church building.

Within the life of the church there is often a balance of joy and sorrow. In January a significant number of the church family shared a meal before our first Church Meeting of the year, and a wonderful time of fellowship was had by all. It was perhaps a stark reminder, that breaking bread is an integral part of what it means to follow Christ as a church community. Late in January we suffered the loss of Barbara Lawson, a dear friend and member of our church family. In February, we celebrated Barbara's life and all that she had been to her family, friends, church and scouting family in a service of thanksgiving that was very well attended.

I have spent a great deal of time in reflecting upon the many new ways in which we as a church can reach out to the community in Saltaire, and the wider area of Shipley. Since taking up the joint role of minister and chaplain in June of 2015, I have started some twenty four richly diverse groups across Shipley. The groups have encompassed art groups for children and adults, support groups for those suffering from domestic violence, bereavement support, drug and alcohol addiction support, to name but a few. In the second week of January I felt that it was time to move away from thirteen of the groups, as in September of last year I had identified people within the groups who, with the right level of support, would be more than capable to lead the groups forward. I think that it is also important to point out that I will continue to have contact and provide support to the new group leaders.

In the last few months I have shared in a number of meetings about some of the new ministries that I will embark upon in 2017. The first new ministry was launched in the second week of February and will be known as The Bread Project. The Bread Project was inspired by The Bread Church that was established in Liverpool in 1999. An innovative Methodist minister, Rev Dr

Barbara Glasson, persuaded the Methodist Church to invest in a building in Liverpool's City Centre that would provide a neutral space in which to serve God in reaching out to the community. The Bread Church is also affectionately known as Somewhere Else, and in the last eighteen years the church has been described as an inclusive faith community that meet to celebrate the love of Jesus, in the making and in the sharing of bread. More than fifty thousand people have attended The Bread Church to be a part of something unique and quite special. I learned a great deal from my involvement with Liverpool's bread church over the years, but also about the ways in which our amazing God is not confined to the more traditional understanding of a church building. However, the most important thing that I learned from the experience, is simply that God is most definitely not confined to a church building, and that God is present across every community the world over.

The Bread Church in Liverpool does not adhere to a constitution, but it does boast in a powerful mission statement below:

We believe that the church is not a building, but a fellowship of people who serve others in the name of Jesus.

That faith is more than religion.

That God's love is greater than anything we can imagine and embraces everyone who wants to be loved.

That whatever your current experience of church is, The Bread Church will enhance it.

The Bread Church has had an enormous impact on my life, and it has contributed to the relationship that I have with God today. Over the years I have developed the structure of the bread sessions for the very different contexts that I have served as a lay person, and as an ordained minister. Towards the end of last September, I was not surprised when once again my attention turned to developing a number of bread making groups in Saltire and across the communities of Shipley.

The Bread Project is intended to be an ecumenical ministry, and I am delighted that nine churches within the Shipley area have pledged their support. I will be baking bread with the following groups of people:

Homeless people

Mums and children

Mums and Dads and children

Those seeking asylum

Church groups

Bereaved

Elderly

Students young and old

And many, many more...

I want to encourage our church family to come along and get involved. This is an opportunity to be a part of a new adventure for us as a church in how we engage and reach out to community. Making bread in a group can also be a powerful and spiritual experience. I firmly believe that we are marching onwards in a new direction and that in charging forward Christ is offering us a new chapter, a new beginning.

I am comforted by the following words from The Book Of Isaiah Chapter 40 verse 31: “ Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings of eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

With every blessing,
Rev'd Caroline Andrews

Diary for March 2017

Date	Time	Event
Sun 5 th	10.30am	Communion Service and dedication of Elders led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: David Kirk.
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Geoff Collins.
Sun 19 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Richard Niczyperowicz
	12 noon	Deadline for April edition of The Messenger.
Tue 21 st	6pm	Church meeting, preceded by meal and prayers.
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Family Mothering Sunday Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews Organist: Howard Hutchinson.

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

ANUAL FETE 2017

Our Annual Fete will this year take place on 3rd June 2017. As usual we will have a cafe, stalls and attractions such as dancers and musicians with something to suit everyone. In addition this year there will be extra activities such as children's crafts and races. This is our major fund raising event for the year so we need as many people as possible to take part and lighten the load for the usual organisers. Please also consider asking family and friends if they are able to help both on the day and in the organisation needed to make the event a happy, safe and successful occasion. Please let Caroline, Richard or Sue know what help you are able to give as soon as possible.

2017 YEAR PLANNER

There is a month by month year planner for 2017 on the notice board in the cafe room which gives details of all the events we are planning for the year. At the end of the month the sheet will be turned over. If you have any photographs of events that have taken place during the month please display them there so we have a reminder of what we did. If you would like either an electronic or paper copy of the year planner please speak to Richard or Sue.

SUNDAY CAFE CLOSURES

Owing to shortage of volunteers, for the foreseeable future the Sunday Cafe will only be open on the first Sunday of each month and, where possible, on each Bank Holiday Monday. We do apologise to our customers and do hope to see you on the dates when we are able to be open. We are continuing to attempt to get further volunteers. If you feel you could help, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Janet Clark

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 3rd of March and our local service will be at St Walburga's church at 7pm All are welcome, women and men, young and old from any denomination. The service has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines and is titled "Am I being unfair to you?"

Jenn Williamson

SUMMER FETE

This year's Summer Fete will take place on Saturday, 3rd June from 12.30pm to 4pm and there are lots of exciting attractions and events to look forward to.

Make sure you put this date in your Diary and come along to enjoy the main Fundraising event of the year and don't forget to save anything that you can spare for the various stalls which will be listed in next month's Messenger.

Joyce Poot

MAINTENANCE PROTOCOL

If you notice a maintenance problems in either the church or downstairs rooms please let one of the following people who have been authorised by the Buildings and Finance Committee to deal with the problem know. This includes light bulbs that need replacing, broken furniture, problems with the toilets etc.

Janet Clarke	01274 584311
Zac Williamson	07973438713
Richard and Sue Longbottom	01274 593932

Cape Verde Conundrum

Karl and I were blessed with the incredible gift of a holiday recently by his parents. We decided to go to Cape Verde which is a group of islands just off the North West Coast of Africa for some winter sun.

We were expecting it to be exciting and different but we had no idea just how amazing it was going to be and how challenging in lots of ways. The contrast between the affluence of the people in the hotels and the people in the towns and villages we visited was jaw dropping.

We really had our hearts touched when visited a school in the South of the island and heard that children's education in that village ended at primary level because the only high school on the island was in Sal Rei, the capital in the North. Parents could not afford the 10 Euros a day it costs to send their children. We asked our guide if there was anything we could do, regularly send money or sponsor a child, he said the problem with that was corruption, monies coming in were often intercepted by the wrong people. 'So what CAN we do?' I asked him.

'You can remember us' was his reply.

'I can go one better' I said, 'I will pray'

Later the same day we visited an incredible beach called Santa Monica beach. Miles and miles of white sand and blue sea stretching as far as the eye can see. A breathtaking area of natural beauty, only accessible by an off road vehicle. This beach is included in lists of the top ten beaches in the world.

I sat on the white sand (which had been carried by the wind from the Sahara. The island is volcanic so any sand you see has been carried in on the wind. Isn't that mind blowing?) I gazed at the ocean and had a chat with my heavenly Father. I reflected on all we'd seen and promised to pray.

There are plans to build lots of hotels on the island including Santa Monica beach. Our guide had mixed feelings, he was one of 9 children and his mother moved to Italy when he was young and sent money back for the family. She still lives there he hasn't seen her in years. 80% of Cape Verdeans end up leaving the islands to find work. The harsh volcanic landscape means little grows, there is no agriculture and goods have to be imported. The ground is too hard to dig wells so water comes from 3 desalination plants and has to be bought. The growing tourist industry will destroy areas of natural beauty but it will bring lots of work to the islanders and improve the economy and infrastructure as roads are improved. Perhaps people might find work and even be able to send their children to school.....

We came home having left a piece of our hearts in Cape Verde. I feel so privileged to have been given a glimpse of what life is like. I had mixed feelings as I lay on a four

poster sunbed in a posh hotel, with a vast array of food in the all you can eat restaurant, having seen children lower a bucket into the ground to draw salt water to wash their hands, then troop across the schoolyard with a meagre dish of rice and beans.

Will you join me in praying for Cape Verde and her beautiful people?

Kate Kelly



Led by Rev. John Bell with his iconic and truly inspirational music and songs from the Iona Community (Wild Goose)

SATURDAY 11th MARCH 2017

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

13:00 – 17:00

Participant cost: £6 (incl. refreshment)

As part of the Bradford Area RSCM calendar of events.



www.bradfordcathedral.org

e: choir@bradfordcathedral.org

f: Bradford Cathedral Choir

Quiz Time

1. What is the only English league football club not to be named after a geological location?
2. What is the chemical symbol for silver?
3. Who is the author of the novel "Catch 22"?
4. The bolivar is the currency of which country?
5. How many keys are there on a standard piano keyboard?
6. Other than London Heathrow airport what other English airport has two runways?
7. What is the last letter in the Greek alphabet?
8. According to the bible, where did Noah's Ark come to rest after the flood?
9. Which town near Birmingham was built to house workers from the nearby Cadbury's chocolate factory?
10. What name is given to the kitchen implement used for cutting and slicing julienne vegetables?
11. The Tone Ring Illuminator Model telephone with its innovative electronic "warbling" ring was better known as what?
12. What English surname comes from the word for an arrowsmith or seller of arrows?
13. Who won the BAFTA this year for leading actress?
14. What planet lies between Earth and Jupiter?
15. Which drink is named after a royal family?
16. Fender and Gibson are famous makers of what?
17. Which is the largest state in America?
18. What was the name of the supercomputer that defeated chess master Garri Kasparov in 1997?
19. What was the name of the steam train that replaced the mainline service on the Settle to Carlisle line last month?
20. Who is the new England cricket captain?

Thanks to Tony Wilson. Answers on page 11

Lots more information can be found at:
www.saltaireurc.org.uk

Quiz Answers

- 1 Port Vale;
- 2 Ag;
- 3 Joseph Heller;
- 4 Venezuela;
- 5 88 (52 white, 36 black);
- 6 Manchester;
- 7 Omega;
- 8 Mount Ararat;
- 9 Bournville;
- 10 Mandoline;
- 11 The Trimphone;
- 12 Fletcher;
- 13 Emma Stone;
- 14 Mars;
- 15 Bourbon;
- 16 Guitars;
- 17 Alaska;
- 18 Deep Blue;
- 19 Tornado;
- 20 Joe Root.



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