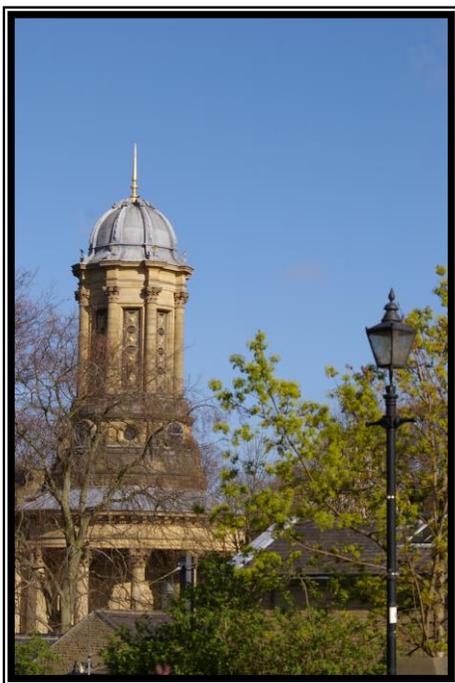


The
Messenger

November 2016

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Within a few days of arriving, and accepting the call to this community in the June of 2015, I attended the early morning clergy prayers, and I remember being acutely aware that the eight people gathered were about to embark on an exciting adventure together. The churches within Shipley have over the years been involved in a pulpit swap during the Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity each January, and occasionally there had been a number of ecumenical Christian Aid events in recent years, but in this place God was calling the local churches to join together for a time of mission. Prior to my arrival, the Shipley clergy had been meeting for morning prayer for two months, so in many ways I was also very much aware that the church leaders meeting to pray together was very much a prayer group in its infancy.

As the months moved on as a group we recognised the similarities within our denominations, and the bonds of friendship were forged. We have since shared that at times each of us felt very much like the character of Frodo Baggins from J.R.R. Tolkien's acclaimed trilogy, as Frodo is entrusted at all costs to protect the 'one' ring the most powerful artefact that had been created in Middle-earth. As the clergy within Shipley, the 'Believe In Shipley' mission was to be our 'one' ring, and the mission would become our focus for sixteen months.

In and throughout the last sixteen months it was difficult for those involved with the mission to see the seeds that would be sown as we moved closer and closer to the mission. There was a level of the unknown in how the church congregations would respond to a time of mission, but we put our trust in God the Father, in our saviour and Lord Jesus, and in the guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit that all would be well. Each Wednesday morning we prayed and prayed that God would reveal a way forward for each of the churches involved, as each of the majority of the churches had in some way experienced a fall in the numbers of members and adherents. We prayed that God would call the lost and those living on the margins, those feeling isolated and unworthy. We prayed that God would reveal a new vision, and that there would be a ripple of excitement that move within the church communities. We prayed that the name of Jesus would indeed be

lifted high, and that there would be an awareness of how much God is present in the everyday, and in the lives of those living across the area of Shipley. During the ten days of the mission our church became the hub at the beginning of each day as the church leaders, and all those involved in each of the mission events, gathered to eat a hearty breakfast, and to pray and pray without ceasing that God would protect us.

As the dust has already settled on the Believe In Shipley mission, we find ourselves in a time of post mission, and whichever way we may have reflected on the mission it is important for us to remember that God calls us to be His people in the here and in the now, and the act of mission is at the very core of who we are as followers of Christ. So many wonderful things happened during the ten day festival of mission, where the focus for our church communities went above and beyond the denominational walls that have been built over time. Churches across Shipley joined together to worship, pray, eat and witness in so many diverse ways.

The Believe In Shipley mission does not define us as disciples of Christ, but it does remind us that being a Christian is very much about taking the gospel message out into our community and the wider world, and we will continue to reach out and to serve our amazing God in all that we do.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Caroline Andrews



Diary for November 2016

Date	Time	Event
Thu 3 rd	9.30am	WW1 Remembrance planning event in downstairs rooms.
Sat 5 th	10am – 4pm	Elders' Away Day at Parceval Hall
	5pm	Bonfire Party (see notices)
Sun 6 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr John Chapman.
Sun 13 th	10.30am	Remembrance Day Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple. Shoe boxes for Romania due into church (see article) Separate collection to help the homeless (see article)
Sun 20 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.
	12 noon	Church Meeting. Messenger deadline for December & January's edition.
Sat 26 th	10am – 4pm	Pudsey helps us to prepare for Christmas! (see article)
Sun 27 th	10.30am	1 st Sunday in Advent Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.

December dates for your diary:

Children's Christmas party	3rd December	3pm
Toy service	11th December	10.30am
Yorkshire Music School concert	11th December	4pm
Rotary Club Carol Concert with Otley brass band £6	13th December	7.30pm
Candlelight carol service	18th December	6.30pm

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	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

CAROLINE'S HOLIDAY

Our minister Caroline will be taking holiday from 13th - 19th November. Once again the Ecumenical Team in Shipley will be dealing with pastoral issues that arise in her absence and other issues should be referred to either of the Church Secretaries or any of the serving Elders. It is really important for Caroline's health that she takes regular breaks away from her duties both as our Minister and in her role as Ecumenical Chaplain to Saltaire so we ask you to refrain from calling, texting or emailing her whilst she is away.

Sue and Richard, Joint Church Secretaries

OAKWOOD HALL LUNCH

Just to let everyone know that a Church lunch has been arranged. The date is the 15th of January and the venue is the Oakwood Hall. I will put a notice in the café room and anyone wishing to go will you please put your name down.

Sheila Bruce

PARTY INVITATION

Remember, remember, the 5th of November!

Come to our annual bonfire and pie and pea supper on Saturday 5th November. The bonfire will be lit at about 5.00pm.

Please give your names to Janet Clark if you require pie and peas.

Any donations of parkin etc would be very much appreciated.

Any fireworks will be lit under controlled conditions.

A collection will be taken in support of the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank.

Janet & Dick Clark



ROTAS FOR 2017

It is that time of year when we need to start planning for 2017. Janet Clarke has very kindly agreed to prepare the majority of the rotas and a big thank you to her for taking on this task again. We also need more volunteers to do coffee after the church service and Doreen Morris will put a sign up list on the wall in the cafe area. Would you prayerfully consider if you are able to commit some time to help with opening the church for visitors especially from April to September when we are open every day, helping with organised groups and school bookings and working in the cafe. If you are unsure what is involved have a word with Janet or one of the Elders. The more volunteers we have the more we can do to bring the love of God to the many people who come through the church doors.

Sue and Richard Longbottom

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held at church on 30th September raised £150. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.

Sheila Bruce

WWI REMEMBRANCE DAY

A planning meeting for our World War 1 Remembrance event will take place in the downstairs rooms at church on Thursday 3rd November at 9.30. Please will anyone who would like to be involved come along to this meeting or have a word with Caroline. Further details of the event will be given out in the notices and will also be advertised on our website.

POSTAGE STAMPS WANTED

The Leprosy Mission wants your used postage stamps. Please trim and leave them in the tin at the back of church, where you will also find more information.

June Blue

JUBILEE OUTREACH YORKSHIRE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR ROMANIA

Once again we are supporting this vital appeal to help poor families in Romania who struggle to buy food. Please fill a shoe box with food items such as dried fruit, dried peas or beans, sugar, packet spaghetti, dried vegetable soup, tins of meat or fish and dried milk powder. All food items should be in the manufacturer's packs and have a use by date of at least April 2017. You can also add soap which is double wrapped, colouring books and pens, tooth brushes and toothpaste along with new hats, gloves, scarves or socks. If you wish to send a Christmas card you can use the greeting CRACIUN FERICIT which is Merry Christmas in Romanian. The box can be gift wrapped with the top wrapped separately from the base and secured with a rubber band. A food contents needs to be filled in and attached to the outside of the box and a donation of £2 for transportation costs would be much appreciated and can also be fastened to the contents list. Sue Longbottom has a supply of the contents lists. Please bring the boxes back to church by **Sunday 13th November** so they can be taken to the JOY warehouse in Shipley ready to be delivered to Romania in time for Christmas.

Alternatively you can donate money to help buy food in Romania and save transport costs. Cheques should be made payable to JOY and given to Sue to pass on.

Thank you so much in advance for supporting this wonderful charity that works with some of the poorest people in Europe.

Sue and Richard Longbottom

HELP THE HOMELESS

Will you give up something you enjoy to help the homeless this winter?

On the night of Thursday 10th November, Rev. Malcolm Hendry from St Paul's church in Shipley will be giving up his warm, safe and comfortable bed to spend the night on the streets to try and understand the issues homeless people face. Malcolm is doing this for Inn Churches, a charity that supports the homeless with things like food, temporary accommodation and advice. Are you prepared to give up something you enjoy that week and donate the money you would have spent on the item to the charity? It could be a nice coffee that you decide not to have, maybe a pint of beer, a burger or a bar of chocolate. If you do decide to give up something please put the money you would have spent in an envelope and write on it what you didn't have. **A separate collection will be taken on Sunday 13th November** to gather in the envelopes and any further money that the congregation would like to donate and offer to God the sacrifice that has been made to show others that they are loved and cared for.

Sue and Richard Longbottom

PUDSEY HELPS US TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

This year on Saturday 26th November we are going to combine preparing our church for the Christmas period with fund raising for Children in Need. Church will be open from 10.00 - 16.00 for the tree to be decorated and for all the trimmings to be put round the church. At the same time there will be hot food such as sausage sandwiches and soup served outside church, a cake stall in the vestibule and Children in Need themed goods to purchase with all proceeds going to Children in Need. We will be advertising the event widely round the village and in the schools and we hope that lots of families and people from the village will come along and help us to get ready for our special Christmastime events. If you are able to offer any help with cooking food, baking cakes, stewarding the church and helping to staff the stalls please have a word with Sue and Richard.

CONCERT REVIEW

The annual Hammonds Saltaire Brass Band concert was held in church on Saturday 15th October. This was an extremely enjoyable evening by a championship band and it was very encouraging to see the young people of the Bradford Junior and Youth Bands also performing to such a high standard. The future of Yorkshire brass bands is in good hands!

Janet & Dick Clark




The **Methodist Church**
West Yorkshire District

is seeking to appoint a part time District Administrator & Personal Assistant to the Chair of District with effect from 1 February 2017

23 hours per week - 18 hours office based over 3 days (Weds - Fri)
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To request an information pack please contact:

West Yorkshire Methodist District Office
19 Wentworth Court, Rastrick, Brighouse, HD6 3XD
Tel: 01484 719993

E-mail: admin@wymethodist.org.uk

Increased hours could become available in due course.

Closing date for completed applications: 12 noon on 16 November 2016

Interviews to be held morning of 2 December 2016

Quiz

1. Who wrote the children's novel *The Wind in the Willows*.
2. Which US animated sitcom is set in the town of Springfield?
3. TV detective D.I. Jack Frost was played by which actor?
4. "Bring me Sunshine" was the signature tune for which comedy duo?
5. Which athlete strikes a lightening pose when he is victorious?
6. "Fog on the Tyne" is a 1971 album by which Geordie folk rock band?
7. The coast of which Welsh county is to start a project to count the number of storm petrel?
8. What was John Wayne's final film?
9. What is the theme music to Radio 4's shipping forecast?
10. Which German tennis player won the Wimbledon men's singles title three times in the 1980s?
11. What is the name of the immature cucumber used for pickling?
12. Which royal residence is in Norfolk?
13. Which river flows through York before joining the Trent to flow into the Humber estuary?
14. Hawke's Bay is a wine region in which country?
15. Which 1960 film directed by Alfred Hitchcock featured a famous shower scene?
16. On which Greek island was Prince Philip born?
17. How many gold medals did Team GB win in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games?
18. Zanzibar is in which ocean?
19. The film "Little Voice" is set in which seaside town?
20. Complete the title of this well known Jack Vettriano painting "The Singing"?
Thanks to Tony Wilson. Answers on page 10

Answers

ANSWERS

1. Kenneth
Grahame;
2. The Simpsons;
3. Sir David Jason;
4. Morecambe and
Wise;
5. Usain Bolt;
6. Lindisfarne;
7. Pembrokeshire;
8. The Shootist;
9. Sailing By;
10. Boris Becker;
11. Gherkin;
12. Sandringham;
13. Ouse;
14. New Zealand;
15. Psycho;
16. Corfu;
17. 27 gold medals;
18. Indian;
19. Scarborough;
20. Butter.

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



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