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Saltaire United Reformed Church



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Diary for October 2014

Date	Time	Event	
Sun 5 th	10.30am 2pm	Communion Service led by Rev. Allan Blue. Organist: Mr Geoff Bellamy. Wedding Blessing for Andreas and Clenilda Ieropoullos.	
Tue 7 th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting.	
Sat 11 th		Yorkshire Synod	
Sun 12 th	10.30am 12 noon	Family Service led by Mr Michael Attenborough. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple. Under 40's meeting to discuss Christmas celebrations.	
Sat 18 th	7.30pm	Day of Dance. Hammonds Band Concert.	
Sun 19st Organist: Mr Robert Morley.		Family Service led by Mrs Valerie Jenkins. Organist: Mr Robert Morley. Deadline for November issue of The Messenger.	
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Geoff Bellamy. Organist: Mr John Chapman.	

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Regular Church Activities

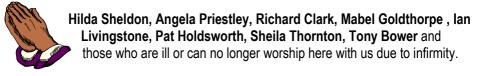
S U N	10.30am Service: 1pm–4pm	1st – Communion 2nd –Scout Groups' Parade 3rd 4th & 5th – Family Services Church & cafe open to the public (all year)	
M O N	1.30–3pm 7–8.30pm	Toddlers' Praise Time Bell ringing practice	
T U E	7-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer meeting for the Church and Saltaire Elders' meeting (meets 1st Tue in the month)	
W E D T	6-9pm	5th Shipley Scout Groups' meetings	
TT	2.30pm Oct-Mar 4pm Apr-Sept	Choir Practice (time negotiable)	
USAT	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 contact:	Len Morris	01274597894
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Under 40's contact:	Leona Holland	07522 106912
Toddlers' group contact:	Valerie Jenkins	01274 542510
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We remember the following people in our prayers



Appeals, Thanks & Notices

BERT THORNTON

As many of you will be aware, Bert Thornton passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Bert's obituary will be published in the November issue of The Messenger.

HILTON BROOMHEAD

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all church members and friends for their letters, prayers and messages of support during the last few weeks after Dad peacefully passed away in hospital.

Linda, Paul and family

ADVANCE NOTICES

The Church AGM will be held on Sunday November 16th after the morning service and a Calendar meeting will be held on Sunday November 23rd, again after morning service. *Valerie Jenkins*

COFFEE AND BIBLE READING

Our Coffee and Bible reading mornings will recommence at 10.30am on Thursday, 2nd October at the home of Joyce Poot, North Hall Farm, Thackley Road. Do come along for a time of fellowship and getting to know St. Paul's Letters in the New Testament better. Everyone welcome!

Joyce Poot

CHILDREN IN NEED

It's nearly Children in Need Time again. We haven't yet fixed a Saturday - it will be in November - and bakers and helpers would be welcome so please see Valerie Jenkins if you are able to help and see if we can yet again bake amazingly enormous quantities of cake to raise money for this worthy cause.

FAIRTRADE STALL

Although I am not able to hold a regular monthly Fairtrade Stall, I shall be holding one during October with a wonderful selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Catalogues with ideas for Christmas presents - Yes, it's nearer than you think!!

The fairer prices obtained through Fairtrade by workers in developing countries do make such a difference to their lives and makes sure that the money goes directly to where it can do most good.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Joyce Poot

ELDERS ELECTION

The Elders Election will take place during the second two weeks in October. Ballot papers will distributed in the middle of the month. Please will all church Members who are eligible for election prayerfully consider whether they wish to stand for election. If you really feel unable to take on the task - which involves attendance at ten Tuesday evening meetings each year and a place on the Porch and Communion rotas please let me know and I will remove your name from the list

Valerie Jenkins

SALTAIRE FESTIVAL THANKS

A big thank-you to all those who baked, manned the cafe and helped in other

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ways over the Festival weekend. We made approx £750 for church funds in the cafe. *Doreen Morris*

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Hílton Broomhead 1926 - 2014

Hilton Dixon Broomhead was a name that invited comment – *Hilton* after his uncle and *Dixon* being his mother's maiden name; the surname, common in Derbyshire from where the family originated comes from the yellow flowered *broom* and *head* from the headland where the flowers grew.

Hilton was born in Brighouse on the 24th April 1926 and at 5 years old moved to Saltaire to live on Caroline Street with his parents and sister, Mabel. His father became the caretaker of both the church and the Sunday school. One of the caretaker's tasks was to light the church and Sunday school boilers daily, so maybe that inspired Hilton, when he left school at 14, to work as the boiler man's assistant at Stuart Brothers Cotton textiles in Shipley where he spent his days shovelling coal off canal barges. Mr Stuart took a liking to Hilton and with his encouragement he went to night school at Bradford College to study and qualify in textile engineering.

He moved into the mill, working his way up to becoming a director prior to the company closing down in the early 70's. He then took up a directorship at Harbour Lane Ltd in Heyward Manchester until his retirement at 65.

Saltaire Church was a great influence in his life - and through the Young Men's Club he made many friends, as they played snooker and smoked, played billiards for the church team and smoked, played table tennis and smoked, played badminton and smoked, played cricket for the church team and smoked, amateur dramatics whilst smoking, youth hostelling together whilst smoking, walks in the dales and holidays in the Lakes, and all the while smoking. Things were so different in the 1950's when smoking was almost a rite of passage.

His friends were his best man Earnest Gudgeon, his close friend Dick Clark, Leslie Brotherton, Eric Dudgeon, Geoff Lear, Byron Swift, Norman Noble, Sam Whittaker, Howard Gott, his brother in law Ronnie and Messrs Hainsworth, Wittingham, Smith and Wood.

During his youth he liked a drink and the Victorian Inn down Saltaire Road was his local and he enjoyed travelling. He got as far as Switzerland – a rare experience in those days. He also owned a car – also very rare in the 1950's. It was at the church that he met Mollie. Due to the 8 years difference in age and possibly the image associated with owning a car, their early courting days proved difficult – with her father making him wait in the front garden when he went visiting her. However, he persisted and on the 16th June 1956 Hilton and Mollie married at Saltaire and set up home in Windhill. After their two children Linda and Paul were born the family moved to Moorhead Crescent where Hilton would spend the rest of his life.

Sadly Mollie died on the 8th March 1983 – and Hilton never recovered from her loss, insisting that the house should be kept exactly as it had been when his beloved Mollie was alive.

Hilton was a very private man, he never talked about his own achievements but he was a good listener discussing issues and offering solutions but never imposing his views. He was very well read and had a huge interest in and knowledge of the two world wars and of the political history of the United States. Having read about places, he would then visit. On a trip to the States he included a visit to Las Vegas, joking about revisiting his lost youth.

He had a great sense of humour – Hancock's Half Hour, The Goons Show and Monty Python were amongst his favourites, and he would never miss Morecombe and Wise Show especially if Shirley Bassey was a guest.

Hilton was a proud father and father in law. He was a loving grandfather to Robert, Richard and William who will no doubt remember times with grandad – the school runs and babysitting during the school holidays when he would sit watching TV whilst eating all the family sweets. He was very appreciative of Chris, his son in law, and everything Chris did for him, especially getting him the Saturday morning paper .In his words "It's imperative I get one" but really only because the paper contained a free TV magazine for the following week!

Hilton was generous with his time. He had worked with the RAF Cadet Force prior to the start of WW2 and after the war he spent great swathes of his time working for the church. He was a deacon and chairman of the Church Trustees for 40 years. He fronted the first phase of the church restoration appeal and, supported by Dick Clark, Tony Hunter and Peter Richardson, made the first foray into the mighty building works that have been done at the church since 1992. He had a huge interest and knowledge of this church and of Saltaire, so when he retired he visited local Schools talking about life in Saltaire when he was a child. Hilton also did much work with the Bradford Industrial Museum overseeing the installation of machinery.

During his youth Hilton had enjoyed pot holing and caving in the Dales with little more than an old metal helmet and a candle for light. Climbing too held no fears. His son Paul remembers how he and his father –then aged 68 - climbed the ladders in the scaffolding surrounding the church when the tower roof was being repaired, to stand on top of the tower where the finial is now in place, clutching each other in the wind and admiring the view. Paul says that they must have looked something like the famous scene in the Titanic film when Kate Winslet stood at the bow of the ship. This incident revealed that Hilton's spirit of adventure had not waned.

In his later years, Hilton suffered great mobility problems and became something of a recluse and hadn't been down to church for many years. He had made it clear to Paul and Linda over the years that his life was built upon the sure foundation of the teaching of Jesus Christ in whom he put his trust. He had no fear of dying and 'moving on' as he called it.

We remember Hilton and his service to this church with joy and delight and believe that he has indeed moved on to a new life in Christ.

Adapted from the Eulogy spoken by Paul Broomhead at his father's funeral on September 16th 2014



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

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