

The
Messenger

September 2014

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



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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.

On August 4th 2014, the Centenary of the commencement of the first World War, in response to national and local church initiatives, our church was open from 10- 4pm to provide people with an opportunity to contemplate the horrors of that war, of subsequent wars and current conflicts and to pray for peace.

A wreath and a basket of knotted poppies had been presented to the church by Saltaire Women's Institute and they were used in a display on the Communion Table. Visitors were asked to share their family memories of the First World War and to record names of those known to them who served in the forces and who they wished to remember. There was also a chance to write down a family story or to share passed on memories whilst chatting over a cup of tea or coffee in the porch where chairs were set out for visitors.



Poetry readings from poets of the First World War were read every half hour and were followed by prayers. There were many visitors during the course of the day. The theme was continued on the following afternoon when there were a great many visitors, a lot of them inspired by the national and international events which had been televised on the previous evening.

At a time when so many conflicts are happening and so many ordinary people are drawn into sorrow, suffering, grief and displacement our prayers for peace are more than ever important. The griefs and hatred in the world are so wide spread and deep rooted that it seems they cannot be solved by human intervention – we need to turn to God for hope in despair and love and understanding in the midst of darkness and slaughter.

The United Reformed Church has requested that during the centenary four years of the war such events should be held on dates of significant commemoration. The names of service men and women recorded during the three years will provide a memento of how those, long dead, are still recalled in folk memory. The next such event will be on Tuesday November 11th. I do hope that if you are not at work, you will spare a little time out of your busy day to be there for a little while.

Valerie Jenkins

Diary for September 2014

Date	Time	Event
Tue 2 nd	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting.
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Alan Evans. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.
Tue 9 th	7.30pm	Annual General Church Meeting.
Sat 13 th		Saltaire Festival begins.
Sun 14 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Mrs Valerie Jenkins, to include the baptism of Ava Priestley. Organist: Mr David Kirk.
Sat&Sun 20 th &21 st		2 nd weeked of Saltaire Festival – Yorkshire Scouts Event, Charity Stalls and Church Cafe open.
Sun 21 st	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Alan Evans. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.
Sat 27 th	12.30pm 4pm 6pm	Wedding of Ashley Free and Samantha Potter. Decorate the church for harvest. Harvest supper.
Sun 28 th	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service led by Rev. Tony Lee. Organist: Mr Robert Moorby.
Tue 30 th		Last day of summer weekday openings.

Regular Church Activities

SUN	10.30am Service: 1pm-4pm	1 st – Communion 2 nd – Scout Groups' Parade 3 rd 4 th & 5 th – Family Services Church & cafe open to the public (all year)
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
THU	2.30pm Oct-Mar 4pm Apr-Sept	Choir Practice (time negotiable)
SAT	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.

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Scout contact:	Barbara Lawson	01274 591931
Under 40's contact:	Leona Holland	07522 106912
Toddlers' group contact:	Valerie Jenkins	01274 542510
	Helen O'Loan	01274405847

News from the Pews

Congratulations to those people who celebrate their birthdays in September.



We remember the following people in our prayers:



Hilda Sheldon, Angela Priestley, Richard Clark, Mabel Goldthorpe, Ian Livingstone, Michael Holdsworth, Bert & Sheila Thornton, Tony Bower and those who are ill or can no longer worship here with us due to infirmity.

Appeals, Thanks & Notices

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival takes place on 28th September. As usual we hope as many people as possible will come on the day before (Saturday 27th) to help decorate the Church with flowers and leaves. We usually arrive at around 4pm and when the Church is bedecked in its usual autumn splendor, we shall enjoy a meal together in thankfulness for God's many blessings. Gifts of flowers, foliage, fruits and vegetables will be much appreciated.

All are welcome!

COFFEE AND BIBLE READING

Our Coffee and Bible reading mornings will recommence at 10.30am on Thursday, 2nd October. Do come along for a time of fellowship and getting to know Paul's Letters in the New Testament a bit better. It's nothing heavy - usually a fun hour and the biscuits are special!

Joyce Poot

SALTAIRE FESTIVAL 2014

It's that time of year again! As ever I am appealing for volunteers to man the café on the second Saturday, September 20th, from 10am to 4pm, and also for extra help on the Sunday afternoon. There is a rota in the vestibule and if you can help please will you sign up or have a word with me. Also, all you lovely bakers, will you let me know if you are able to provide cakes or savoury items (e.g. sandwiches, meat pies etc). Again you can sign up on the rota. Thanks in anticipation.

Doreen Morris

SALTAIRE BACKYARD BARBIE

We were a bit slow off the mark as we hadn't known about the event until we read about it in the Sentinel. However we did manage to get it announced in church on the Sunday before and some 18 of us got together on the Saturday morning to enjoy a mixture of well-cooked sausages, burgers and tasty halloumi kebabs (see Jen for recipe!) followed by home-made chocolate biscuits (also see Jen for recipe!) and strawberries and ice cream together with appropriate liquid refreshment.

A good time was had by all and the weather was relatively kind.

Many thanks to Zac, the main chef, and all who helped and everyone who came.



SUMMER FETE & SALTAIRE FESTIVAL

Although memories of it are already fading, it's not too late to say a huge "Thank you" to all those who worked so hard to make this year's Fete such a success. Due to unforeseen circumstances, preparations were rather late in getting underway, but once the ball was rolling, the Saltaire team got cracking and pulled it all together as usual! Although cold, the weather stayed dry for us and there was a very good turnout by the public, raising in excess of £1650 for Church funds.

Next year, we are hoping to start preparations in January and a meeting will be held for all those interested in helping, and especially to bring new ideas to make the Fete even better.

In the meantime, the Saltaire Festival starts in the second week of September and we shall be opening the Cafe from 10am to 4pm on the 20th September and helpers and donations of cakes will be gratefully received. There will also be Charity Stalls down the drive on that day from 10am to 4pm.

All available spaces have been booked. This should be a real fun day out with all the Scouting activities taking place, so put the date in your diaries!

Thanks again.

Joyce Poot and Janet Clark

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Appeals for Aid for Gaza

Tens of thousands of people in Gaza urgently need help, following this summer's escalating violence in the region. Various UK Christian relief agencies have responded with appeals for money so that they can send essential relief into the area. If you would like to donate towards this cause, either one of the following agencies might interest you.

Episcopal Relief and Development (part of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem) is providing Al-Ahli Hospital with funding for food and fuel. www.episcopalrelief.org

Christian Aid is providing relief to the Palestinian Medical Relief Society which runs clinics in Gaza, and also to the Agricultural Development Association, which helps fishermen and farmers in Gaza. www.christianaid.org.uk

Janet Symes, Christian Aid Head of Middle East said: "The horrific escalation of violence in the region means the levels of need on the ground will continue to rise at a dramatic rate. The current crisis is a result of decades of political failure. Without genuine dialogue and a determination from all sides to achieve a just peace, Palestinians and Israelis will be destined to live through the horrors of violence again and again."

Millions of us rely on church community support

10 million adults a year in England use community services from their local churches. That is more than half of all who access these services. Recent research by the Church Urban Fund, CUF, has found that these community services range from food banks, luncheon clubs and night shelters along with relationship courses, financial advice and even access to computers and the internet.

That's excluding the millions of us reached by regular and other church services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. In a foreword to the recent Theos/Church Urban Fund report *Good Neighbours: How Churches Help Communities Flourish*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: "This report demonstrates the scale and nature of that love for neighbour in practical action. It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the Church is part of the solution for building community blessing at every level."

The Rev Paul Hackwood, Executive Chair of CUF, said: "I am delighted that this report shows that churches are providing such a huge and significant part of the answer."



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

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