

*The*  
***Messenger***

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September 2015

**Saltire United Reformed Church**

Photograph of Unlimited Voices, who sang at Saltire URC this summer



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



## *A Reflection on the First Few Months in Saltaire...*

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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.

I have kept a journal for most of my life, and it has been useful in so many ways. A journal is very different to a diary, as diaries tend to have a limited amount of space in which to write. A journal offers great freedom in which to write as much, or as little about the things that we have been doing in the everyday of our lives. Keeping a journal also allows a person to put down on paper the innermost thoughts, and feelings, our hopes, and perhaps more importantly our dreams.

In offering a reflection of the first few months in Saltaire, it has been useful to read through my journal, to jog my memory, and to remind myself about the whirlwind that has been the last ten weeks, as so much has happened in such a short time.

However, in flicking through my journal, I found a page that I had written while I was on a flight to Perth, Western Australia to meet Mike, and to begin a whole new chapter of my life. At the very top of the page I had written, 'Finding Titus', and in many ways my pursuit to find Titus has been a huge part of my time so far. I had of course written about my hopes and dreams for the future of Saltaire United Reformed Church, and that of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy part of my role. Sometimes in order to move forward, we need to look back in order to equip ourselves in the now, and in the future.

Since being called to Saltaire early in March, I set about building the foundations for my new ministry, in the best way that I know how, and that was simply to read, and immerse myself into the history of Saltaire, from merely an idea, through to the birth of this village. I swallowed books upon books about this place, and made copious notes. I read about the architecture, and the design of the village, and how the first architectural drawings were very different to the Saltaire that was later to come into being. I read about the speculation, and the excitement that the people of Bradford carried with them throughout the design, and the building process. I read about the dream of one man, Sir Titus Salt, and how his dream had become a reality.

In learning about the ways in which Saltaire has evolved, and grown throughout the years, Sir Titus Salt loomed large in, and throughout all of my reading. It was while I was travelling to Australia, that I realised that in all of the books, and articles that I had read on the subject of this great place, I had clearly spent a great deal of time in search of the man behind the village.

Like many before me, I have, and will continue to want to peel through the layers of the myths, and legends that have grown in describing Sir Titus, in order to build an honest picture that reflects his life, and his vision for the village of Saltaire.

The last ten weeks have been largely a period of settling in, observing the life of this community, and getting to know the surrounding area of Shipley. I have met a large number of people, who have taken the time to introduce themselves, and have played a huge part in helping me to understand life in this unique village, and wider community.

Mike, and I have been humbled by the warm welcome that we have received, and the love that has been shown to us. We have received many kind invitations, and opportunities with the hope no doubt for us to build relationships, and to forge friendships that will last for many years to come.

It has been a time of learning many names, and putting those names to faces, and it has also been a time of listening to stories of the people out in community. It's been interesting to learn about how, and why people, and families have been attracted to move into this area over the years.

I have also been fascinated by the stories of people whose families have lived in this area for generations. It has been a joy to meet many tourists who have flocked to the church during this summer, and who have shared how in recent years in putting their family tree together, they have learned about long, and distant family members who were some of the first residents to have lived in Saltaire.

Although I have greatly enjoyed hearing about what this village, and the wider community of Shipley, means to people, it has been the stories of faith that have served to deepen my understanding of how God's presence and faithfulness to His people has allowed this area to grow, and to continue to evolve. It continues to be both a humbling, and uplifting experience to hear the faith testimonies of people, and to learn about how an awareness of God's presence sparked a journey of faith for many.

I look forward to growing stronger, in our faith journey together, as we continue to serve the church, and wider community. I have great hopes, and dreams, for the future within the life of the church, and that of the village, and pray that God will help us work together in making our dreams become a reality.

Yours in Our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Caroline

*Reverend Caroline Andrews*

## *Diary for September 2015*

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Wedding of Sam Chapman and Kathryn Eyres.
	3.30pm	Wedding of Paul Greenwood and Elizabeth Grassby
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr John Chapman.
	12 noon	Church Meeting.
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>		Saltaire Festival begins.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family Service led by Mrs Valerie Jenkins. Organist: Mr David Kirk.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 4pm	Saltaire Festival Charity Stalls and cafe open.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.
	12 noon	Deadline for the October edition of The Messenger.
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11am – 4pm	Church open to commemorate the start of the First World War Allied Troops Autumn Offensive.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Pople.
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of church weekday openings.

### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

31<sup>st</sup> October 5.30pm (to be confirmed). Fellowship of Light – an evening of entertainment and the chance to share a church family meal.

Two six-week Bible Study sessions will start in October. The evening class will begin on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm. The daytime class will begin at 1pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow.

## *Regular Church Activities*

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<b>S U N</b>	10.30am Service: 1pm-4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Communion Service. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> – Family Services. Church & cafe open to the public (all year).
<b>M O N</b>	1.30-3pm 7-8.30pm	Toddlers' Praise Time. Bell ringing practice.
<b>T U E</b>	7-7.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer meeting for the Church and Saltaire. Elders' meeting (meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue in the month).
<b>W E D</b>	10.30-11.30am 6-9pm	Ecumenical Worship (informal drop-in style). 5 <sup>th</sup> Shipley Scout Groups' meetings
<b>S A T</b>	10.30am	Under 40's Group (meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 contacts:    Len Morris            01274 597894  
    Robert Appleby    01274 223753  
 Scout contact:                Barbara Lawson    01274 591931  
 Under 40's contact:        Leona Holland     07522 106912  
 Toddlers' group contact:   Valerie Jenkins    01274 542510  
    Helen O'Loan       01274 405847

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**The church rooms are available to hire.**

**To book, and for lots more information,**

**please visit the church website:**

**[www.saltaireurc.org.uk](http://www.saltaireurc.org.uk)**

## *Thanks & Notices*

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### **SALTAIRE FETE, SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

Once again we were blessed with a glorious sunny day for our Annual Village Fete, and many hundreds of people took advantage of the weather and had a stroll down to enjoy the many charity and Church stalls, the rousing Hammonds Saltaire Brass Band, the voluptuous Bingley dancers and the talented young dancers of the Peace Academy. Children's entertainment was provided by the Uniformed Organisations and great fun was had on the very popular Donkey Rides, and we mustn't forget the Balloon Lady! Wonderful cakes and sandwiches were provided by the dedicated ladies of the Church Cafe and all-in-all it was a fabulous day out.

Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard to make everything go well - the marvellous total of £1,910 was raised for Church Funds.

*Joyce Poot*

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### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

...to Mabel Goldthorpe who, in addition to celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in July, has become a great grandmother. Granddaughter Sarah, a former member of Saltaire Junior Church, gave birth to Grace Bethan in The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester on 20 May. As Mabel is unable to travel to Hampshire, Grace has already made a number of visits to Yorkshire.

*Brian Goldthorpe*

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### **FAIR TRADE STALL**

The new Traidcraft Magazines for Autumn are now available. Please take one and choose your Christmas Cards from their lovely selection.

I shall be holding a Traidcraft stall in September with the usual excellent pure chocolate bars (and other flavours) and biscuits. Cards and Christmas Gifts can be ordered from me at any Church Service.

Please support this very worthy cause.

Anyone who would like to take over the running of the stall please see me.

*Joyce Poot*

## **SALTAIRE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2015**

Saltaire Festival starts on the 11th September and there will be a large number of charity stalls in the Church grounds on Saturday, 19th September from 10am to 4pm. Also the Church Cafe will be open selling tea, coffee and cakes.

*Joyce Poot*

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## **HARVEST 2015**

Please join us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 11am – 1pm to decorate the church with donations of fruit and flowers. On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at morning service - led by the Rev. Caroline Andrews. - gifts of dried and tinned food will be welcomed to share between JOY - (Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire) to send to orphanages in Rumania - and Bradford Food Bank. A Harvest Festival lunch will be served immediately following the service.

*Caroline Andrews*

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## **BINGO WALK**

On August 16, after the service and coffee, 9 church members plus 1 member of the public who noticed the poster in the vestibule, set off on the inaugural Bingo Walk along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal starting at the bottom of Victoria Road.

All participants purchased a bingo card and had to cross off the numbers as they went along. Ten stations of numbers were put in place at strategic points on the mile-long route, ending up at Saltaire Brewery! A winner was announced and then we enjoyed refreshments outside in the sunshine.

Further cards were purchased for the return journey and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Winners were: Brenda and David (the non church member).

Suggestions were made for another bingo walk going in the opposite direction towards Bingley and I will look into this after the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who took part, raising £37 for church funds.

Best wishes

*Tony Wilson*

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## CHURCH BINGO WALK

(Editor's Note: since it was so enjoyable, I thought we'd have two articles!)

On Sunday, August 16th, several church members set out on a great adventure along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bank. Carefully clutching our Bingo Cards we steadfastly set our faces towards Shipley and progressed at an easy pace, stopping every five minutes to mark off our Bingo numbers from the Notices provided en route.

The weather was perfect - warm, with hardly any wind and the scenery of newly developed buildings on the other side of the canal was fascinating.

As we neared the bridge in Shipley, a buzz of excitement went round the crowd - Brenda only needed two numbers for a full house! Sure enough, when we reached Saltaire Breweries, our destination, the two numbers were accrued and the Prize (a box of chocolates) was won!

We all sat outside and enjoyed a welcome drink and "pit stop" and a good old "natter", before setting off on the long and winding trail back to Saltaire, Bingo cards at the ready. What a wonderful afternoon of fresh air, fun and fellowship!

As we climbed back up the hill to the Church for a welcome cuppa in the Church cafe, we all said "Let's do it again soon - in the other direction (but not as far as Liverpool!)"

Many thanks to Tony Wilson for organising such a lovely event!

*Joyce Poot*

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Regular readers will notice the Messenger looks a little different this month. I hope you enjoy this more streamlined edition.

Please excuse the late publication of this edition, which was due to the office redecoration and Induction Service.

In future, printed contact lists will be distributed separately, when changes arise, rather than every month.

As always, I welcome written material and photographs that are relevant to the church, community and/or faith. Please either give these to me in person, put them in the plastic envelope on the cafe notice board or **email [saltaireurcmessenger@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saltaireurcmessenger@hotmail.co.uk)**.

**Please use this address rather than my personal email address** as others cannot access information sent there. Many thanks.

*Leona Holland*

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

It seems a bit early to be thinking about a Christmas lunch in September, but this is to let you know that Janet and I have been to Oakwood Hall and booked the lunch for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 12.30pm for 1pm.

*Sheila Bruce*

**Include tradecraft flyer in vestibule**

## *The Induction of Caroline Andrews*

It was good to see the church so full for the induction of our new minister and the Chaplin to the village. We had church members, many from the village and college, as well as her previous colleagues.



She was greeted from the village and the Lord Mayor of Bradford.





Following the service we were treated to a fine tea prepared by the Scout Group.  
*Len Morris*

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## *Prayer Matters*

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The prayer meeting still takes place **each Tuesday at 7pm**. **Everybody is welcome**, no experience is needed. You can come and listen to the music, the quiet and the spoken prayers of others – no pressure to pray aloud!

If you can't make the meeting, you can join us in your own space and time. Some recent and ongoing items for **thanks and prayer** include:

Robert Moorby.  
Dorothy and Geoff Mawson.  
Dick and Janet Clark.  
Angela and John Priestley.  
Mable Goldthorpe.  
Donald Swift.

Asylum seekers and refugees in Calais.

Those who work in the area's Food Banks and those who utilize this service.  
'Believe in Shipley' – the ecumenical mission planned for October 2016.



## **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**

**For further information contact  
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