

The
Messenger

September 2016

Saltaire United Reformed Church



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



Church Family Outing

A Roaring Success

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 Saturday 16th July the church held a brilliant family day out at Sconce. I have to admit - to my shame - despite being born and bred in this part of Yorkshire, I was completely unaware of the existence of this wonderful place. To the uninitiated, Sconce is a campsite owned by the Aire Valley Scout District, and located on Baildon Moor, which despite being a mere 3 miles from Saltaire, is a fantastically remote and peaceful moorland spot. I was even more impressed to learn that luminaries from our church, Bert Thornton and Barbara Lawson, played a key role in acquiring and securing the site for the scouts over the years.

The day was brilliantly organised by David Swales, Sue and Richard Longbottom. Highlights of the day included:

- * Fellowship and singing, led by Richard, ably supported by David and Caleb O'Loan
- * A superb selection of restaurant-standard meals throughout the day prepared by Sue, and assistants Janet Clark, June Blue and Mandy Dickinson
- * Grass sledging, supervised by James Stannett and Zac Williamson, which was thoroughly enjoyed by children of all ages, great fun which will live long in the memory for all involved!
- * A fascinating bird watching and photography masterclass presented by Len Morris
- * Olympic-standard sports demonstrations including a hard fought football match and outdoor badminton
- * The obligatory camp fire and toasted marshmallows

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and was, for me, an excellent reminder of all the brilliant people we are so lucky to have in our church family. A big thank you must go to everyone who made it such a success. Hopefully we can now make the Sconce family day out a regular feature in the church calendar.

Andy Priestley

Diary for September 2016

Date	Time	Event
Sun 4 th	10.30am	Communion Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr John Chapman.
Tue 6 th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting.
Fri 9 th		Saltaire Festival Begins (ending on 18 th September)
Sun 11 th	10.30am	Songs of Praise Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr John Chapman.
Thu 15 th		Word and Music event: 'Tracking the Bronte's'
Sat 17 th	10am-4pm	Saltaire Festival Charity Stalls on the driveway.
Sun 18 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Rev. Caroline Andrews. Organist: Mr Geoff Collins.
	12 noon	Messenger deadline for October's edition.
Tue 20 th	7.30pm	Saltaire URC Annual General Meeting.
Fri 23 rd		Believe in Shipley Mission (until 2 nd October)
Sun 25 th	10.30am	Family Service led by Dr. Pat Nicholls. Organist: Mr Geoff Popple.

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	10.30am 6-9pm	Informal Worship Service 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.

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 Scout contact: Barbara Lawson 01274 591931
 Toddlers' group contact: Helen O'Loan 01274 405847

SING JOY

This was the title of a wonderful concert performed at Saltaire U.R.C. on Friday, 29th July. The Choir are called Plymouth Philharmonic Holiday Choir and they tour round the country giving concerts for free just for the love of singing. The sound they made in our Church with its superb acoustics was glorious with a varied programme of works by Vaughan Williams and Bach but mostly the lovely melodious songs of John Rutter., particularly "For the Beauty of the Earth" and the "Gaelic Blessing".

It was a real treat and the audience was suitably appreciative, although it was a pity that there weren't more there from our own church - it was perfect music for a summer's evening. It also swelled the Church's coffers too.

Joyce Poot

Thanks & Notices

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Charlotte Adinell on achieving the required grades in her A-Level exams to enable her to take up a place at Leeds Trinity University. We wish her well as she continues her studies.

We also send good wishes to Bill Livingstone who is nearing the end of his gap year before taking up his university place in London. As he has survived teaching snowboarding in Courcheval during the winter months, he shouldn't have any difficulty settling down to life at University. Hopefully he has chosen a university which, in addition to providing the academic subjects he needs, also has cricket and hockey teams not to mention musical groups. Good luck Bill!

WORK IN KURDISTAN 24-30 SEPTEMBER 2016

I hope to go to the city of Sulemaniyah in Northern Iraq later this month to do some audit field-work on a very useful charity led by two very brave women, one English and one Dutch. STEP (Seeking to Equip People) have worked on protecting and helping children in the Kurdish region of Iraq since 2004. I went out to Sulemaniyah in 2007 to do an audit for their main donors and continued as Independent Examiner, annually via the internet, until 2013. Since the influx of Syrian refugee children and families into the Kurdish areas of Iraq, their work has multiplied greatly and they are directing aid for some of the world's major refugee agencies. Since 2014 they have had to use a formal registered auditor, due to the scale of the expanded work, but recently these auditors asked me to go out to Sulemaniyah, as a sub-contractor, to do some tests that can't be done from London. I fly out via Istanbul on 24th September returning on the 30th. I would be very grateful for your prayers for STEP, for a safe journey, effective work and safe return.

Many thanks

David O'Loan

SCONCE REVISITED

Following the wonderful Church Away Day we had at Sconce Scout Camp in July we have booked to go there again on 15th October. Listen out for more information in the notices about who to book with and what is planned for the day.

CHURCH CLEANING

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to clean the church over the last few months. As most jobs have now been ticked off the list, a new list of 10-15 minutes jobs will be put up in the shop. Once again if you can help to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy it would be much appreciated.

BUILDING WORK – TOILETS AND KITCHEN

During the summer 3 contractors bid for this work, as specified by the church architect, and, unfortunately, their prices were 130% higher than expected (and budgeted). We are looking at some of the high value items with the architect and whether we might do the toilets in October/November as planned (but with simpler finishes), keeping in the essential disabled access work. If this is possible we would look at trying to do the kitchen later, re-assessing the location as moving it is a big cost issue for little extra space. There might be scope to do more ourselves, rather than joinery made units. I will let you have more information when I get it. Your prayers would be valued so we do the best for the church, community and visitors.

David O'Loan

Treasurer

TODDLER GROUP HELP REQUIRED

Toddlers Praise is starting again after a summer break on 5th September. The group is really growing and so more helpers are needed for the group which meets between 1.30pm and 3.30pm on Mondays. The contact is Helen O'Loan.

GIFT AID

We have recently filed the accounts to March 2016 with the Charity Commission and Synod. Ian Livingstone completed the annual Gift Aid return and £7,093.50 has just been received into our account. Many thanks to all of you for your faithful giving.

David O'Loan

Treasurer

PRAYER MATTERS

The prayer meeting still takes place **each Tuesday 7pm – 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome.** You can come and listen to the music, the quiet and the spoken prayers of others – no pressure to pray aloud!

SALTAIRE FESTIVAL

The village's annual Festival takes place between 9 -18 September and as usual there are a wide range of activities to suit all ages and interests. There will be Charity stalls in the church grounds on Saturday 17th between 10.00 and 16.00 and on Thursday 15th there will be a word and music event in church called Tracking the Bronte's. Tickets are £5 and are available through the Festival website. We have leaflets giving details of all the Festival events available in the vestibule.

10 VOICES

On the opening day of the Festival, 9th September, there will be an event in Victoria Hall titled 10 Voices which has been written by our minister Rev Caroline Andrews. It explores village life and history through drama and promises to have the audience both laughing and crying. Tickets are £10 or £8 for concessions and are on sale through the Festival website. It would be wonderful if as a church family we could support Caroline in this work she has undertaken and make it a sell-out event.

BELIEVE IN SHIPLEY MISSION

After a year of planning the Believe in Shipley Mission is nearly here and will take place between 23rd September and 2nd October. There are so many events to look forward to including Miss Piggy interviewing Archbishop John Sentamu and Big Picnic in Roberts Park. We will be hosting 7 events at church so watch out for the mission brochure and please pray about where you can be involved.

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"?

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The United Reformed Church Inducts its Two New Moderators

On the afternoon of Friday 8 July, on the opening day of its General Assembly, the United Reformed Church inducted its two new moderators – the Revd Kevin Watson and Mr Alan Yates. Both men will serve as moderators for two years, continuing the URC's tradition in which leaders in ordained and lay ministry serve together.

Moderators of General Assembly are the URC's national figureheads, representing the denomination both at home and abroad.

Of his new role, Mr Watson said: 'I am honoured to serve as Assembly's Moderator until 2018. Having been prompted by the Holy Spirit, I hope to help the URC renew its discipleship and rediscover the confidence that comes from knowing Jesus is the way.'

Mr Yates said: 'I am really looking forward to my term as moderator. Already, in the two-year run up to the role, I have seen a fantastic side to the URC: vibrant, courageous, graceful and diverse. I am humbled by the great people I have met and am looking forward to meeting a lot more. The URC may be small in size, but we are big in service and stature!'

During the next two years the new moderators are hoping to encourage God's people to follow the example of Jesus as they engage with their communities, and they are also keen to increase recognition of the URC's work, empower the Church with the confidence to do more good work, better balance Church goals and resources, and to encourage the use of technology.'

The theme of this year's Assembly, chosen jointly by Mr Watson and Mr Yates, is 'People of the way', which is intended to enthuse Church members in living out the fundamentals of the Christian life.

Plymouth Philharmonic Holiday Choir



Doreen and I attended this excellent concert at our church last Friday evening. The choir sang very well. The material was excellent as well. It was also most suitable for a church.

The first half was Vaughan Williams – Five Mystical Songs which includes “Let all the world in every corner sing. My God and King.” which many will be familiar with. Then a Wesley Hymn and after the interval there was an inspiring John Rutter arrangement of a cycle of Spirituals – Feel the Spirit. There were a couple of organ pieces I between the choral work. The final work of the evening was the spiritual, - the last of “Feel the Spirit” - which the congregation were invited to join in the final verse which they did with gusto. “When the saints go marching in, oh Lord I want to be in that number.”

If you did not go then you missed something very good. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyable and often very inspiring – Steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away steal away home.

Len Morris (Edited for length)

QUIZ 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. Butler.



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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