

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Our Sunday morning service is at 10.45 am. Children are welcome at all our services and we will always try to provide someone to occupy younger children with suitable activities for at least a part of the service. Hospitality is an important part of what we offer here, and our service is followed by tea, coffee, or juice - often with a slice of cake!

Jan 1	Revd Alistair Newton - Covenant Service with Communion
Jan 8	Canon Stephen Bradberry
Jan 15	Revd Justine Wyatt
Jan 22	Mr Robert Booth
Jan 29	Closed, no service
Feb 5	Revd Justine Wyatt - Communion
Feb 12	Mr John Travis
Feb 19	Revd Justine Wyatt
Feb 26	Mrs Juliet Foster (Sunday before Lent)

If you are a visitor

We meet at the Civic Centre and share our premises with other local groups. We also play an active role in the life of the Luddenden Foot Community Association who run the building. We meet regularly for worship and other activities - will you come and join us here?

The Luddenden Foot United Reformed Church moved to the Civic Centre in 2000, but others have joined us since then and we offer an Ecumenical welcome. We have a special relationship with the Methodist Circuit (the local group of Methodist Churches) and seek to work in partnership with other churches.

We hope that you will enjoy being with us, and find peace and joy here!



Luddenden Foot Church

Newsletter Jan/Feb 2017



We meet at:

The Civic Centre, Station Road, Luddenden Foot, HX2 6AD

Welcome. At Luddenden Foot URC we have a commitment both to the worshipping fellowship and to the wider community.

If you would like to know more, or if we can help you with any questions or issues, please contact:

Minister - Revd Justine Wyatt on 01422 847142

Church Secretary - Andrew Hartwell on 01422 885542

Walking the Way

What does discipleship mean for you and for the churches? For our own church here at Luddenden Foot? How does prayer shape our discipleship? These are some of the questions to be explored on Saturday February 11th at an event called 'Walking the Way'.

'Walking the Way' is the theme of this year's General Assembly of the URC, but other churches including the Methodist church are also exploring the meaning of discipleship in 2017. 'We are invited to join with other Christians from our region in this day which will take place at the URC in South Leeds, Westfield Road, from 10.00am till 3.00pm on Saturday 11th February. If you would like to join us for this day please speak to our minister as there will probably be transport on offer.

Review of Ministerial provision at Luddenden Foot

In November two members of the ministries committee of the URC met with our church secretary, treasurer and minister to draw up a report which will be discussed by the ministries committee in mid-January before recommendations are drawn up regarding future ministerial provision at Luddenden Foot URC. In March 2013 the URC agreed to scope the pastorate at Luddenden Foot as quarter time for a maximum of three years, and as Justine took up her new role as minister in April 2013 the URC are now due to review the needs of Luddenden Foot URC.

The report is now available to church members but the recommendations will not be known until after the Synod Committee has met in mid-January. We will need to discuss these at the Church Meeting in mid-February. We do already know that it has been agreed that our present minister can remain in post until June 2017, but it is likely that long term provision for ministry at Luddenden Foot will be considered along with provision for neighbouring churches, ie as part of a wider Calderdale network.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the report and recommendations at our AGM. Please come if you can.

Church AGM Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 7 pm

At this meeting we reappoint our church officers and say thank you to all those who have offered their gifts and talents in so many ways. Andrew Hartwell has faithfully served for many years as Church Secretary at Luddenden Foot URC and he will be stepping down at this meeting, and we will have the opportunity at the AGM to thank Andrew for all that he has done over the years.

The Church Secretary is the main local contact person, deals with correspondence, and sees that the church meeting is properly run. So far, we have not managed to find anyone who is in a position to take on this role. Please do keep this in your prayers and speak to Andrew

or our minister if you feel that this might be something you can offer to do.

Lent Groups

We are hoping once again to take part in the Ecumenical Lent Groups organised by Hebden Royd Churches Together and to host a group at the Civic Centre. This will probably be on a Wednesday morning, further details will be available in due course.

This is a great opportunity to meet with Christians of other denominations and backgrounds and to explore our faith together.

A Light to the Nations: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11

You call us to be a light to the nations
that your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Let our tongues confess the vastness of your love,
and our mouths be filled with your praise.
May our lips speak your wisdom
and our lives tell all we know of you.

May your grace fill our lives, flowing into your world
meeting violence with peace, vengefulness with forgiveness,
hatred with love,
bringing light and life wherever we go.

Let us join with friends and reach out to strangers
praising God who loves without limits,
whose mercies know neither bound nor end.

Let our lives sing the song of your salvation
and our hearts pound with joy at the sound of your name,
that we may be a light to the nations,

a lamp for your people everywhere,

Amen.