

LITTLE GEMS

We could still use more helpers with our Little Gems (0-4's) groups that meet in the church lounge during both of our services. At the moment this is being carried by just a few people which means that they rarely get into church for services themselves and often they also have young children which makes it doubly difficult.

Could you help? Perhaps consider coming to serve in Little Gems at one service and worship yourself at the other one? Please speak to Tom, Heather Shepherd or Michelle Singh for more information.



TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

One or two people have expressed an interest in taking part in a trip to the Holy Land. The Diocese are organising such a trip next year between 28th March and 6th April and it will be led by our Bishops. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website (www.chester.anglican.org – search 'Holy Land').

If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Tom.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Following the great success of our previous events, we are once again organising a 'Holiday at Home' for those who might not otherwise get away or are lonely or shut in. This year it will run for two days – Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th July. Would you like to help, have you creative ideas for activities or entertainment? Our next planning meeting is on **Wednesday April 13th**, 7.30pm at the Vicarage. All welcome.



April 3rd 2016

Sunday 3rd April

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

"Seeing is believing"
John 20: 24-31

3.00pm Men's Football at Astley Sports village

Monday 4th April

7.30pm Tear Fund evening at All Saints Marple

Wednesday 6th April

9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.30am Bridge Cafe
2.00pm Craft, Art and Knitting Group

Thursday 7th April

7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 8th April

10.30am Bible Study

Saturday 9th April

9.30am Clear up morning

Sunday 10th April

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

"Why worship?"
Mark 14:1-9

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for our services today. At the end of the service please make yourself known to one of the stewards who greeted you on the way in.

They all wear white badges and one of them will be at the back by the bookstall area. They will be delighted to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a little about the church.

MEN'S FOOTY

The next men's footy match is this afternoon 3.00pm at Astley Sports Centre in Dukinfield on the outdoor astroturf pitch. Please invite any friends and family who want to come along – all abilities welcome! For more information please speak to Chris Chester 07982 615740 or Jamie Shepherd 07760 435780.

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The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm

WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

TEAR FUND EVENING



You are warmly invited to All Saints Church Marple **tomorrow Monday 4th April at 7.30pm** for an evening of worship and celebration, as members of Tear Fund share inspiring stories of what God is doing through the church to tackle poverty. Come and hear about the urgent and crucial work they are focusing on this year - tackling extreme hunger in some of the poorest places on our planet as we continue to follow Jesus where the need is greatest, right into the heart of disasters. Let Tom know if you would like to attend.

MEN'S WEEKEND

Leaflets for the Men's Weekend in Yorkshire from 1st - 3rd July are now available at the back of church. Please get your deposit in to secure a place.



NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY



Saturday 23rd April, Harrogate International Centre 9.15am – 4.30pm. Bookings are now open online for this event at www.new-wine.org/events which has been a great encouragement to many in the

past. The day will be based around Isaiah 61 and will explore what it means for women to display God's splendour. The vision is to inspire, challenge and empower by worship, talks, stories, seminars and ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. Speakers include Lizzy Robinson, Jo Saxton, Nad Parkinson and Nicole Brown. Tickets cost £20. **Please speak to Jeanette Callaghan or Judy Parker for more information.**

CLEAR UP MORNING

The next clear up morning around the canal and centre of Stalybridge will be on Saturday 9th April from 9.30-12.30pm. Can you help? It's good to be doing something practical together to help improve our town and we're glad that the church can be a focal point to help this to happen. Please just come for an hour if you can't make the whole morning – there's a great atmosphere and it's surprisingly good fun!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Many thanks to all who supported Lucie Clucas by donating for hand massages which Lucie has been offering for some months at the café. £250 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks also to Lucie for all her hard work!



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on Monday 18th April at 7.30pm. This is the meeting where our financial accounts for the year are presented, we elect our churchwardens, PCC members and welcome team for the coming year and we review and give thanks for all that God has done amongst us.

To take part in this meeting you must be on the Electoral Roll which is essentially a church membership list. Please speak to John Haslam to get an application form if you are not already on the roll – or to check whether you are.

Nomination forms for churchwardens, PCC members, Assistant Wardens and Welcome Team members are now on the noticeboards in the church lounge.

Group and ministry leaders' reports should now be with Cris in the

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



Lots of people are unsure about how the Bible fits together and what the different books are all about. This is a great way to put that right! Walk through the Bible OT is just that – a walk through the Old Testament books of the Bible in a day.

This is being held at St James Church Glossop on Saturday April 16th and will run from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Tickets are £14 and you can book online or ring St James on 01457 853330.

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. Despite having good stocks of food we are almost always short of sponge puddings, instant mash, canned fish, canned fruit and canned tomatoes. Please could you supply these items in preference to others if possible? Thank you.



DEREK AND KATH

Derek and Kath Keefe are hoping to move soon but need to find a new home for their cat. Can anyone help? Please speak to them or the contact the church office.

