

## PRAYER

Don't forget our weekly prayer meeting in St Matthews on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 – 9.45am. A great way to start the day – all are welcome.



## COLLECTION

We do not pass a collection plate during our services - instead we have a basket near the church entrance where we ask people to place their gifts towards God's work. The work of the church depends upon the regular faithful giving of God's people and we encourage all who consider themselves members of Holy Trinity to give using envelopes or by standing order so that we can reclaim Gift Aid on their donations.



If you don't already give in this way, please speak to Jamie Shepherd or Mark Wilde for more information or pick up a finance information pack from the back of church.

If you do not give regularly but would like to make a donation today, please use one of the envelopes on the cupboards at the back and place it in the basket before or after the service. Thank you!

## HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS AND PRAY FOR ME

If you have any household donations please send details to:  
[holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com](mailto:holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com)

If you have any prayer requests please email them to:  
[prayformeht@gmail.com](mailto:prayformeht@gmail.com)

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the church office will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December.



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The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm and Wednesday 10.00am to 3.00pm



**December 3rd 2017**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

- Sunday 3rd December**  
Toy Service, Communion and Children's Groups  
'Everyone needs a Saviour'  
Isaiah 35: 1-10  
1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal
- Monday 4th December**  
9.15am Family Forum  
7.30pm PCC meeting in church  
7.30pm Alpha Course in St Matthews
- Tuesday 5th December**  
10.30am Ladies Coffee group
- Wednesday 6th December**  
9.00am Prayer Meeting  
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop  
6.30pm Alive youth club
- Thursday 7th December**  
7.15pm Youth Encounter  
7.30pm Worship group
- Saturday 9th December**  
10.00am Gospel choir in Tesco  
7.00pm Tameside Community Voices  
Christmas Concert in church
- Sunday 10th December**  
9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups  
'God's great plan'  
Matthew 1: 18-25  
4.00pm and 7.00pm Carol Services

## WELCOME

We are delighted that you are here for our services this morning. If you are visiting or new to Holy Trinity it's great to have you with us - we hope that you feel at home. Please make yourself known to one of the welcome team (wearing white badges) after the service - they would love to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a bit about the church.



**WORSHIPPING GOD**  
**BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
**SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Details of our Christmas services are now available on invitation cards at the back –

- Carol Services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 and 7.00pm followed by mince pies and refreshments
- 'Nativity from Scratch' on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 and 11.15am
- Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
- Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
- Christmas Family Praise on Christmas Day at 10.30am



Please use the cards at the back to invite neighbours, colleagues and friends!

Our annual community Carol Sing will be at Stalybridge station on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00 – 7.00pm. Come and join us to cheer commuters as they arrive home!

**We would also like to take some invitations and posters with a chocolate gift to the local businesses. If anyone can spare a couple of hours to help with this please speak to Tom asap.**

## TOY SERVICE

Thanks to all who have brought toys and gifts today to donate to Wood Street Mission in Manchester who have hundreds of local children referred to them each year for a toy parcel at Christmas.



If you have forgotten and would still like to give a gift please get it to church tomorrow. Any donations of NEW toys or children's books (unwrapped please) would be most welcome, or gifts of food from basic tins and packets to luxury items and treats. Financial contributions, no matter how small, are also very useful.

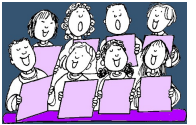
## REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Last few Advent calendars are on sale at the back of church for £4.00. Each calendar comes with a 24 page Christmas story activity book with a page for every day in Advent and some fun advent challenges along the way. From every sale a donation is made to the Funzi and Bodo Trust which is working to equip a clinic in Kenya.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tameside Community Voices are presenting a Christmas Concert in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The proceeds will all go to Winning Women Worldwide to support their work in Zimbabwe. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Trudy Martin or Norma Thomas.



## CHRISTMAS TREAT & MEMORY TREE

We would like to invite anyone who has been bereaved or would benefit from a time of fellowship to join us at the above event on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00 – 4.00pm**. There will be cakes and mince pies in the church lounge, Christmas carols and an opportunity to have a hand massage. You will also be able to remember a loved one by personalising a heart and hanging it on our memory tree in church if you would like to. **There is no charge but please sign up at the back to give us an idea of numbers for catering purposes.**



## GOSPEL CHOIR

Final rehearsal today from 1.30 – 2.30pm!



## CHURCH DECORATIONS

Many thanks to Adele Trueman and Clive Hustwick for putting up the tree and decorations and to June Green for the lovely window flower arrangements. They look great!



## PASTORAL CARE AND VISITING

If you know of someone who is unwell, in hospital or would like a visit because they cannot get to church, please let Cris know through the church office or speak directly to Rachel Drain who coordinates our Visiting Team.



## CRIB, CAROLS AND CAKE

Stalybridge Congregational Church (Baker Street, off Acres Lane) warmly invite you to visit them on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December from 2.00 – 4.00pm for a 'Crib, Carols & Cake Afternoon'. There will be also be various Nativity scenes on display from around the world. Admission is free. All welcome.