

## 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!

## 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 Beryl Pickersgill 01457 762020 who coordinates our Visiting Team.



## ST JAMES' MILLBROOK

It has just recently been announced that Revd Chris Viney is to be licensed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January as an Associate Minister to serve at St James' Millbrook. We are delighted for Chris and for St James who have had a long vacancy.

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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

# HOLY TRINITY

STALYBRIDGE

December 4th 2016

### Sunday 4th December

#### Toy Service

9.15am and 11.15am Communion  
with Children's groups

'Continuing problems'  
Nehemiah 13: 4-14

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

### Monday 5th December

9.15am Family Forum  
1.00pm Set up for schools week  
7.30pm Alpha Course

### Tuesday 6th December

Schools week

### Wednesday 7th December

Schools week

7.00 Youth Engage

### Thursday 8th December

Schools week

7.15pm Youth Encounter  
7.30pm Worship Group

### Friday 9th December

Schools week

### Saturday 10th December

10.30am Gospel Choir at Tesco

### Sunday 11th December

9.15am and 11.15am Communion  
And Children's groups

'Get Ready' Luke 3: 1-18

4.00pm and 7.00pm Carol Services

## WELCOME

We are delighted that you have joined us 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.



Second Sunday of Advent

WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

## TOY SERVICE

We are gathering gifts today and at Family Forum tomorrow for Wood Street Mission in Manchester who have hundreds of local children referred to them each year for a toy parcel at Christmas. Any donations of NEW toys or children's books (unwrapped please) would be most welcome. They also accept items of food from basic tins and packets to luxury items and treats. Financial contributions, no matter how small, are also very useful.



**Please make sure any contributions reach us by tomorrow morning.**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES - WHO HAVE YOU INVITED?

### Our Carol Services are next week!

Cards are available at the back and there are a host of Christmas services to suit all ages:

**CAROL SERVICES** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 and 7.00pm. Soak up the atmosphere at these candlelit services with traditional carols, readings and the Gospel Choir, followed by mince pies and refreshments.

**COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING** – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 – 7.00pm by the station Buffet Bar.

**NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am and 11.15am. For all the family – everyone is invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity story (adults and children) as we retell the Christmas story with readings and carols. (You don't have to dress up, but it's more fun if you do!)

**CRIB SERVICE** - Christmas Eve 4.00pm. In the midst of a very exciting night come and remember the true meaning of Christmas in this short service especially for children set around the nativity scene with readings and carols.

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** - Christmas Eve 11.30pm. Welcome Jesus into our world and reflect with awe on his coming in the stillness of the night through this wonderful service with traditional carols, readings and communion.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRAISE** - Christmas Day 10.30am. A time for all the family - put your lunch on hold and bring your guests as we sing carols and celebrate together!

## TESCO FOODBANK COLLECTION

Thanks to all who volunteered for our Foodbank Collection at Tesco. Your help was very much appreciated.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these dates, more details to follow:

- Ladies' Weekend away - 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Baptism and Confirmation service – 10.30am 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Men's Weekend away - 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## GIVE AS YOU LIVE

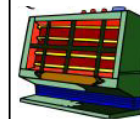
If you shop online at Amazon, Comet, Tesco and over 4000 other stores then every purchase you make using 'Give as you live' results in a small donation going to Holy Trinity church. It doesn't cost you a penny extra.



To register go to [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com), click 'Sign up for free', search for 'Holy Trinity Stalybridge', click on 'Select this cause' and then enter your name, email address and a password.

That's it. Every time you shop, go through 'Give as you live' and a donation will go to Holy Trinity. Thank you!

## HELP NEEDED



Does anyone have an unused sewing machine, microwave or electric heater/radiator?

Please contact the church office or speak to Tom asap if you have.



## CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

The Church of the Nazarene in Ashton are once again putting on a Christmas Day meal for any who would otherwise be alone and would enjoy being with others. There is a full turkey dinner, entertainment, carol singing and good conversation but people do need to book in advance. Contact Kat on 07557 344067 for more information.

