

GROUP PHOTOS

Have you any photos of your group and their activities? We'd love to include them in our round-up of the year video at the annual meeting in April. We're grateful once again to Alan Carter who is putting this together. It takes a tremendous amount of time to produce so he **urgently** needs your photos. Please drop a memory stick into the church office with your photos or send us a dropbox or googledocs link.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STALYBRIDGE

There will be a united service for all the churches in Stalybridge on **Sunday 12th March 6.30pm at St Paul's**. We do not meet as churches together very often and this service is a great encouragement to churches with smaller congregations so please be there if you can.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm. This is the meeting where our financial accounts for the year are presented, we elect our churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod reps 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 check the list on the board to see whether you are.



FOODBANK are in urgent need of Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Mashed Potato Powder, Instant Coffee, Rice and Fruit drinks. Many Thanks for your support.

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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



March 5th 2017

Sunday 5th March

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

'He will come again as Judge'
2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

3.00pm Men's Football at Astley Sports

Monday 6th March

9.15am Family Forum
7.30pm Freedom in Christ

Tuesday 7th March

10.45am Dementia Friends at Dukinfield Baptist
1.30pm and 7.30pm CAP Money Course

Wednesday 8th March

9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
2.00pm Craft, Art and Knitting group

Thursday 9th March

7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 10th March

10.30am Bible Study

Saturday 11th March

10.00am Street Pastor prayer morning
1.00am 'Change a Nation' coffee morning

Sunday 12th March

9.15am and 11.15am Morning Praise with children's groups

'I Believe in the Holy Spirit'
Acts 1: 1-8

6.30pm United Service at St Paul's

WELCOME !!

We are delighted that you are with 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.



STREET PASTORS

Street Pastors are holding another prayer team morning for the work of Street Pastors on Saturday 11th March from 10.00 – 12.00. If you would like to find out more about praying for our Street Pastors you would be very welcome.

Our aim overall is to link people who will support our Street Pastors in prayer – particularly when they are out on the streets – and Sharon Beech is looking for someone to support her. Would you be willing to pray for her? Speak to Sharon or Abigail Marabicio or Angela Trewinnard for more information.



DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Life can be terribly hard for someone living with dementia - everyday tasks can become impossible and many begin to suffer from isolation and disorientation. But by helping our communities and churches become more aware of the difficulties those who suffer with dementia have, we can work to make more inclusive, dementia friendly communities and churches.

Are you, or is someone you know caring for someone with dementia? Does a family member or neighbour suffer with the disease, or do you suspect they might? Then this 'dementia friends' session will be invaluable to help you understand more about dementia and how you can respond appropriately when faced with the challenges it brings.

The session is free, it lasts less than an hour, and there will be opportunity afterwards to talk to the coordinator for the new Dementia Action Alliance in Tameside. Hosted at **Dukinfield Baptist Church at 10.45am this Tuesday 7th March** with refreshments provided.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

The Tameside 'Mahabba (Arabic for 'love') would like to offer a **Friendship First Course** to members of Tameside churches.

This will consist of seven fortnightly sessions on Tuesday evenings from 25th April. Details on flyers at the back of church.



NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 18th March 10.00am - 4.30pm at Harrogate. Book online at www.new-wine.org and let us know if you are going.



MEN'S FOOTBALL

Invite friends and family to play - all abilities welcome!

We're organising another game of football **this Sunday 5th March** at Astley Sports Village, Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield.

Kick-off is 3.00pm and we'll be playing on the outdoor astroturf pitch round at the back of the college. Cost is £2 adults, 14-17yr olds free. For more information, or if you need a lift, please contact Chris Chester on 07982 615740 or email mail@chrischester.plus.com or Jamie Shepherd on 07760435780 jamiesheps@hotmail.com.



SEEKING OLD PHOTOS

Do you have any photos of Holy Trinity during the World War II period, or of the parish centenary in 1947, or the church 150th celebrations in 1997? Or have you any memories or anecdotes from these times? Then Valerie Clements would love to hear from you in connection with the Heritage work she and others are doing. Please contact her on 07930 762603 or email valerieedna15151@gmail.com.



YOUTH SOCIAL

The Youth are having a social evening for ages 11-18 on Wednesday 22nd March, 5.30pm at Jump Heaven Trampoline Park, Pepper Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5BW.

Meet outside St Matthew's at 4:30pm to travel in leaders' cars or meet together at Jump Heaven at 5.20pm - consent forms must be signed by parents or guardians.

Any questions or to book your place speak to Jonny - 07837786045 or jonny@holytrinity.stalybridge.org Final numbers are needed by Wednesday 8th March.



GIFT DAY TOTAL

With now 105 gifts received, the Gift Day total now stands at £44,129. With Gift Aid on this in the region of £9,000 that makes a grand total of £53,129.

This is a wonderful response - thanks so much to all who have given so generously! Don't miss out – if you haven't yet contributed, it's still not too late to be part of this project. Please drop your envelope into the church office this week.

'All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you.'

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

It's always good to pray for others and there are times we would all value prayer but it's not easy to let people know of our needs. To help with that we're starting a new initiative called 'Pray for me HT'.

It's simple enough – if you have a prayer request, email it to prayformeht@gmail.com and it will then be passed on to those who have signed up to pray – anonymously if that's what you'd prefer and indicate. We also need people who will commit to pray, so if you're willing to do that please also send an email to the same address to let us know - or speak to Dave Monday for more information.

Don't forget our weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays from 9.00 – 9.45am in St Matthews. Please join us if you can – a great way to start the day!



CHANGE A NATION

Karen Revell and Laura Hunt are visiting Uganda in a few weeks time with Tear Fund. They are going as our representatives to learn more about the work we support which uses Bible teaching to help lift people out of poverty. Tearfund has seen many lives and communities transformed as they develop business and agricultural skills which lead them to become self-reliant.

Karen and Laura would love to tell you more about their trip and are also seeking to raise funds so please join them for some delicious home-made cakes and a brew on **Saturday 11th March from 11.00am** in the church lounge.



BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

This is a two day festival on Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd June at Capesthorpe Hall in Cheshire. There will be worship led by Bethel Music, Rend Collective, Switchfoot, Casting Crowns, Tim Hughes, Worship Central and many others together with fun activities for all the family. Anyone willing to serve on team for the day gets a free place and food. There are flyers at the back of church and more information at www.bigchurchdayout.com You can attend for both days and camp over or just go on the Saturday.

If you are interested in going please email Lou Mitchell on dearlouise@outlook.com so she can send you an email invitation. If you then book this will allow a group discount for us – the more people that book, the cheaper it will be. You can also text Lou on 07980 139591 or speak to her if you don't have an email.



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!



LIBERTY FARM

Liberty Farm Community Interest Company is looking for a Director. The CIC aims to support people disabled by chronic illness and also provide services to people in and around Greater Manchester. The support offered will include accommodation for the chronically ill as well as equine facilitated learning, outdoor-based interventions and life skills development.

They are looking for a Director to assist with the oversight and development of the company, with the role being similar to that of Trustee for a charity. If you are interested, would like to have more information about Liberty Farm or be involved in some other way, please email libertyefl@gmail.com.

COMMUNION

When we come to share in bread and wine we invite everyone who has committed their life to Jesus and wants to follow him to come forward. The front rows come first and stewards will tell you when to move. Usually those on the left go to the left hand side and those on the right go to the right. Please stand or kneel to receive bread and wine as you prefer and fill up as much of the space at the front as you can. Non-alcoholic juice is available instead of wine - just let those who are serving know. There are also gluten free wafers.

It can take quite a while for everyone to receive communion but it's good to keep an atmosphere of prayer whilst this is happening. So after you have received yourself please resist the temptation to chat to others and take the opportunity instead to be still and quiet, to go to the side chapel for prayer, to reflect on the sermon, and to pray for others who are still going up to receive.

