

CHURCH ROOF CLEAR UP

The church roof is nearing completion (hooray!) and we have programmed in some redecoration of the side aisles and also to have the carpets in the church and lounge cleaned.



Before that happens we need to give the church a thorough clean so we are asking for volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 14th -16th November, anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Please don't just turn up but let Clive Hustwick know if you can help on buildingsmanager@holytrinity.stalybridge.org or through the church office so that he can organise teams.

GOSPEL CHOIR

The choir are getting together again for the Carol Services on Sunday 10th December (4.00pm and 7.00pm). Enthusiastic newcomers welcome!

Rehearsals will all be **1.30pm-2.30pm** in church on **Sundays 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December**. Folk from the 9.15am service often pop home for lunch and then come back while those from the 11.15am service usually bring a sandwich to eat after the service and stay on at church.

The choir will also be performing in Tesco on Saturday 9th December at approximately 10.30am and around Tameside Hospital on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December (tbc).

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS AND PRAY FOR ME

If you have any household donations please send details to:
holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com

If you have any prayer requests please email them to:
prayformeht@gmail.com

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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



November 5th 2017

Sunday 5th November
9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's Groups
'Stepping out in giving'
2 Corinthians 8: 1-17

Monday 6th November
9.15am Family Forum
7.30pm Alpha Course in St Matthews

Wednesday 8th November
9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
6.30pm Alive youth club

Thursday 9th November
7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship group

Saturday 11th November
9.30am Alpha Day

Sunday 12th November
9.15am and 11.15am Morning
Praise and Children's Groups
with Act of Remembrance

'Stepping out in serving'
Matthew 25: 14-30
4.00pm Bereavement Service

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

'I, DANIEL BLAKE'

This is the title of a powerful, beautiful and depressing drama about dignity in the face of humiliation exploring the challenges of the benefits system. Join us for a screening of the film in St Matthews on Friday, 17th November at 7.00pm followed by a discussion of the issues raised. **Please note the film is rated 15 and contains strong language.**

There is no charge but please let Tom know if you are attending.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Have you lost someone close to you recently, or even a long time ago? Do you know someone nearby who has been bereaved in the last year or so? On Sunday 12th November at 4.00pm we will be holding a Bereavement Service which will provide an opportunity to remember loved ones and give thanks for their lives. There will be some hymns and readings, a time of quiet, and the opportunity to bring a flower forward and ask for your loved one's name to be read out if you would like.

The service is open to all in the community whether or not they have a church background and it's a great opportunity to invite anyone you know who has been bereaved recently or even some time ago. Invitations are available at the back of church

There is a sheet at the back of church to write names of those attending and the names of the loved ones to be remembered – or phone Janet D'Anzi on 0161 303 7024 / 07961 520491 to add a name.

We will be serving home made cakes to our guests at the end of the service so if anyone would like to make a cake please speak to Janet .

AMEN SHOE BOXES

Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church and pack up your Christmas shoeboxes which will be going to needy families in Romania. Boxes to be in by 12th November please.

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.

FOODBANK

At the moment the foodbank has very low or no stocks of : fruit drinks, long life milk, dried milk, tinned custard, sponge and jam puddings. Could you please supply these items in preference to other things if possible?



TALKS ABOUT THE REFORMATION

Did you know that it is 500 years since the Reformation when Martin Luther, Thomas Cranmer, John Bunyan and others promoted ideas which led to the transformation the church?

Mottram parish church have been hosting a series of lectures to inform and celebrate these events. The last in the series will be held at the Magdalene Centre, Mottram Road, Broadbottom, SK14 6BB at 7.30pm on Thursday evening 23rd November and is entitled:

The Preacher, The Prisoner and the Pilgrim – John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress

All are welcome. (We have been asked not to park on the main road by the centre.)

DYING MATTERS

How can we prepare for death? We all know it can be hard to talk about the future – in fact more than half of UK adults admit to avoiding difficult conversations about things like Wills and Funeral plans. On Saturday 18th November in St Matthews we will try to help the conversation along by looking at topics like:

- Being at peace with God
- Being at peace with others
- Funeral arrangements
- Money matters
- Our future hope

We'll start at 9.30am and finish with a soup lunch together at 12.30pm. Please speak to Tom or contact the church office to book a place.

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24 page Christmas story activity book with a page for every day in Advent and some fun advent challenges along the way. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate.



The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas and from every sale a donation is made to the Funzi and Bodo Trust which is working to equip a clinic in Kenya. The calendars are £4.00 each and are now available.

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