

LADIES' FILM NIGHT

Ladies are invited to enjoy a light supper of pate, cheese and biscuits – and of course cake! – though all dietary requirements will be catered for on Friday 19th May at 6.30pm in St Matthews. This will be followed by a screening of 'The Hiding Place' - the story of how Corrie ten Boom and her family helped their Jewish neighbours in the Netherlands during WWII. Cost for food £2 – tickets now available from Beth Lindemann between the services.

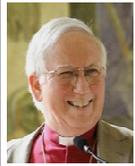


HOLIDAY AT HOME

We will be running our 'Holiday at Home' again this year on Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th July with a London theme – more details to follow. For one of the activities we need unwanted paperback books. Please could you let us have any you don't need anymore? Speak to Jacqui Watkins for more details.



LEARNING TO HEAR GOD



A training day led by Bishop Graham Dow on **Saturday 20th May** at St Mary's, Church Street, Droylsden, M43 7BR. The day is open to all and will run from 9.30 to 3.30pm. No need to book, just bring lunch, drinks provided.

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

If you have any prayer requests 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



May 7th 2017

Sunday 7th May
9.15am and 11.15 Communion
and Children's Groups

'When Jesus comes among us'
John 20: 19-31

Monday 8th May
9.15am Family Forum

Wednesday 10th May
9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting group
7.30pm Bible Course in St Matthews

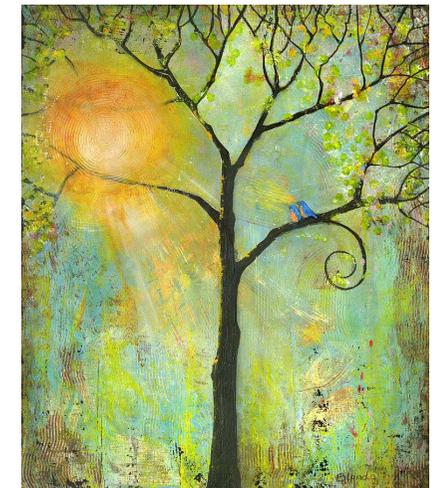
Thursday 11th May
7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 12th May
10.30am Bible Study

Sunday 14th May
9.15am and 11.15am Morning Praise
and Children's Groups
'Overcoming Failure'
John 21: 1-22

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.



WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

This is a two day festival on Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd June at Capesthorne 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. You can book through the Chester Diocese website.



WOULD LIKE A FREE PLACE AND ALSO HELP A GREAT CAUSE?

TEARFUND are the main charity partner for Big Church Day Out and are looking for a team of volunteers to help in their cafes, setting up and catering or to be part of the audience team, talking to members of the audience about the work of Tearfund and its passion to see lives transformed. Volunteers will receive free entry to the event, and also a contribution towards travel and meals so no need to cook when you're camping! Training for all of the roles will be provided.

If you'd like to find out more, go to www.tearfund.org/en/about_you/events/apply or speak to Tom.

FLAME INTERNATIONAL are also looking for volunteers and offering a free place. They are looking for folk to help on the ticket gates welcoming people to the event, and they'll also have a stand in the Bazaar too. You need to be able to scan a ticket with an iPhone (which will be provided), match the ticket type to a wristband; be smiley, friendly, able to deal with customers and stand for a few hours! All the volunteers will get free camping and two meals per day provided by Big Church Day Out (on the days that they work). You would only have to work on two of the three days and would have a day to enjoy the event for free. Please contact Barry Edge for more information.

MEN'S WEEKEND

Places are filling up fast for the men's weekend at High House in the beautiful Borrowdale region of the Lake District from 9th-11th June. If you would like to secure place, get your £10 deposit to Tom asap. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of church.



THY KINGDOM COME

Archbishop Justin Welby is inviting Christians everywhere to pray for God's Kingdom to come in their neighbourhoods and in the nation from 25th May (Ascension Day) to 4th June (Pentecost Sunday). We will be getting involved in various **ways including our own gathering for prayer and worship on Tuesday 30th May.**



If you would like to receive a text message prompting you to pray on each of the 10 days of the event, please sign up on the sheet at the back.

You are also invited to the Chester Cathedral for a celebration on Sunday 4th June at 5.30pm when Stuart Townend will be leading worship. See the Chester Diocese website for more information. Spare free tickets are at the back of church.

Don't forget to pledge to pray for your friends during 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Go to www.thykingdomcome.global and click on Pledge2Pray.

THE BIBLE COURSE



A Six Week Bible Overview : Getting Into the Bigger Picture

Have you ever wanted to get more in to your Bible but just don't know where to start? Does the Bible feel like a locked door to you, or does your knowledge of the Bible still have big black holes in it? Here is an opportunity to understand the bigger picture of the Bible from start to finish in six evening sessions 7.30 – 9.00pm. Develop the knowledge and tools you need to be able read God's word purposefully for everyday life. Learn how to understand what you're reading and put it into context with the bigger narrative - and discover where you fit into the story too.

3rd May	Creation and Covenant	Intro and Genesis
10th May	Redemption and Repentance	Exodus to Judges
17th May	The Rise and Fall of Kingdoms	Samuel to Malachi
Two week break		
7th June	The Good News	Jesus and the Gospels
14th June	Spirit Break out	Acts and the Church
21st June	Your Part in the Story	Revelation and Review

WILL'S SURVEY

Will would welcome a few more people to complete the survey he is doing about small groups as part of his studies at St Mellitus. You don't have to be part of a small group to help – he would welcome survey returns from anyone. Please sign up at the back.

HELP NEEDED

VISITING TEAM

The visiting team is a little depleted at the moment and would welcome some new volunteers - might you be able to help? It simply involves visiting people who are unwell, in hospital or cannot get to church at a time convenient to yourself and to them. The visits and the team are coordinated by Beryl Pickersgill please contact her if you would like more information - 01457 762020.



WELCOME TEAM

There are a few gaps still to fill on the Welcome Team – could you help once a month? Speak to Adele Trueman for more information.



CLEANING TEAM

We desperately need more volunteers to join the cleaning team for St Matthews. You can clean at a time that suits you (so long as the building is not in use) and the more people that volunteer the less frequently you have to do it! Speak to Tom or Karen Gascoigne for more details.



NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Lots of folk have already booked for the summer conference 30th July – 5th August 2017 at Royal and Bath Showground, Somerset. Why not join us for a fantastic week of teaching, worship and fellowship?



We'd love to encourage everyone to attend this event so if you need to borrow camping equipment or finance is a problem, please speak to Tom. There are also places to serve on team which gives you a free place with food provided. Check out the New Wine website for more information and book before 31st May to get the discounted rate. We'll be having a meeting soon for those who are going and any others who are interested.

BCM CAMP

Helpers are needed for BCM Bible Camp from 11-18th August - you need to be 16+, love Jesus and have a passion for sharing God's love with others. All sorts of helpers are needed for crafts, games, sports, small group Bible study, first aid, cleaning and washing up. There is no upper age limit; our oldest regular helper is in his late 70's! Accommodation is in dormitories or shared rooms on a purpose built site in the beautiful Somerset countryside. Campers are aged 8-15yrs but helpers can bring their children that are not yet camp age. For more information, please speak to Esther 0790 6030707 or Peter Bull 0786 333 0768.



ROOF WORK

The roof work is progressing well with the nave area now stripped. Insulation has also been added and it is ready for slating. New gutters now need to be manufactured and installed as well as new flashings. The work on the chancel has now begun.



There has been a lot of dirt and debris which has come into the building as the old roof was stripped off and, though we have done our best to minimise this and to clear up each day, the church is inevitably not as clean as we would like. Please bear with us and be patient – it is going to be like this for several months!

If anyone would be able to spare some time between 12 noon and 2pm on Fridays to help clean the church ready for Sunday services, please let the church office or Lizanne know. Thank you.

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.

OPEN DOORS EVENT



We are hosting a special 'Open Doors' event – the organisation that campaigns for and supports those who live in countries where faith in Christ is costly. Join us on **Sunday 21st May at 6.30pm** when we will remember our persecuted church family around the world.

The event will be led by Paula Chester and Canon Trevor Green and will involve aspects of a meeting that secret believers would be part of, featuring short films and information stations. Discover God's faithfulness in places where faith costs the most. Packed with worship, prayer, inspiration and challenge, the evening will bring hot news direct from the persecuted church. Meet your extraordinary family and strengthen them to shine in a dark world.

INTERNS

We are looking for accommodation for up to two interns from September 2017 to July 2018. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to offer accommodation to someone who comes to serve the church in this way? (The church would cover your costs.) Please speak to Tom if you would like more information or think you could help.



The interns will be aged 18-25 and will serve in the youth, children, schools or worship ministry areas. They will be part of the New Wine Discipleship year programme which involves a day a week of teaching and training with interns from other churches in the region, as well as attendance at various conferences during the year. If you know of anyone who might be interested, or other churches who might have young people who would be interested, please forward them details or speak to Tom.

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.

