

NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH

Next week is our Nativity from Scratch services where everyone is invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity story 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.



CONNECT EVENING

Don't miss our next 'Connect' evening next Friday 14th December at 7.00pm in St Matthews - for all the church family and friends, all ages welcome. Table tennis, board games, nibbles and drinks, conversation, time to chill and relax.

Please bring some festive food made in your traditional Iranian, Egyptian, Albanian, Romanian, Nigerian, Welsh, Scouse, Stalybridge and Dukinfield manner !



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.



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:
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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
9th 2018**

Sunday 9th December

9.15am and 11.15am
Morning Worship

All people will see God's Salvation

Luke 3: 1-16

4.00pm and 7.00pm Carol Services

Monday 10th December

9am Prayer in St Matthews
9.15am Family Forum

Tuesday 11th December

9am Prayer in St Matthews
West Hill School Concert

Wednesday 12th December

9am Prayer in St Matthews
10am Bridge Coffee
6.30pm Youth Group
West Hill School Concert

Thursday 13th December

9am Prayer in St Matthews
Gorse Hall Christmas Assembly
7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship group

Friday 14th December

9.00am Prayer in St Matthews
Trinity School Christmas assembly
7.00pm Connect Social Evening

Saturday 15th December

10.am Christmas Connect Open Day

Sunday 16th December

9.15am and 11.15am
Nativity from Scratch

WELCOME !!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship 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) - they would love to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a bit about the church.

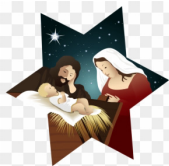


2nd Sunday of Advent

**WORSHIPPING GOD
BUILDING COMMUNITY
SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS

We now have available some flyers listing all the services over the Christmas period. Please take some and give them to family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues or whoever you want and give them to, with a warm invite to come along.



NEW YEAR—NEW SERVICE FORMAT

Starting in the New Year we are changing the formats of our services

1st Sunday	Family Service
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion and Children's groups
3rd Sunday	Morning Worship and children's groups
4th Sunday	Holy Communion and children's groups
5th Sunday	Morning Worship and Children's groups

CHRISTMAS CONNECT OPEN DAY

On Saturday 15th December the church will be open from 10am to 4pm serving complimentary tea, coffee, mince pies etc. This is a great opportunity to invite people to come along and take some time out from the busyness of Christmas.

During the day, there will be a memory tree to allow people to reflect and remember a loved one as well as an opportunity for people to talk over anything they may have on their mind.

Please come along and think and pray about who you could invite.

For more details please see Janet & Nick D'Anzi

Invites are available at the back of church

TAMESIDE EAST FOODBANK JOB VACANCY

The trustees of Tameside East Foodbank are looking to recruit a part-time coordinator (18.5 hours/week) to oversee the day to day running of the Foodbank, liaising with referring agencies and developing a more holistic service by introducing new areas of support. The position will be offered as a 15 month contract, subject to a successful probationary period.

For an information pack and/or an informal conversation please contact: Info@tamesideeastfoodbank.org.uk or contact the church office.

Applications should be received in writing with a supporting CV before 10th December 2018. The expected interview date will be 19th December 2018



FOODBANK

A very big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way at last week's Foodbank collection at Tesco.

They had a fantastic 2399.98 kg of food donated.



CAROL SINGING AT STALYBRIDGE STATION

Coming up this Thursday from 5.00pm to 6.30pm we will be carol singing on the platform at Stalybridge station.

This a great way to welcome people who are getting off the trains after work or passing through to other destinations. Please join us, all welcome.



ALPHA COURSE

We are starting another Alpha course on January the 7th 2019. This will be shorter and a bit more informal.

Alpha is a great way of finding out more about the Christian faith, or of finding answers to those questions you never dared ask before!

There are some new invitation flyers at the back of church. Could this be for you or do you know someone who would benefit from doing the course? Please speak to Gary if you are interested



NEW TO THE CHURCH FAMILY ?

If so, please make yourself known to Gary and the welcome team or fill out one of our welcome cards. We would love to get to know you and tell you more about what goes on at Holy Trinity, and invite you to the next welcome supper. gary@holytrinity.stalybridge.org

JOIN A SMALL GROUP ?

Small groups are our mid week groups that meet to go deeper with God, each other, and seek to reach out to those who don't know Jesus. If you would like to be part of a small group, please contact Alan to find the right group for you. alanboltontax@gmail.com