

## TESCO FOODBANK COLLECTION

It's that time of year again and we need volunteers to help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December to collect food in Tesco, to sort donations in St Matthews and to provide transport to St Matthews and the warehouse. Could you please spare a couple of hours? Please sign up using the sheets are at the back of church –



or you can sign up online at [www.doodle.com/poll/36swkizwpufcwfpg](http://www.doodle.com/poll/36swkizwpufcwfpg)

The Foodbank are now in need of : Fruit Drinks, Long Life Milk, Sponge Puddings, Coffee and Tinned Fruit

## WELCOMING REFUGEES

A conference designed to equip individuals and churches to respond practically to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00am – 4.00pm at Salford University.

The conference will inform about the 'refugee crisis', the government's local and national responses, and will also explain the complexities of the UK asylum system. There will be the opportunity to attend workshops on becoming a welcoming church, understanding the law on asylum, supporting Christian converts with their asylum cases and accommodating unaccompanied minors.

Cost is £10 and booking is essential at [www.manchester.anglican.org/events/4605/how-can-we-welcome-refugees-and-asylum-seekers](http://www.manchester.anglican.org/events/4605/how-can-we-welcome-refugees-and-asylum-seekers)

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Book Club Plus are hosting another creative afternoon this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 – 4.00pm in St Matthews. Christmas Crafts Jacqui Watkins will be leading a workshop with some Christmas Craft ideas and there will be tea and scones available. £1.00 donation to cover costs and all are welcome. Please sign up at the back if you would like to attend.



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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



November 13th 2016

### Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday

9.15am and 11.15am  
Morning Praise with  
Act of Remembrance

'Standing Firm' Nehemiah 6:1-16

4.00pm Bereavement Service

### Monday 14th November

9.15am Family Forum  
7.30pm Alpha Course

### Tuesday 15th November

1.30pm Christmas Craft

### Wednesday 16th November

9.00am Prayer meeting  
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop  
2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting  
7.00 Youth Engage  
7.30pm PCC meeting in church

### Thursday 17th November

7.15pm Youth Encounter  
7.30pm Worship Group

### Friday 18th November

12 noon Carers Connect

### Saturday 19th November

9.00am - 4.00pm Welcoming refugees  
conference  
9.30am New Wine Men's day  
9.30am Safeguarding training

### Sunday 20th November

9.15am and 11.15am Communion with  
Children's groups

'Celebration' Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-12

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping,  
those who have died for their country  
in war; those whom we knew, and  
those whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died in the  
service of mankind.

They shall not grow old as we that are  
left grow old: age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn. At the going  
down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**



## THE SILENCE

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot  
be parted, either by death or life:  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for  
all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

## 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.

## 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? Our Bereavement Service this afternoon at 4.00pm is a chance to remember them and to give thanks for their life. 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.



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.

## GOSPEL CHOIR

The gospel choir will be getting together again for the Carol Services which are on 11th December at 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Rehearsal dates are on Sundays 1.30pm - 2.30pm in church  
20th November, 27th November, 4th December

Newcomers are welcome - just bring your enthusiasm!

(Other dates may be Saturday 10th December in Tesco and Sunday 18th December around Tameside hospital – details tbc.)

See Sue Green or email [drummersue@hotmail.com](mailto:drummersue@hotmail.com) to get the link to the materials on Dropbox.



## SCHOOLS WEEK

We are now fully booked with children from our local primary schools who will be visiting the church to hear the Christmas story in Schools' Week - Tuesday to Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you are available during the week and would like to help with the team or in practical ways like serving refreshments, please speak to Judy Parker asap. We also need some help in cutting out and assembling 300 paper boxes! Again, please speak to Judy if you can help.

## TOY SERVICE

As in previous years we are inviting people to support 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.



If you would like to contribute in any way, we will be gathering our gifts together on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street in the afternoon on the 5th December.

## 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 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent and behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade 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 Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust. The calendars are £4.00 each and are now available.



## HILLSONG AND WORSHIP CENTRAL



An evening of worship featuring Reuben Morgan and Tim Hughes at Huddersfield Christian Fellowship, Cathedral House, St Thomas' Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LG on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open at 6.30pm and the event starts at 7.20pm finishing at 10.00pm. Tickets are £16.50 each and can be obtained online at ;

[www.bigchurchlive.com/events/hillsong-worship-worship-central](http://www.bigchurchlive.com/events/hillsong-worship-worship-central)

If you book to go please let Tom know as others may like to share lifts.

## PRAYER

Don't forget the 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!



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Only four Sundays to go to our Carol Services - so it's time to get inviting friends and neighbours! Invitation cards are available at the back and there are a host of 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.

**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!

## NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

30<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Royal and Bath Showground, Somerset. Join us for a fantastic week of teaching, worship and fellowship! Book before 30<sup>th</sup> November for early bird discount rates.



## 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

Men's Weekend away - 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017



## THANK YOU

Eileen Wilson would like to say a big 'Thank You' for all her cards, presents and to those who attended her 80th Birthday Party. She had a great time !

## GAMES NIGHT

We are having a Games Night on **Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm** in St Matthews. All ages from 14+ are welcome - come along and try some new games in a fun and friendly atmosphere. There will be a variety of games for everyone to enjoy from board games to card games to miniature games and there will be hosts to help you play any games you haven't experienced before.



We aim for a fun night that will be a perfect opportunity to invite friends and may even give you some good ideas for Christmas presents. Please bring your own drinks and snacks - and maybe a little extra to share around!

## CLEAR UP MORNING

We are hosting the next clear up morning at Holy Trinity on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** starting at 9.30am. Come and join with other members of the community to help tidy up our neighbourhood.



## 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.



## 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!