

NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Quite a few people have now booked for the New Wine summer conference down in Shepton Mallet. We are going to Week 2 which is 31st July – 6th August and it promises to be a great time of worship, teaching, going deeper with God and growing together as a community. If you have booked please let Will Drain know – we will be organising a meeting soon. For any still thinking about it, please speak to Will, Tom or Luke.



SATURDAY PRAYER WALK

We will be prayer walking around the town next Saturday 20th February starting in St Matthews at 10.00am. Most of us find prayer difficult but we believe that prayer changes things and want to see God at work in our town. So please come and be part of this – you're free to stay in St Matthews to pray, to walk around the town on your own or with others and to pray silently or out loud! What's stopping you?



CLEAR UP MORNING

The next clear up morning around the canal and centre of Stalybridge will be on Saturday 5th March from 9.30-12.30pm. Can you help? It's good to be doing something practical together to help improve our town and we're glad that the church can be a focal point to help this to happen. Please just come for an hour if you can't make the whole morning – there's a great atmosphere and it's surprisingly good fun!



WOMEN'S CRAFT DAY

Do you like craft? Do you want to learn and share new skills? Then come along to the 'Women's Craft day' on Saturday March 5th from 1pm to 5pm In St Matthews. Please speak with Lizanne for more details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New Wine Women's Day Saturday April 23rd in Harrogate
Men's weekend 1st-3rd July in Yorkshire



14th February 2016

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14th February Valentines Day Services

9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's Groups
'Nothing else compares'
Philippians 3: 1 –11

Tuesday 16th February
1.30pm and 7.30pm CAP Course

Wednesday 17th February
9.00am Prayer meeting In St Matthews
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

Friday 19th February
12noon Carers Connect

Saturday 20th February
10.00am Prayer Walk

Sunday 21st February
9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's Groups
'Eyes on the prize'
Phil 3: 10-21
4.00pm Tea with Paul and Pam
In St Matthews

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for our special celebration of love and marriage on this Valentine's Day. At the end of the service please make yourself known to one of the stewards who greeted you on the way in. They all wear white badges and one of them will be at the back by the bookstall area. They will be delighted to get you a cup of coffee and a piece of cake and tell you a little about the church.



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The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm

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VISIT FROM PAUL AND PAM

Paul and Pam will be joining us in our services next Sunday 21st February. We look forward to catching up with them and hearing their news.

There will also be a tea at 4.00pm in St Matthews for any who would like to hear more about their work and plans.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us for a men's breakfast in St Matthews on Saturday 12th March from 9.30- 11.00am. The speaker will be Sam Ward.



Sam was previously an accountant but in 2007 he was called to lead the church and Eden Project in Openshaw. He also now works for The Message Trust as the National Director of the Eden Network which helps to support and develop missional projects in some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country.

Tickets which include a full English breakfast are £5.00

STREET PASTORS

Greater Manchester Street Pastors are holding their annual graduation service for all new Street Pastors in the Greater Manchester area on Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm at South Chadderton Methodist Church. Les Isaac OBE, the founder of Street Pastors, will be speaking and he is always inspiring. Any who have a heart for the work or would like to know more about it are welcome to attend.

Paula Chester will be graduating at this service having completed her Street Pastor training and it would be a great encouragement to her and others if we could be there to support.



CAP MONEY COURSE

The CAP Money Course is a revolutionary, free money management course that teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. The course is designed to help anyone gain more control over their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. It is highly recommended for everyone!

The course begins **next Tuesday 16th February** and will continue on Tuesday 23rd February and 1st March in St Matthews at either 1.30pm or 7.30pm – whichever time suits you best. Please speak to Anne Wellock or Vera Wormall for more information.



HEALING PRAYER

It was wonderful to host the healing prayer training at Holy Trinity last weekend. Our own people who were on the course and went out to pray at other churches on Sunday morning were enormously encouraged and we were blessed here by a visiting team who prayed for us. There were several significant healings and breakthroughs. So please be encouraged that God is at work and don't hesitate to come forward for healing prayer today during communion.



RED CARPET AREA

We offer prayer in the side chapel area each week during communion and at the end of the service. There is also a large open space next to the side chapel in the chancel which is very tempting for children to run around and play in – but the two things don't go well together!

Could we ask parents to keep children out of this area so that those being prayed for are not disturbed? Many thanks for your help!

LITTLE GEMS

Many thanks to Gwen Drain who was instrumental in getting our Little Gems group started and led the group for many years, and then latterly at the 11.15 service. Gwen has decided that the time is right to step down from leading this and Michelle Singh is going to take it over the 11.15 group. We are therefore looking for one or two people who would be willing to help lead this group once a month.

This is a great ministry to share God's love with our youngest members and also to allow parents the opportunity to stay in the service once in a while! Please speak to Michelle or Tom if you are interested in helping.



FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. Despite having collected a lot of food over the Christmas period, the foodbank are short of **sponge puddings, instant mash, dried milk, canned fish and canned fruit**. Please could you supply these items in preference to others if possible? Thank you.



FIRST AID TRAINING

We have arranged some first aid training on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm in St Matthews for all those involved in leading or helping with our youth and children's groups on Sundays and during the week, though this is open to others as well. Please let Tom know if you are able to attend.