

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.



FOODBANK

Thanks to all who continue to support the Foodbank with regular donations of food. We are in **URGENT** need of

Fruit Drinks, Coffee, Custard and Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fish and Tinned Meat, Tomatoes and Tinned Fruit.

Please supply these items in preference to anything else if you can. Many thanks!



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!



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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



October 16th 2016

Sunday 16th October
9.15am and 11.15am
Communion and Children's groups
'Committed Teamwork'
Nehemiah 3:1-12

Monday 17th October
9.15am Family Forum
7.30pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 19th October
9.00am Prayer meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting
7.00pm Youth Engage

Thursday 20th October
9.30am Gorse Hall Harvest Assembly
7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 21st October
12 noon Carers Connect

Sunday 23rd October
9.15am and 11.15am
Family services with Baptisms

'Jesus Bread of Life'

John 6: 25-35

WELCOME

Welcome to our services today – it's great to have you with us! Please say hello to one of the stewards at the end of the service – they greeted you on the way in. They all wear white badges and one of them will be at the back at the end. They will be pleased to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a little about the church.



WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

SMALL GROUPS DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

We're getting some really great feedback about our new Small groups and Discipleship groups. Are you involved? We are encouraging all members of Holy Trinity to get on board - if you haven't signed up yet there should be a letter for you at the back. We're asking you to commit for one year which is only 38 meetings!



LIGHT PARTY

We're having a Light Party for children aged 5-11 on Sunday 30th October from 4.30 - 6.00pm in St Matthews. There will be games, stories and teaching and we need a few more volunteers to help. Please contact Stephen on 312 5229 or stephen@holytrinity.stalybridge.org or speak to Tom or Will after the service.



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 on **Sunday 13th November 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. The service is open to all in the community whether or not they have a church background. Invitations are available at the back of church – please speak to Janet and Nick D'Anzi or Will for more information.

BOOKSTALL

The bookstall has just been restocked with lots of new books. There may be something to read for yourself, or a book to buy for a Christmas present for someone? Please have a look.



HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

We could use volunteers to join teams to help in various areas – notably with Little Gems, Visuals, Sound and cleaning St Matthews. Please speak to the group leaders, Tom or Will.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

As in previous years, we are inviting people to prepare Christmas Shoeboxes to go to poor communities in Romania. Our boxes will be distributed through Mana church in Sighisoara. Pilu, known to many in Holy Trinity, is pastor there and they have a great work in the villages and communities around the town. Boxes should be standard shoebox size (no bootboxes please) and are for families so please include something for mum, dad and children. Please wrap entirely in Christmas paper with at least £2 attached to the outside to cover transport costs.



See leaflets at the back of church or contact Paula Chester for more details – Paula has some empty shoeboxes if you need one and has also made up a sample box to give you an idea of what's needed. **Boxes to be in by Sunday 13th November please!**

NEW WINE MEN'S DAY



Saturday 19th November 9.30am to 4.00pm at St Mark's Harrogate - a day of teaching and encouragement to help us to grow in confidence in our faith. Speakers include Mark Melliush, Nathan Blackaby, Justyn Rees Larcombe, Phil Emeerson and Mark Tate. **Cost is £17 if booked before 19th October and £22 thereafter.** Please book online at www.new-wine.org but let us know you've booked so we can share transport.

REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS

There is an excellent booklet available at the back of church which explains some of the issues surrounding the migration crisis and how we can help. Please take one, have a read and pass it on.



Did anyone see the three episode documentary called 'Exodus' that the BBC produced over the summer? It's a very moving and heart-wrenching portrayal of the crisis in very personal terms. If you missed it Tom has a copy which you can borrow.

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!



HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS

We are aware of that many in our community are in need of household goods and at the same time many of us have more stuff than we know what to do with, so we are setting up a way that we can help those in need and de-clutter the things we no longer need. We are grateful to Matthew Edmondson who is going to head this up.



If anyone has any unrequired furniture, white goods, bedding, kitchen goods, bikes, etc please speak to Matthew or email ; holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com Alternatively, if there is anyone in need of such items can they also get in touch so we know what to be on the look-out for. Many thanks.

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