

LITTLE GEMS

We could still use more helpers with our Little Gems (0-4's) groups that meet in the church lounge during both of our services. At the moment this is being carried by just a few people which means that they rarely get into church for services themselves and often they also have young children which makes it doubly difficult.



Could you help? Perhaps consider coming to serve in Little Gems at one service and worship yourself at the other one? Please speak to Tom, Heather Shepherd or Michelle Singh for more information.

WEBSITE

We are excited that our new church website is now live – check it out at www.holytrinity.stalybridge.org. Through the website you can access recent sermons, noticesheets, what's on this week and forthcoming events as well as other information about the church and our groups.

MEN'S WEEKEND

Leaflets for the Men's Weekend in Yorkshire from 1st - 3rd July are now available at the back of church. Please get your deposit in to secure a place.



NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY



Saturday 23rd April, Harrogate International Centre 9.15am – 4.30pm. There are still places available though the cost has now gone up to £25 – book online. The day will be based around Isaiah 61

and will explore what it means for women to display God's splendour.

If you are travelling on the coach it leaves at 6.50am from the front of church!

Please speak to Jeanette Callaghan or Judy Parker for more information.

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



April 17th 2016

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for our services today. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards at the end - they greeted you on the way in and they all wear white badges. One of them will be delighted to get you a cup of coffee, tell you a little about the church and give you a welcome pack.



Sunday 17th April

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

"Why Welcome?"

Acts 28: 1-10

7.30pm 'Dig Deeper' in St Matthews

Monday 18th April

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm APCM

Tuesday 19th April

10.00am Funeral of

William Haggerty in church

Wednesday 20th April

9.00am Prayer Meeting

10.00am Bridge Cafe

2.00pm Craft, Art and Knitting Group

7.00pm Youth Engage

Thursday 21st April

7.30pm Worship Group

7.15pm Youth Encounter

Friday 22nd April

10.30am Bible Study

Saturday 23rd April

New Wine Women's Day

Sunday 24th April

9.15am and 11.15am Family services

"Ransomed"

Mark 10:32 - 45

6.15pm 'ONE' service at All Saints

WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Our new teaching series begins today and we will be looking at why we do what we do in our services Sunday by Sunday but also unpacking how these activities can be applied to the whole of our lives. Our monthly Family services on 24th April, 22nd May, 19th June (Father's Day) and 24th July will look at the topics 'Ransomed', 'Healed', 'Restored' and 'Forgiven' – great services to invite friends to!



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Don't miss the Annual Parochial Church Meeting **tomorrow at 7.30pm in church!**

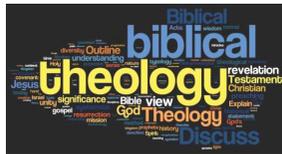


This is the meeting where our financial accounts for the year are presented, we elect our churchwardens, PCC members and welcome team for the coming year and we review and give thanks for all that God has done amongst us. Sidespersons need to sign up if they are willing to serve for another year.

PLEASE NOMINATE PEOPLE TODAY AND DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

DIG DEEPER - THEOLOGICAL SKILLS FOR NORMAL PEOPLE

Can I tell you a secret? You don't need to be scared of words like 'hermeneutics' and 'exegesis'. If you've ever thought about God, you're already a theologian.



In this 5-session course we're going to journey together in digging a little deeper, as we look at how the Bible fits together and learn some skills to help us study and interpret scripture on a level you might have always wanted to but struggled to know where to start. The Bible is 'shallow enough for a toddler to paddle and deep enough for an elephant to wade'... but who wants to stay at the shallow end? Why not come and get equipped with the tools to dig deeper?

Sunday evenings 7:30pm in St Matthews on:
17th April, 24th April, 15th May, 22nd May, 5th June
Please speak to or email Luke to sign up.

FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. Despite having good stocks of food we are almost always short of sponge puddings, instant mash, canned fish, canned fruit and canned tomatoes. Please could you supply these items in preference to others if possible?

LUKE AND ANYA

With a lot of excitement and some sadness too, it has now been announced that the Briggs family will be moving on in late July from Holy Trinity. Luke has accepted a job as an Associate Rector at St George's Leeds and his new role will mainly focus on the 1830 congregation, who are mostly students and young professionals in their 20s.

Luke's licensing service at St George's will be on Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm. We wish them every blessing - they would be very grateful for your prayers at this time of transition!

GRACE FOR MUSLIMS

Steve Bell, national director of Interserve, will be leading a day aimed at resourcing Christian understanding and engagement with Muslims on Saturday 23rd April from 3.00-8.00pm. The day will be held at Christ Church Chadderton, Block Lane, OL9 7QB and will include teaching, a range of seminars and food.

Contact office@christchurchchadderton.co.uk or 0161 624 2326 to book or speak to Esther Bull for more information.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

One or two people have expressed an interest in taking part in a trip to the Holy Land. The Diocese are organising such a trip next year between 28th March and 6th April and it will be led by our Bishops. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website (www.chester.anglican.org – search 'Holy Land').



If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Tom.

YOUTH WORKER

We are now advertising for a part-time youth worker to develop and extend the youth work here at Holy Trinity. The post is for 15 hours per week and begins in September. If you know anyone who enjoys working with young people and has a passion to see them come to and grow in faith, please ask them to contact the church office for more information.

LADIES' BICYCLE NEEDED Has anyone a ladies' bicycle that they no longer use? Please speak to Tom if you can help.

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!

WORK PARTY

Advance notice that we are holding a work party on Saturday 4th June from 9.00 – 12.00 to tackle some maintenance jobs around the church and St Matthews. Put the date in your diary now – these events are great fun, allow lots of people to work together to care for our buildings and, of course, there are always bacon or sausage butties served sometime in the morning!

Jobs include painting and decorating, general cleaning, gardening, weed spraying, jet washing, etc. If you have any free time and would be able to tackle some of these jobs at a different time to suit yourself please speak to Lizanne Whitby-Monday – and please let her know if you can be available on 4th June.

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.

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.



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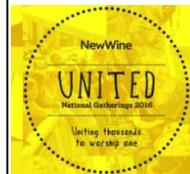
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