

**Sunday 18th September**

9.15am and 11.15am

Communion and Children's groups

*'Holy Discontent'*

Nehemiah 1:1-11

2.30pm Baptism Service

**Monday 19th September**

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm PCC meeting

**Tuesday 20th September**

10.30am Book Club in St Matthews

1.30pm and 7.30pm CAP course

**Wednesday 21st September**

9.00am Prayer meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting

7.00pm Youth Engage

**Thursday 22nd September**

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship Group

**Friday 23rd September**

10.30am Bible Study

**Saturday 24th September**

9.00am Work Party

**Back to Church Sunday  
25th September**

9.15am Family Service

11.15am Family service with Baptism

*'Jesus, Friend of Sinners'*

Mark 9: 9-13

*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 by the bookstall area. They will be pleased to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a little about the church.



## SMALL GROUPS DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Small groups and Discipleship groups start this week – if you've signed up and not heard where you're going, please speak to Will. We are encouraging all members of Holy Trinity to get on board, so if you haven't signed up please speak to Will asap.



We're asking you to commit for one year which is only 38 meetings!

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Research shows that many people would really like to come to church if only someone would invite them. We have our opportunity to do just that for our **Family Services on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. Whether people have got out of the habit of coming to church regularly or have never been to church doesn't really

matter – just invite them to come! There are invitation cards to use at the back of church.

## ALPHA



Our next Alpha course will be starting soon. It will run on Monday evenings from October 3<sup>rd</sup> until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

We start with a meal, then listen to a talk and then break into groups to discuss. You don't have to say anything but it's very relaxed and you can ask any questions you want. Alpha is a great way of finding out more about the Christian faith, of renewing and refreshing your faith, or of finding answers to

those questions you never dared ask before! Could this be for you or do you know someone who would benefit from doing the course? Please speak to Tom or Will if you are interested. Invitation forms are at the back.

## WORK PARTY

Our work party is next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 – 12.00 when we hope 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 contact the church office.

## CAP MONEY COURSE

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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 this week Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, and also runs on 27<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October in St Matthews at either 1.30pm or 7.30pm – whichever time suits you best. Please speak to Anne Wellock or Vera Wormald for more information.

## 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 [holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## HELP NEEDED

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

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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



## YOUTH

Youth activities have restarted with *ENGAGE* Youth Club on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.30pm for 11-16's and *ENCOUNTER* Youth Discipleship on Thursdays from 7.15 to 8.45pm for 11-17's. Please could you publicise these meetings with young people in the area? Contact Jonny Hirst for more information.

ENCOUNTER

ENGAGE

## HEALING MINISTRY TRAINING

There are details at the back of church about the next training weekend for learning healing ministry led by Bishop Graham Dow from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Paul's church, Astley Bridge, Bolton. Please speak to Tom if you are interested.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these dates – more details to follow.

Winning Women Worldwide breakfast, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am at Dukinfield Congregational Church.

New Wine Men's day, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Harrogate – bookings now open on the New Wine website.

Hillsong and Worship Central Worship evening, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Huddersfield

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

## LADIES' SOCIAL EVENING

All ladies are warmly invited to social evening in St Matthews on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. There will be pizza followed by a showing of the film 'Florence Nightingale'. Tickets are £4 to cover the cost of food and refreshments. Please speak to Beth Lindemann for more information or to let her know of any dietary requirements.



## 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.



## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place with all three of our bishops next year from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April. The aim of the visit is to better understand the historical and cultural context of the Bible and they will be visiting Jerusalem, Tiberias and surrounding areas. It is an amazing experience to visit the places where Jesus walked and will undoubtedly enrich the faith of anyone who is able to go.

The trip is inevitably expensive at £2141 but there are bursaries of £500 available to those who would find the cost prohibitive. Contact Diane Cookson on 0161 483 2633 or [st.saviours@virgin.net](mailto:st.saviours@virgin.net) for more information.

## AUTUMN TEACHING SERIES - NEHEMIAH

We are starting a new teaching series based on the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is often taken as a great exemplar for Christian leadership and he has much to teach us.



The book of Nehemiah is placed historically long after the invasion of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple with many Israelites (including Daniel) being taken away into exile. Nehemiah gains permission to return - a journey of some 900 miles - to begin the work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. He faces opposition and difficulties on many levels but demonstrates the importance of praying, planning and persevering in any work we undertake for God. Hopefully his story will inspire and encourage us wherever we are seeking to rebuild, restore or revive some work for God.

## PRAYER

Don't forget we have re-started our weekly prayer meetings on Wednesdays from 9.00 – 9.45am in St Matthews. Please join us if you can – a great way to start the day.

## 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!

## CREATIVE COOKERY

Book Club Plus are organising a Creative Cookery afternoon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September in St Matthews from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Yvonne Bolton will lead by demonstrating how to make three different curries followed by a grand tasting session. £2.00 donation to cover costs. Please sign up at the back if you would like to come or contact Yvonne or Lucie Clucas for information.



## MEN'S FOOTY

We're organising another game of football on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at Astley Sports Village, Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield. Kick-off is 3pm and we'll be playing on the outdoor astroturf pitch round at the back of the college. Cost will be £2 each. All abilities welcome! Why not invite friends and family to play?

For more information, or if you need a lift, please contact Chris Chester on 07982 615740 [mail@chrischester.plus.com](mailto:mail@chrischester.plus.com) or Jamie Shepherd on 07760435780 [jamiesheps@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiesheps@hotmail.com)



## 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!

## REAL LIVES 2016

Four churches from Mottram and Hattersley are holding a series of events and meetings with the theme '*5 days, 6 lives, 1 story*'. The five days are Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and will feature 6 special guests from very different backgrounds but all sharing a similar story of how their Christian faith has impacted their lives. This will all take place in a big tent on the car park behind the Hub in Hattersley (next to Tesco) apart from one event with Fiona Castle at the Magdalene Centre in Broadbottom.

The speakers will be David Hamilton - former member of the UDF, Millie Houslow, Fiona Castle, Chris Matthewman and Lamp Collective theatre company, Michael Garry and David Donegani. All are welcome at these events and they would be great to take friends too. More details on the noticeboard and at [www.reallives2016.co.uk](http://www.reallives2016.co.uk).



## 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!



## WELCOME TO GEORGIA

Welcome to our new intern Georgia Stokes! Georgia will be completing the New Wine Discipleship Year whilst working with us and will be living with Karen and Chris Gascoigne. Georgia is already known to many of the congregation as she has been attending Holy Trinity for some time but please say hello to her and make her welcome if you don't know her.

Georgia says '*Hello I'm Georgia! I like to cook and dance and am excited for all this year has to offer.*'

