

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Holy Trinity has a small Discretionary Fund which is used to help refugees with whom we have contact and others in need and also to support asylum appeals. If you would like to make a specific contribution to this fund at any time apart from your regular giving, please use one of the envelopes at the back and mark it clearly 'Discretionary Fund'.

CHESTER DIOCESAN LAY CONFERENCE



Every three years Chester Diocese has a conference for lay people in the parishes. The next one is from 19th-21st May 2017 at The Hayes Conference centre in Swanwick and there is a free place reserved for Holy Trinity. Would you like to go to represent us? Speak to Tom asap for more information.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these dates, more details to follow:

- Ladies' Weekend away - 17th to 19th February 2017
- Baptism and Confirmation service – 10.30am 26th February 2017
- Men's Weekend away - 9th to 11th June 2017

BOOKSTALL

The bookstall has just been re-stocked. Please have a browse after the service. It's not too late to buy one as a present for someone.



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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



December 18th 2016

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have joined us for our 'Nativity from Scratch' services this morning when we invite adults and children to be involved in acting out the Christmas story together. If you're a visitor this morning, don't worry if you've come unprepared – you don't need a costume to join in, or if you prefer, feel free to just sit back and watch.

We hope that you will feel at home and enjoy the service. 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.



Sunday 18th December

9.15am and 11.15am
Nativity from Scratch

'May it be to me as you have said'

2.00pm to 3.00pm Gospel Choir singing
at Tameside Hospital

Monday 19th December

9.15am Family Forum

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service
6.15pm Carol singing at
Tameside Hospital
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Family Praise

'Joy to the World'
Luke 2: 1-7

Sunday 1st January 2017

Please note only one service

9.15am Communion



WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Please note there will only be one service on New Year's Day at 9.15am. This will be a communion service.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST COURSE

This is a fantastic course which has helped many Christians to discover the freedom that God wants us all to enjoy in him. Many of us carry baggage from the past which holds us back, or we feel ourselves constantly pulled back into old sinful patterns of behaviour. Sometimes we feel that things can never change.



This course will help you to understand who you are in Christ, what happened when you became a Christian, the truth of God's unconditional love, why there is no condemnation, and why you don't have to languish in cycles of sin, negative thinking and hopelessness.

Sound good? Here's what a member of our church said about a previous course they attended:

"Doing the Freedom in Christ course has stopped me from feeling guilty that I'm not good enough for God to love me. Knowing that nothing I do will make God love me less is really liberating. I know other people have said this, but I now feel in my heart what I've known in my head for years and it's amazing!"

You might have done Freedom in Christ before but it's great to repeat it – rather like a spiritual MOT! We start in the new year on **Monday 9th**

January at 7.30pm and the course will run on Monday evenings in St Matthews for seven weeks. If you would like to take part, please speak to Tom.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

The Church of the Nazarene in Ashton are once again putting on a Christmas Day meal for any who would otherwise be alone and would enjoy being with others. There is a full turkey dinner, entertainment, carol singing and good conversation but people do need to book in advance. Contact Kat on 07557 344067 for more information.



CHURCH OFFICE

Please note that the church office will be closed from Thursday 22nd December until Tuesday 3rd January. If you need to contact us, please leave a message on the church answerphone. These messages are collected regularly.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.

CAROL SINGING AT THE HOSPITAL - meet at the reception area of Hartshead South at 6.15pm on Christmas Eve. Patients who have to be in hospital over Christmas really appreciate the love and care shown to them by this simple act of sharing our joy. Refreshments afterwards in the restaurant at about 7.30pm.

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!

KIC START CHANGES

From January 8th we will be changing the way that KICStart starts (our young church for 5-11's). In the past children were dropped off directly at St Matthews but starting in the New Year we would like to you bring the children to church with you and register them with the KICStart leaders in the church lounge. The children will then join with you for the first part of the service. They will go out after the first worship song. The leaders will take them across to St Matthews and then bring them back in time to join you for communion.

GIVE AS YOU LIVE

If you shop online at Amazon, Comet, Tesco and over 4000 other stores then every purchase you make using 'Give as you live' results in a small donation going to Holy Trinity church. It doesn't cost you a penny extra.



To register go to www.giveasyoulive.com, click 'Sign up for free', search for 'Holy Trinity Stalybridge', click on 'Select this cause' and then enter your name, email address and a password.

That's it. Every time you shop, go through 'Give as you live' and a donation will go to Holy Trinity. Thank you!