

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Details of our Christmas services are now available on invitation cards at the back –

- Carol Services on Sunday 10th December 4.00 and 7.00pm
- 'Nativity from Scratch' on Sunday 17th December at 9.15 and 11.15am
- Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
- Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
- Christmas Family Praise on Christmas Day at 10.30am

Please take some cards and start inviting people!



CLEAR UP MORNING

The next Stalybridge clear up morning will be **next Saturday 25th November from 9.30-12.30am**. It's good to be doing something practical together to help improve our town and we're glad that the church community 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!

Please note - we will be meeting in St Matthews at 9.30am because of the Praise Party taking place in church.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE AND MEMORY TREE

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Bereavement Service which was much appreciated by all who attended. As a follow on we are inviting people to come along to a 'Christmas Treat' on Saturday 16th December when the church lounge will be open from 1.00 - 4.00pm serving coffee, tea, mince pies and the like.

The church will also be open at this time with all the Christmas decorations and a 'Memory Tree' where people can decorate a heart or a leaf in memory of their loved one and hang it on the tree. All are welcome to attend.

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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



Sunday 19th November

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups
'Stepping out in discipleship'

Philippians 3: 7 -14

1.30pm - 2.30pm Gospel Choir

4.00pm PCC meeting

Monday 20th November

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm Alpha Course in St Matthews

Tuesday 21st November

10.30am Ladies Coffee group

Wednesday 22nd November

9.00am Prayer Meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

10.00am Mission Committee meeting

6.30pm Alive youth club

Thursday 23rd November

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship group

7.30pm Talk about John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress

Friday 24th November

7.00pm Connect Evening

Saturday 25th November

9.30am Clear up morning

meet in St Matthews

10.00am Ishmael Praise Party in church

Sunday 26th November

9.15am and 11.15am Family Services with baptisms

'Coming ready or not!'

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

1.30pm Gospel choir rehearsal

5.00pm to 7.00pm Kairos Youth event in St Matthews



November 19th 2017

WELCOME

We are delighted that you are here for our services this morning. If you are visiting or new to Holy Trinity it's great to have you with us - we hope that you feel at home.

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.



**WORSHIPPING GOD
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SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

FOODBANK

At the moment the foodbank has very low or no stocks of : fruit drinks, long life milk, dried milk, tinned custard, sponge and jam puddings



Could you please supply these items in preference to other things if possible?

We will also be collecting in food in Tesco on **Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December from 9.00am to 5.00pm.** Could you spare a couple of hours to help in the store, sorting food at St Matthews or with transport to the warehouse? Sign up sheets available at the back. You can also sign up online at

<https://doodle.com/poll/gq2iqeseuqqavz7g> (If you sign up in church you don't need to sign up online as well.)

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24 page Christmas story activity book with a page for every day in Advent and some fun advent challenges along the way. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate.



The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas and from every sale a donation is made to the Funzi and Bodo Trust which is working to equip a clinic in Kenya. The calendars are £4.00 each and are now available.

CHURCH ROOF CLEAR UP

Thanks so much for all those who have given many hours during this past week to clean the church – we can see the difference!

Prior to the decoration of the side aisles on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we could do with some final cleaning on Monday after 11.30am. Please let Clive know if you can help - on buildingsmanager@holyltrinity.stalybridge.org.



GOSPEL CHOIR

The choir are getting together again for the Carol Services on Sunday 10th December (4.00pm and 7.00pm). Enthusiastic newcomers welcome!

Rehearsals will all be **1.30pm-2.30pm** in church on **Sundays 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December.** Folk from the 9.15am service often pop home for lunch and then come back while those from the 11.15am service usually bring a sandwich to eat after the service and stay on at church.

The choir will also be performing in Tesco on Saturday 9th December at approximately 10.30am and around Tameside Hospital on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December (tbc). See Sue Green for more details or email drummersue@hotmail.com to be sent a link to the materials on Dropbox.

ISHMAEL PRAISE PARTY

We are hosting a Praise Party with 'Ishmael' on Saturday 25th November from 10.00 to 11.00am in church – especially for 7-11 year olds but all ages welcome. Admission is free but please get a ticket from Tom.



KAIROS YOUTH EVENT

'Kairos' is a Greek word meaning a special moment in time when anything can happen! Come and join us on **Sunday 26th November from 5.00 – 7.00pm** in St Matthews for an evening of fun and games, a chance to spend time with other young people, to worship God and be inspired about how you can be a light in this world. For young people at Holy Trinity and St Paul's Stalybridge.

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS AND PRAY FOR ME

If you have any household donations please send details to: holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com

If you have any prayer requests please email them to: prayformeht@gmail.com

'CONNECT' EVENING

Don't miss our next 'Connect' evening on Friday 24th November at 7.00pm in St Matthews - for all the church family and friends, all ages welcome. Table tennis, board games, nibbles and drinks, conversation, time to chill and relax. Please join us!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back if you would like to bring some food to share.

Future date for your diary - Friday 15th December.

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS

We have various items which have been donated and are available for anyone who can give them a good home. These include:

Small Christmas tree and decorations

TV freeview box Climbing frame 2 electric radiators Gents mountain bike

Please contact Matthew Edmondson on holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com if you could use any of these items or have other things to donate.

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!

PRAYER

Don't forget our weekly prayer meeting in St Matthews on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 – 9.45am. A great way to start the day – all welcome.

TALKS ABOUT THE REFORMATION

Did you know that it is 500 years since the Reformation when Martin Luther, Thomas Cranmer, John Bunyan and others promoted ideas which led to the transformation the church?

Mottram parish church have been hosting a series of lectures to inform and celebrate these events. The last in the series will be held at the Magdalene Centre, Mottram Road, Broadbottom, SK14 6BB at 7.30pm on Thursday evening 23rd November and is entitled:

The Preacher, The Prisoner and the Pilgrim – John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress All are welcome. (We have been asked not to park on the main road by the centre.)

TOY SERVICE

As in previous years we are inviting people to support Wood Street Mission in Manchester who have hundreds of local children referred to them each year for a toy parcel at Christmas. Any donations of NEW toys or children's books (unwrapped please) would be most welcome. They also accept items of food from basic tins and packets to luxury items and treats. Financial contributions, no matter how small, are also very useful.



If you would like to contribute in any way, we will be gathering our gifts together on **Sunday 3rd December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street during that week.

LUKE GOSPEL READING PROJECT

After a long pause the Bible Reading Project is back - we plan to record the whole of Luke's gospel (read by members of Holy Trinity) onto CD. We still need volunteers to read passages, record other readers, edit audio files, burn CD's and print audio sleeves. If you can help please speak to Peter Bull or Tom asap.

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 Rachel Drain who coordinates our Visiting Team.

COMMUNION

When we come to share in bread and wine we invite everyone who has committed their life to Jesus and wants to follow him to come forward.



The front rows come first and stewards will tell you when to move. Usually those on the left go to the left hand side and those on the right go to the right. Please stand or kneel to receive bread and wine as you prefer and fill up as much of the space at the front as you can. Non-alcoholic juice is available instead of wine - just let those who are serving know. There are also gluten free wafers.

It can take quite a while for everyone to receive communion but it's good to keep an atmosphere of prayer whilst this is happening. So after you have received yourself please resist the temptation to chat to others and take the opportunity instead to be still and quiet, to go to the side chapel for prayer, to reflect on the sermon, and to pray for others who are still going up to receive.