



March 20th 2016

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us at one of our services today. At the end of the service please make yourself known to one of the stewards who 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 delighted to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a little about the church.



Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

'A different kind of King' Mark 11: 1-10

7.00pm Breathe service at St James, Millbrook

Monday 21st March

9.15am Family Forum

1.30pm Gorse Hall Assembly

7.30pm Heritage group meeting

Tuesday 22nd March

9.30am—3.00pm Schools event in St Matthews

3.00pm Margaret Hemers funeral

Wednesday 23rd March

9.30am—3.00pm Schools event in St Matthews

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting group

7.00pm Youth Engage

Maundy Thursday 24th March

9.30am—3.00pm Schools event in St Matthews

11.00am Trinity School Assembly

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship Group

7.30pm Launch of Prayer Vigil

Good Friday 25th March

10.30am All age service

2.00pm Meditation service

Saturday 26th March

7.00am End of Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday 27th March

6.45am Sunrise service on Ridge Hill

9.15am and 11.15am Easter Communion

'The Empty Tomb' Luke 24: 1– 12

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

**WORSHIPPING GOD
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HELP NEEDED

During the week before Easter Sunday the upstairs of St Matthews is going to be transformed for our schools week when we invite local primary school children to come and hear Easter story in a creative and imaginative way.

The space created is not only brilliant for explaining the story to children, it's also a fantastic prayer space as we ourselves remember the events of Easter.

In the creative prayer rooms which will be created, time flies - an hour feels like ten minutes, and the sense of peace is unparalleled!

Every member of Holy Trinity is invited to take part in this and to join us for hour long slots of prayer from a launch event at 7.00pm on Maundy Thursday through Good Friday to 7.00am on Saturday morning. (We will also be having our usual All Age service at 10.30am on Good Friday morning and our Meditation service from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.)

We'd love everyone to get involved in this - you really don't want to miss out! Sign up sheets are at the back.

As well as signing up for a session or two to pray, we also need some practical help Can anyone be available at the following times? Please let Judy know.

Today	3.30pm in St Matthews – to do some initial setting up
Monday	1.00pm in St Matthews – to complete the set-up
Tuesday	12.00noon in church – to set out chairs for funeral
Saturday	10.00am in St Matthews – to take down the prayer room

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. Bookings are now open online for this event at www.new-wine.org/events which has been a great encouragement to many in the

past. The day will be based around Isaiah 61 and will explore what it means for women to display God's splendour. The vision is to inspire, challenge and empower by worship, talks, stories, seminars and ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. Speakers include Lizzy Robinson, Jo Saxton, Nad Parkinson and Nicole Brown. Tickets cost £20.

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

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



Lots of people are unsure about how the Bible fits together and what the different books are all about. This is a great way to put that right! Walk through the Bible OT is just that – a walk through the Old Testament books of the Bible in a day.

This is being held at St James Church Glossop on Saturday April 16th and will run from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Tickets are £14 and you can book online at www.bible.org.uk/adult_events_book_online.php or ring St James on 01457 853330.

RISEN



This excellent film 'Risen' has now been released and is being shown at Ashton Cineworld at 6.40pm next week from Monday 21st – Thursday 24th. (It may also be on beyond that date but times have not yet been released.)

The film follows the struggles of a Roman military man Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. Clavius arrives at a crossroads when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus' body following the Crucifixion. His quest to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality, and leads him on a journey he never imagined.

Far from being a cheap budget or cheesy film, Risen is a really great watch – it would be well worth taking people to see. Why not go with your small group or other friends?

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.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE

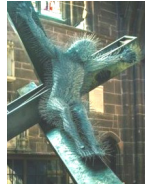
If you would like copies of any of the photographs on the noticeboard, please let Tom have the numbers of the prints you would like (small numbers on each photograph).



The photographs are being taken down after today, so you need to move quickly!!

CHESTER CATHEDRAL SCULPTURES

Chester Cathedral have a new exhibition of sculptures on display until the 1st of May. They are spectacular depictions of the crucifixion made from Steel and thousands of metal coat hangers. If you are planning on being in the area before May 1st, please call in to see them.



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!

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.



EASTER SERVICES

As well as the opportunity to take part in the Prayer Vigil at some time from 7.00pm on Maundy Thursday to 7.00am on Easter Saturday, our usual Easter services are as follows. Invitations are at the back of church.

Good Friday

10.30am

All age service involving the children followed by coffee and hot cross buns

2.00 – 3.00pm

Meditation service

Easter Sunday

6.45am

Sunrise service on Ridge Hill followed by breakfast at St George's

9.15am and 11.15am Easter Communion services

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on Monday 18th April at 7.30pm. 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.

To take part in this meeting you must be on the Electoral Roll which is essentially a church membership list. Please speak to John Haslam to get an application form if you are not already on the roll – or to check whether you are.

Could group and ministry leaders also please be preparing reports for the booklet which we issue at this meeting? Cris would be happy to receive them in the office as soon as possible but no later than 25th March.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Many thanks to all who supported Lucie Clucas by donating for hand massages which Lucie has been offering for some months at the café. £250 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks also to Lucie for all her hard work!

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?



MEN'S FOOTY

The next men's footy match is at 3.00pm on Sunday 3rd April at Astley Sports Centre in Dukinfield on the outdoor astroturf pitch. Please invite any friends and family who want to come along – all abilities welcome! For more information please speak to Chris Chester 07982 615740 or Jamie Shepherd 07760 435780.

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.



TEAR FUND EVENING



You are warmly invited to All Saints Church Marple on Monday 4th April at 7.30pm for an evening of worship and celebration, as members of Tear Fund share inspiring stories of what God is doing through the church to tackle poverty. Come and hear about the urgent and crucial work they are focusing on this year - tackling extreme hunger in some of the poorest places on our planet as we continue to follow Jesus where the need is greatest, right into the heart of disasters. Let Tom know if you would like to attend.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Following the great success of our previous events, we are once again organising a 'Holiday at Home' for those who might not otherwise get away or are lonely or shut in. This year it will run for two days – Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th July. Would you like to help, have you creative ideas for activities or entertainment? Our next planning meeting is on **Wednesday April 13th**, 7.30pm at the Vicarage. All welcome.



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.

CHURCH WALK

Paula Chester is once again organising a church walk for us all which will be on **Easter Monday 28th March** in Uppermill.



Walk category: Blue – walk is short at approx 3 miles in length, however there are 3 short but quite steep sections (2 up, 1 down) and the terrain is uneven, parts of which include bracken. This walk is not suitable for young children and those who struggle to walk uphill and you will need waterproof clothing and walking boots.

Meet: Civic Hall car park next to St. Matthews at 1.00pm. There are a number of car parks in Uppermill which are all free of charge. The one where there is the best chance of finding a space is the long-stay car park at the Swimming Stadium, Saddleworth Leisure Centre. If there are no free spaces, there are plenty of back streets to use. For those who want to go straight to Uppermill, meet 1:45pm outside Saddleworth Museum (it looks like the building is currently being renovated).

The walk itself involves going from the village centre past quarries up to the golf course (steep climb) and coming down past Delph Donkey Line, touching the canal and onto a bridle path back into Uppermill. Walk will last approx 90 minutes, followed by a trip to the "Cellar Pot" teashop. I hope you can join us.

CAMP COOK REQUIRED

Esther Bull is involved with a Christian children's camp which runs from 5th -12th August and they urgently need to recruit a cook to cater for this event. Do you know anyone who might be available and qualified to help? Details on the noticeboard or speak to Esther.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Trinity School are seeking to recruit a part-time Math's teacher and a part-time after school club supervisor for September 2016. Please see Tom for more details.

BREATHE

In the midst of our busy lives it is important for us to take time to be still and listen to God and that is exactly the purpose of our evening Breathe services. Our next one is joining with St James' Millbrook on tonight at 7.00pm and it would be great if a good number from Holy Trinity were able to be there – for our own refreshing but also to encourage our friends at St James. Please join us and take the opportunity to let God breathe his breath into us, to be still, to listen to his word, and to go deeper.