

TESCO FOODBANK COLLECTION

It's that time of year again and we need volunteers to help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1st - 3rd December to collect food in Tesco, to sort donations in St Matthews and to provide transport to St Matthews and the warehouse. Could you please spare a couple of hours? Please sign up using the sheets are at the back of church –



or you can sign up online at www.doodle.com/poll/36swkizwpufcwfpg

The Foodbank are now in need of : Fruit Drinks, Long Life Milk, Sponge Puddings, Coffee and Tinned Fruit

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!

DEANERY SERVICE

Bishop Libby will be in the Deanery to lead and preach at a service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Gee Cross on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

ST JAMES' MILLBROOK

It has just been announced that Revd Chris Viney is to be licensed on Wednesday 18th January as an Associate Minister to serve at St James' Millbrook. We are delighted for Chris and for St James who have had a long vacancy.

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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



November 20th 2016

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have joined us 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.



Sunday 20th November

9.15am and 11.15am Communion with Children's groups

'Celebration' Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-12

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

Monday 21st November

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 23rd November

9.00am Prayer meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting

7.00 Youth Engage

Thursday 24th November

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 25th November

10.30am Bible Study

Saturday 26th November

9.30am Stalybridge clear up morning

Sunday 27th November

9.15am and 11.15am

Family Service

'Jesus, Light of the World'

John 8: 12 -20

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

SECRET SERVICE

On Friday 25th November at 7.30pm there will be a 'Secret Church' Service at St John's, Dukinfield when we will be thinking of the 50 million plus fellow believers in Jesus who suffer for their faith around the world.

Their courage and perseverance in the face of threats and intimidation is a huge challenge to the rest of us in the free world. We will gather in an informal setting to understand their situations and needs and to pray for them. There will also be a short film and quiet reflection and some information to take away with you. The service will be just under an hour. For more information contact Revd Trevor Green on 304 7796.



GOSPEL CHOIR

The gospel choir will be getting together again for the Carol Services which are on 11th December at 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Rehearsal dates are on Sundays 1.30pm - 2.30pm in church Today 20th November, 27th November, 4th December

Newcomers are welcome - just bring your enthusiasm!

(Other dates may be Saturday 10th December in Tesco and Sunday 18th December around Tameside hospital – details tbc.)

See Sue Green or email drummersue@hotmail.com to get the link to the materials on Dropbox.



SCHOOLS WEEK

We are now fully booked with children from our local primary schools who will be visiting the church to hear the Christmas story in Schools' Week - Tuesday to Friday, 6th to 9th December.

If you are available during the week and would like to help with the team or in practical ways like serving refreshments, please speak to Judy Parker



CLEAR UP MORNING

We are hosting the next clear up morning at Holy Trinity on **Saturday 26th November** starting at 9.30am. Come and join with other members of the community to help tidy up our neighbourhood.



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 4th December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street in the afternoon on the 5th December.



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 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent and behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade 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 Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust. The calendars are £4.00 each and are now available.



HILLSONG AND WORSHIP CENTRAL



An evening of worship featuring Reuben Morgan and Tim Hughes at Huddersfield Christian Fellowship, Cathedral House, St Thomas' Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LG on Friday 25th November. Doors open at 6.30pm and the event starts at 7.20pm finishing at 10.00pm. Tickets are £16.50 each and can be obtained online at ;

www.bigchurchlive.com/events/hillsong-worship-worship-central

If you book to go please let Tom know as others may like to share lifts.

PRAYER

Don't forget the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays from 9.00 – 9.45am in St Matthews. Please join us if you can – a great way to start the day!



NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

30th July – 5th August 2017 at Royal and Bath Showground, Somerset. Join us for a fantastic week of teaching, worship and fellowship! Book before 30th November for early bird discount rates.



GAMES NIGHT

We are having a Games Night on **Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm** in St Matthews. All ages from 14+ are welcome - come along and try some new games in a fun and friendly atmosphere. There will be a variety of games for everyone to enjoy from board games to card games to miniature games and there will be hosts to help you play any games you haven't experienced before.



We aim for a fun night that will be a perfect opportunity to invite friends and may even give you some good ideas for Christmas presents. Please bring your own drinks and snacks - and maybe a little extra to share around!

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!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Only four Sundays to go to our Carol Services - so it's time to get inviting friends and neighbours! Invitation cards are available at the back and there are a host of services to suit all ages:

CAROL SERVICES - Sunday 11th December 4.00 and 7.00pm. Soak up the atmosphere at these candlelit services with traditional carols, readings and the Gospel Choir, followed by mince pies and refreshments.

NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH - Sunday 18th December 9.15am and 11.15am. For all the family – everyone is invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity story (adults and children) as we retell the Christmas story with readings and carols. (You don't have to dress up, but it's more fun if you do!)

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.

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!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these dates, more details to follow:

Ladies' Weekend away - 17th to 19th February 2017

Men's Weekend away - 9th to 11th June 2017



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.

