

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.



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 are welcome.



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!

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:
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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



HOLY TRINITY

STALYBRIDGE

January 21st 2018

Sunday 21st January

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's groups

'By the community of Faith'

1 Cor 12: 12-31

6.30pm Breathe Service in St Matthews

Monday 22nd January

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm Alpha Plus in church lounge

Wednesday 24th January

9.00am Prayer Meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

6.30pm Alive youth club

Thursday 25th January

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship group

Friday 26th January

10.30am Bible Study in St Matthews

12noon Carers Connect in church

7.00pm Connect evening in St Matthews

Saturday 27th January

9.30am Stalybridge clear up morning

Sunday 28th January

9.15am - 11.15am Family Service

'Through prayer'

Matthew 6: 9-13

6.00pm United Service at St Georges on Ridge Hill

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.



STALYBRIDGE TOWN CLEAR UP

The next clear up morning around the canal and centre of Stalybridge will be next Saturday 27th January from 9.30-12.30pm meeting in the church lounge. Can you help?

It's good to be doing something practical together to help improve our town and we're glad that the church 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!



CARERS CONNECT AND BIBLE STUDY

Please note that this coming Friday the 26th January the Bible study group will meet in St Matthews at 10.30am and the Carers Connect will meet in the church lounge at 12 noon. In February both groups will meet in the church lounge as previous.

'CONNECT' EVENING

Don't miss our next 'Connect' evening on Friday 26th January 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!

SUPPORT FOR OUR IRANIAN FRIENDS

Several people are helping our Iranian families in several ways. One of these ways is reading books which also help them understand English easier.

With that in mind, we are asking if anyone has any children's books (especially any with a Christian theme,) as Karen Revell wants to set up a free lending library of books in the church lounge. They can choose themselves a book and return when they have finished.

There is also a need for transport to get them to and from church on a Sunday. Please speak with Alan Bolton who is co-ordinating this. He desperately needs more offers of help even if it's just once a month.



ALPHA PLUS COURSE

We are running an 'Alpha plus' course on Monday's at 7.30pm in the church lounge. This is for all those who have recently done the Alpha Course or have done one in the past. Please speak with Jacqui Watkins or Tracy Monday for more information or to register.



BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On Sunday the 25th of February, we will be holding a Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith service, led by Bishop Graham Dow.

Baptism has long been recognised as the way in which Christians publicly declare their faith in Jesus. The water symbolises being washed clean and forgiven. Going down under the water and coming up again symbolises dying to the old life and rising to new life in Christ.

Confirmation is for those who were baptised as children when promises were made on their behalf by parents and godparents. At confirmation these people now take those promises for themselves and we pray that God will confirm his new life in them by the work of his Holy Spirit. Those who are baptised will also be confirmed.

Affirmation of Faith is for those who have been baptised and confirmed but, perhaps, have wandered away from God or recognise that God has begun a new work in them. This is an opportunity for them to publicly declare their faith and trust in Jesus and for us to pray for them.

If you are interested in any of the above, please speak with Will Drain for more information.

QUIET TIME DEVOTIONS

The bookstall has been re-stocked with a good selection of books on devotional time. These fit in closely with our present teaching series and are useful if anyone is thinking of starting to do a daily or similar devotion time. If more than one person would like the same book, please see Barry Edge who can get other copies if needed.



WEEKLY LIFE GROUPS

The weekly Life Groups meet in peoples homes in the evenings and in St Matthews during a weekday. If you are not a member of a Life Group but would like to join one, please speak with Alan Bolton or Will Drain.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STALYBRIDGE

There will be a united service for all the churches in Stalybridge next Sunday 26th January 6.00pm at St George's on Ridge Hill. We do not meet as churches together very often and this service is a great encouragement to churches with smaller congregations so please be there if you can.