

## BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Have you lost someone close to you recently, or even a long time ago? Do you know someone nearby who has been bereaved in the last year or so? On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm we will be holding a Bereavement Service which will provide an opportunity to remember loved ones and give thanks for their lives. There will be some hymns and readings, a time of quiet, and the opportunity to bring a flower forward and ask for your loved one's name to be read out if you would like.

There is a sheet at the back of church to write names of those attending and the names of the loved ones to be remembered.

The service is open to all in the community whether or not they have a church background and it's a great opportunity to invite anyone you know who has been bereaved recently or even some time ago. Invitations are available at the back of church – please speak to Janet and Nick D'Anzi for more information.

## ST MATTHEWS CLEANING

We are once again very short of volunteers to clean St Matthews which means that the people on the rota are having to do it every week or fortnight. Could you spare an hour or two once a month so that we can reduce this load on a few people? Please speak to Tom asap or to Karen Gascoigne who could explain what is involved.



**BOOKSTALL** Please have a browse after the service – there are some great books available. If there is a particular book you would like to get, have a word with Barry.

## 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



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## WELCOME !!

We are delighted that you have joined us for our family services today – and a particular welcome to friends and family of Isla O' Connor who is being baptised at our second service.

Children are very welcome throughout the service and there will be some puppets for them to come forward and watch and a children's song for them to join in and help with. If they (or you!) get a little frazzled during the service you can always retreat to the lounge area at the back where there are toys to play with and you will still be able to hear what's going on through the sound system.

Please make yourself known after the service to one of the welcome team (wearing white badges) they would love to get you a cup of coffee and tell you a bit about the church.



### Sunday 22nd October

9.15am and 11.15am Family Services with Baptism at 11.15am

'The Workers in the Vineyard'  
Matthew 20: 1-16

### Monday 23rd October

9.15am Family Forum  
7.30pm Alpha Course in St Matthews

### Tuesday 24th October

10.30am Ladies coffee group

### Wednesday 25th October

9.00am Prayer meeting  
9.30am Gorse Hall harvest assembly  
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop  
6.30pm Alive! youth club

### Thursday 26th October

7.15pm Youth Encounter  
7.30pm Worship group  
7.30pm The King, the Archbishop and Book of Common Prayer at the Magdalene Centre

### Saturday 28th October

10.00am to 12.00noon Gideons  
Open Day in St Matthews

### Sunday 29th October

9.15am and 11.15am Communion and Children's Groups

'Stepping out in the Spirit'

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

## 'I, DANIEL BLAKE'

This is the title of a powerful, beautiful and depressing drama about dignity in the face of humiliation exploring the challenges of the benefits system. Join us for a screening of the film in St Matthews on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm followed by a discussion of the issues raised. **Please note the film is rated 15 and contains strong language.**

There is no charge but please let Tom know if you are attending.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us for a men's breakfast in St Matthews on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30- 11.00am. The speaker will be Sam Ward.

Sam was previously an accountant but in 2007 he was called to lead the church and Eden Project in Openshaw. He also now works for The Message Trust as the National Director of the Eden Network which helps to support and develop missional projects in some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country.



Tickets which include a full English breakfast are £5.00 – available from Tom.

## GIDEONS OPEN DAY

You are warmly invited to drop in to St Matthews on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October between 10.00am and 12 noon to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake and to find out more about the work of the Gideons.



## AMEN SHOE BOXES

Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church and pack up your Christmas shoeboxes which will be going to needy families in Romania. Boxes to be in by 12<sup>th</sup> November please.

## 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.

## FOODBANK

At the moment they are short of tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, jam and tinned sponge puddings at the warehouse. Could you please supply these items in preference to other things if possible?



## 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 are organising a series of lectures to inform and celebrate these events. They will all be held at the Magdalene Centre, Mottram Road, Broadbottom, SK14 6BB at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings and all are welcome. (We have been asked not to park on the main road by the centre.)

26<sup>th</sup> October

The King, The Archbishop and The Book of Common Prayer – Thomas Cranmer and the birth of the Church of England

23<sup>rd</sup> November The Preacher, The Prisoner and the Pilgrim – John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress

## DYING MATTERS

How can we prepare for death? We all know it can be hard to talk about the future – in fact more than half of UK adults admit to avoiding difficult conversations about things like Wills and Funeral plans. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November in St Matthews we will try to help the conversation along by looking at topics like:

- Being at peace with God
- Being at peace with others
- Funeral arrangements
- Money matters
- Our future hope

We'll start at 9.30am and finish with a soup lunch together at 12.30pm. Please speak to Tom or contact the church office to book a place.

## 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 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!