

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Following on from Schools week in March, we will be holding a '24 Hours Of Prayer' in St Matthews. It will be from 9am Friday 23rd to 9am Saturday 24th March and sign up sheets will be available at the back of church next week.



BOOKSTALL

Please have a look at the bookstall which has a new selection of Christian books on sale, many as low as £1.00 !!



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:
prayformeht@gmail.com

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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



February 25th 2018

Sunday 25th February 10.30am Joint service

Baptism and Confirmation service
with Bishop Graham Dow
with Communion

Monday 26th February
9.15am Family Forum
7.30pm Alpha plus in the church lounge

Wednesday 28th February
9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
6.30pm Alive Youth Club

Thursday 1st March
7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship group

Friday 2nd March
12noon Carers Connect

Sunday 4th March
9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's groups

'Through reading scripture'
2 Timothy 14-17

3.00pm Football at Astley Sports

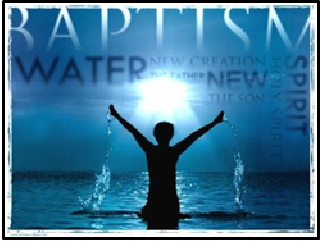
WELCOME !!

We are so pleased that you have joined us this morning for our service of Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith.

The service will be led by Rt Revd Graham Dow, and we are delighted that he has been able to join us for this time of celebration.



Confirmation
and Affirmation
of Faith Service



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 today 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.

So, whether people are being Baptised, Confirmed or Affirming their Faith, we are thrilled that they have come to this point of publicly declaring their faith and we are here to celebrate with them and give thanks to God.

We are delighted that the children are here to be part of the service - please explain to them what is happening. You are welcome to bring them nearer to the front for the baptism so they can see. If they become restless in the service, there are some activity booklets available – just ask one of the welcome team – and there are also toys available in the lounge at the back where you will still be able to hear the service.

SRI LANKA - INTERNS TRIP

As part of their New Wine Discipleship training, our interns (Stephen and Llewelyn) will be doing a mission trip to Sri Lanka. They will work with the charity Child Action Lanka, an organisation that is working to break the cycle of poverty in Sri Lanka by investing in the city's street children, providing them with care and education.

During the trip, they will be sharing their faith and stepping out into street ministry to bring the hope of Jesus to the deprived areas of the city. Any donations to support the interns in their mission will be welcomed. Plans concerning fundraising for the mission trip will be announced in the upcoming weeks.



LEARNING TO HEAR GOD AND PRAY FOR OTHERS

Bishop Graham Dow will be coming to Holy Trinity on Saturday 14th April to deliver a day of teaching on 'Learning to hear God and Pray for others'. The day will have a mixture of teaching sessions along with the opportunity to engage in group exercises. Prayer is foundational in our lives and we want to really encourage you to come along to take the opportunity to receive some great teaching and spend time together practising the way of Jesus. The day is open to all and costs £5 (payable on the day). You will also need to provide your own lunch. For more information speak to Will, Paul or Adele.

NEW WINE

New Wine's week-long summer conference kicks off again at Royal Bath & West Country Showground in Shepton Mallet and we'd LOVE you to come with us! We're attending Week 1 this year (Saturday 28th July - Friday 3rd August). Tickets will definitely sell out sooner rather than later and if you book before April 3rd, you'll get a small discount for an early-bird booking.

We'll have a New Wine preparation evening at St Matthew's in the Spring. In the meantime, please book your tickets at www.united.new-wine.org/week-1

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

last year a group from Holy Trinity attended the 'Big Church Day Out' and came back with some great testimonies. The dates for this year's event are the 1st and 2nd of June at Capesthorpe Hall. You can book tickets individually, but may be able to save money by making a group booking as a church.

Please speak with Lou Mitchell for more information on either of the above events



MENS FOOTBALL

We're organising another game of football next Sunday 4th March. It's 3pm at Astley sports astro turf pitches on Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield. It's for an hour and the cost is £2 adults, 14-17yrs old free. For more information or if you need a lift, please contact Chris Chester (07982 615740 or email mail@chrischester.plus.com)