

GROUP PHOTOS

Have you any photos of your group and their activities? We'd love to include them in our round-up of the year video at the annual meeting in April. We're grateful once again to Alan Carter who is putting this together. It takes a tremendous amount of time to produce so he **urgently** needs your photos. Please drop a memory stick into the church office with your photos or send us a dropbox or googledocs link.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STALYBRIDGE

There will be a united service for all the churches in Stalybridge on **Sunday 12th March 6.30pm at St Paul's**. 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.

AN EVENING WITH ROB PARSONS



Care for the family are organising an evening with bestselling author Rob Parsons. It's entitled 'The Wisdom House – live' (because you don't always have to learn the hard way).

Rob will be unpacking some of the life lessons he has learned like taking the mask off and being true to yourself, dealing with difficult people, pursuing and fulfilling your dreams, the single greatest killer of strong friendships, etc. Inspiring stories that will touch your heart and time to laugh together – bring your friends and neighbours along.

Thursday 23rd March, King's House Conference Centre, Sidney Street, Manchester, 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 or Book online at www.careforthfamily.org.uk.

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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



February 26th 2017

Sunday 26th February 10.30am Joint service

Baptism and Confirmation service
with Bishop Libby

Monday 27th February

9.15am Family Forum
7.30pm Freedom in Christ
7.30pm Deanery Synod open meeting

Tuesday 28th February

1.30pm and 7.30pm CAP Money Course

Wednesday 1st March

9.00am Prayer Meeting
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
2.00pm Craft, Art and Knitting group

Thursday 2nd March

7.15pm Youth Encounter
7.30pm Worship Group
7.30pm Street Pastor Graduation
at Chadderton Methodist church

Friday 3rd March

12 noon Carers Connect

Sunday 5th March

9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's Groups

'He will come again as Judge'
2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

3.00pm Men's Football at Astley Sports

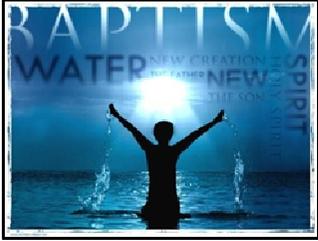
WELCOME !!

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 Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport, and we are delighted that she 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 and bring. 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.

GIFT DAY TOTAL

With now 105 gifts received, the Gift Day total now stands at £44,129. With Gift Aid on this in the region of £9,000 that makes a grand total of £53,129.

This is a wonderful response - thanks so much to all who have given so generously! Don't miss out – if you haven't yet contributed, it's still not too late to be part of this project. Please drop your envelope into the church office this week.

'All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you.'

NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 18th March 10.00am - 4.30pm at Harrogate. Cost is £20 if booked before 28th February. Book online at www.new-wine.org



FRIENDSHIP FIRST

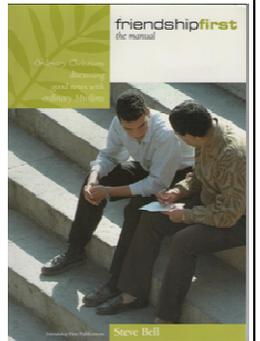
The Tameside 'Mahabba (Arabic for 'love') would like to offer a **Friendship First Course** to members of Tameside churches. This will consist of seven fortnightly sessions, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening between Easter and the end of June.

The seven sessions each lasting approximately two hours are learner-centred rather than teacher-centred. Each evening will be broken into 4 or 5 short 'learning cycles' utilising DVD clips and a variety of learning tasks and will cover:

- Session 1: Islam and muslim people
- Session 2: Muslim values and culture
- Session 3: Our muslim friends
- Session 4: Good news for our muslim friends
- Session 5: Mosque visit
- Session 6: Ways to witness
- Session 7: Next steps

The course will run *fortnightly* from *either* Tuesday 25th April 2017 *or* Wednesday 26th April, until either Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th July at St George's Church, Hyde. The day of the week will be chosen according to the majority of booking preferences.

More information and booking forms are available from Revd Andrew Dawson – andrewdawson51@hotmail.com.



STREET PASTORS GRADUATION SERVICE

The Street Pastors who have been training over the last year will be graduating at a service on **Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm** at South Chadderton Methodist Church. This is always an uplifting service and the founder of Street Pastors, Les Isaac OBE will be speaking. Please come along to support our Street Pastors and to find out more about the work.



Street Pastors are also holding another prayer morning for the work of Street Pastors on Saturday 11th March from 10.00 – 12.00. If you would like to find out more about praying for our Street Pastors you would be very welcome. See Abigail Marabicio or Angela Trewinnard for more information.

DEANERY SYNOD OPEN MEETING

The next Deanery Synod is an open meeting to which all are invited. It will be held at St James Millbrook on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm and the guest speaker will be Lyn Weston, our Diocesan Missioner, who will talk about mission in the Diocese.

AN EVENING WITH NOEL AND TRICIA RICHARDS

Since the mid 1980's, Noel & Tricia have been known as writers of contemporary Christian hymns and songs which have found their way into regular use in churches throughout the UK and beyond. Perhaps their best known compositions are 'All Heaven Declares', 'By Your Side', 'You laid aside Your majesty' and 'To be in Your presence'.



You are invited to a special evening with them on Friday 3rd March 7.30pm at St James' Church, Glossop. Tickets cost £5.00 to raise funds for the Winnie Mabaso Foundation which supports vulnerable and orphaned children and the wider community in South Africa, particularly those affected and infected by the HIV virus. You are welcome to bring along a bottle of wine on the night to enjoy during the performance - glasses will be provided. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available during the interval. Contact Helen Thornhill on 07973 769069 or helen@winniemabaso.org to book or for more information.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

This is a two day festival on Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd June at Capesthorpe Hall in Cheshire. There will be worship led by Bethel Music, Rend Collective, Switchfoot, Casting Crowns, Tim Hughes, Worship Central and many others together with fun activities for all the family. Anyone willing to serve on team for the day gets a free place and food. There are flyers at the back of church and more information at www.bigchurchdayout.com You can attend for both days and camp over or just go on the Saturday.



If you are interested in going please email Lou Mitchell on dearlouise@outlook.com so she can send you an email invitation. If you then book this will allow a group discount for us – the more people that book, the cheaper it will be. You can also text Lou on 07980 139591 or speak to her if you don't have an email.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Life can be terribly hard for someone living with dementia - everyday tasks can become impossible and many begin to suffer from isolation and disorientation. But by helping our communities and churches become more aware of the difficulties those who suffer with dementia have, we can work to make more inclusive, dementia friendly communities and churches.

Are you, or is someone you know caring for someone with dementia? Does a family member or neighbour suffer with the disease, or do you suspect they might? Then this 'dementia friends' session will be invaluable to help you understand more about dementia and how you can respond appropriately when faced with the challenges it brings.

The session is free, it lasts less than an hour, and there will be opportunity afterwards to talk to the coordinator for the new Dementia Action Alliance in Tameside. Hosted at Dukinfield Baptist Church at 10.45am on Tuesday 7th March 2017 with refreshments provided.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Invite friends and family to play - all abilities welcome!

We're organising another game of football on **Sunday 5th March** at Astley Sports Village, Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield. Kick-off is 3.00pm and we'll be playing on the outdoor astroturf pitch round at the back of the college. Cost is £2 adults, 14-17yr olds free.

For more information, or if you need a lift, please contact Chris Chester on 07982 615740 / mail@chrischester.plus.com or Jamie Shepherd on 07760435780 / jamiesheps@hotmail.com



PRAYING FOR OTHERS

It's always good to pray for others and there are times we would all value prayer but it's not easy to let people know of our needs. To help with that we're starting a new initiative called 'Pray for me HT'.



It's simple enough – if you have a prayer request, email it to prayformeht@gmail.com and it will then be passed on to those who have signed up to pray – anonymously if that's what you'd prefer and indicate. We also need people who will commit to pray, so if you're willing to do that please also send an email to the same address to let us know - or speak to Dave Monday for more information.

Don't forget our 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!

'IMAGE' NEEDS A NEW HOME

Image has a massive problem in that after May they will have no office base. For the last few years they have rented office space in a shared building in Manchester and it is from that base that all the administration, Pregnancy Helpline and support of low-income families, women with crisis pregnancies and women and men following abortion has been organised.



The present lease on the building is coming to an end in May and after that time they will have no base from which to continue this valuable work. Do you know of new premises they could rent, preferably in Manchester, with 3-4 rooms (not necessarily large)? Please speak to Janet D'Anzi.

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.



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!

BOOKSTALL

The Bookstall has just been re-stocked with a great selection of new books.



Please have a look - there may be something you could buy as a gift, or you may want to buy a book to read if you go on holiday. Also if there is a book you would like which is not on the bookstall, please have a word with Barry who will be able to get it for you.

FOODBANK Thanks for your continued support for the Foodbank. The following items are urgently required:



Fruit Drinks, Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding and toiletries.

You can put your donations in the collection cage at Tesco, where Tesco will add 20% more to any donation given. Alternately you can drop your donations at church on the table by the bookstall. Many thanks.