

FOODBANK HELP

We urgently need volunteers to sign up for our foodbank collection in Tesco this week on **Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December from 9.00am to 5.00pm.**



Could you spare a couple of hours to help in the store, sorting food at St Matthews or with transport to the warehouse? Sign up sheets available at the back. You can also sign up online at <https://doodle.com/poll/gq2iqeseuqqavz7g> (If you sign up in church you don't need to sign up online as well.)

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!

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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 26th 2017

Sunday 26th November

9.15am and 11.15am Family Services with baptisms

'Coming ready or not!'

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

1.30pm Gospel choir rehearsal

5.00pm to 7.00pm Kairos Youth event in St Matthews

Monday 27th November

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm Alpha Course in St Matthews

Tuesday 28th November

10.30am Ladies Coffee group

Wednesday 29th November

9.00am Prayer Meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

6.30pm Alive youth club

Thursday 30th November

Tesco Foodbank Collection

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship group

Friday 1st December

Tesco Foodbank Collection

Saturday 2nd December

Tesco Foodbank Collection

Sunday 3rd December

Toy Service, Communion and children's groups

'Everyone needs a Saviour'

Isaiah 35: 1-10

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have joined us for our family services today – and a particular welcome to friends and family of Chloe Porter and Henry Macey who are being baptised at our first and second services.

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.

**WORSHIPPING GOD
BUILDING COMMUNITY
SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Details of our Christmas services are now available on invitation cards at the back –

- Carol Services on Sunday 10th December 4.00 and 7.00pm
- 'Nativity from Scratch' on Sunday 17th December at 9.15 and 11.15am
- Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
- Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
- Christmas Family Praise on Christmas Day at 10.30am



Please take some cards and start inviting people!

We would also like to take some invitations and posters with a chocolate gift to local businesses. If anyone can spare a couple of hours to help with this please speak to Tom asap

GOSPEL CHOIR

The choir are getting together again for the Carol Services on Sunday 10th December (4.00pm and 7.00pm). Enthusiastic newcomers welcome!

Rehearsals will all be **1.30pm-2.30pm** in church on **Sundays 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December**. Folk from the 9.15am service often pop home for lunch and then come back while those from the 11.15am service usually bring a sandwich to eat after the service and stay on at church.

The choir will also be performing in Tesco on Saturday 9th December at approximately 10.30am and around Tameside Hospital on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December (tbc). See Sue Green for more details or email drummersue@hotmail.com to be sent a link to the materials on Dropbox.

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent begins next week so this is your last chance to get a Real Advent Calendar - a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24 page Christmas story activity book with a page for every day in Advent and some fun advent challenges along the way. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive shaped Fairtrade milk 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 the Funzi and Bodo Trust which is working to equip a clinic in Kenya. The calendars are £4.00 each from the back of church.

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 3rd December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street during that week.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tameside Community Voices are presenting a Christmas Concert in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 9th December. The proceeds will all go to Winning Women Worldwide to support their work in Zimbabwe. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Trudy Martin or Norma Thomas.



CHRISTMAS TREAT & MEMORY TREE

We would like to invite anyone who has been bereaved or would benefit from a time of fellowship to join us at the above event on **Saturday 16th December from 1.00 – 4.00pm**.

There will be cakes and mince pies in the church lounge, Christmas carols and an opportunity to have a hand massage. You will also be able to remember a loved one by personalising a heart and hanging it on our memory tree in church if you would like to. There is no charge but please sign up at the back to give us an idea of numbers for catering purposes.



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.

