

## CLEAR UP MORNING

Thanks to all who helped with the clear up morning around Stalybridge yesterday!



## PRAYER

Don't forget the 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!



## GIVE AS YOU LIVE

If you shop online at Amazon, Comet, Tesco and over 4000 other stores then every purchase you make using 'Give as you live' results in a small donation going to Holy Trinity church. It doesn't cost you a penny extra.



To register go to [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com), click 'Sign up for free', search for 'Holy Trinity Stalybridge', click on 'Select this cause' and then enter your name, email address and a password.

That's it. Every time you shop, go through 'Give as you live' and a donation will go to Holy Trinity. Thank you!

## DEANERY SERVICE

Bishop Libby will be in the Deanery to lead and preach at a service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Gee Cross on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## ST JAMES' MILLBROOK

It has just been announced that Revd Chris Viney is to be licensed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January as an Associate Minister to serve at St James' Millbrook. We are delighted for Chris and for St James who have had a long vacancy.

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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

November 27th 2016

### Sunday 27th November

9.15am and 11.15am  
Family Service

'Jesus, Light of the World'  
John 8: 12 -20

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

### Monday 28th November

9.15am Family Forum  
7.30pm Alpha Course

### Wednesday 30th November

9.00am Prayer meeting  
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop  
2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting  
7.00 Youth Engage  
7.30pm Deanery service at  
Holy Trinity Gee Cross

### Thursday 1st December

Tesco food collection  
7.15pm Youth Encounter  
7.30pm Worship Group

### Friday 2nd December

Tesco food collection  
12noon Carers Connect  
7.30pm Games Night in St Matthews

### Saturday 3rd December

Tesco Food Collection

### Sunday 4th December Toy Service

9.15am and 11.15am Communion  
with Children's groups

'Continuing problems'  
Nehemiah 13: 4-14

1.30pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

## WELCOME

We are delighted that you have joined us for our family services this morning which are being led by our Youth Worker Jonny Hirst and the youth team.

There are activities for the children during the service and a song which we would love them to come out and join in with, but if they (or you!) become frazzled you are welcome to use the lounge area at the back of church. There are some toys there and you will still be able to hear the service. If you are visiting or new to Holy Trinity 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.



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## GOSPEL CHOIR

The gospel choir are getting together again for the Carol Services which are on 11th December at 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

If you missed the first rehearsal there are two more to go - today and next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, both from 1.30pm - 2.30pm in church.

Newcomers are welcome - just bring your enthusiasm!

(Other dates may be Saturday 10th December in Tesco and Sunday 18th December around Tameside hospital – details tbc.)



## SCHOOLS WEEK

We are now fully booked with children from our local primary schools who will be visiting the church to hear the Christmas story in Schools' Week - Tuesday to Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December.

We need some small Christmas trees (about 2' high) to decorate the scenes we are setting up. We also need some volunteers to glue together a number of small card boxes to give with a gift to all the children. Could all those who have boxes please return them cut and assembled by next Sunday? Thank you.



## 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 **next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street the afternoon of the 5th December.



## REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent and behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade 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 Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust. The calendars are £4.00 each and are now available.



## TESCO FOODBANK COLLECTION

Last call for volunteers to help with our food collection at Tesco on Thursday, Friday or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Your help is needed to collect food in Tesco, to sort donations in St Matthews and to provide transport to St Matthews and the warehouse. Could you please spare a couple of hours to do any of these? Please sign up **today** using the sheets are at the back of church –

or you can sign up online at [www.doodle.com/poll/36swkizwpufcwfpq](http://www.doodle.com/poll/36swkizwpufcwfpq)



## GAMES NIGHT

We are having a Games Night **next Friday 2nd December at 7.00pm** in St Matthews. All ages from 14+ are welcome - come along and try some new games in a fun and friendly atmosphere. There will be a variety of games for everyone to enjoy from board games to card games to miniature games and there will be hosts to help you play any games you haven't experienced before.

We aim for a fun night that will be a perfect opportunity to invite friends and may even give you some good ideas for Christmas presents. Please bring your own drinks and snacks - and maybe a little extra to share around!



## CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

The Church of the Nazarene in Ashton are once again putting on a Christmas Day meal for any who would otherwise be alone and would enjoy being with others. There is a full turkey dinner, entertainment, carol singing and good conversation but people do need to book in advance. Contact Kat on 07557 344067 for more information.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these dates, more details to follow:

Ladies' Weekend away - 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Baptism and Confirmation service – 10.30am 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Men's Weekend away - 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

30<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Royal and Bath Showground, Somerset. Join us for a fantastic week of teaching, worship and fellowship! Book before 30<sup>th</sup> November for early bird discount rates.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who brought in shoeboxes for Romania. Sixty boxes were collected and are now en route to Gypsy villages around Sighisoara. Thanks also to Paula Chester for organising our collection.



## 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.



## BIBLES FOR MOLDOVA

A big thank you to all those who gave donations to the Missionary Ventures Bibles for Moldova appeal earlier this year.

There is a leaflet in the lounge showing Victor distributing them in the schools. He has been invited to go to more schools and colleges in the region and will be going back again next April. Thank you for making this possible.

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## 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!



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Only two Sundays to go to our Carol Services - so it's time to get inviting friends and neighbours! Invitation cards are available at the back and there are a host of services to suit all ages:

**CAROL SERVICES** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 and 7.00pm. Soak up the atmosphere at these candlelit services with traditional carols, readings and the Gospel Choir, followed by mince pies and refreshments.

**COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING** – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 – 7.00pm by the station Buffet Bar.

**NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am and 11.15am. For all the family – everyone is invited to come dressed as a character from the nativity story (adults and children) as we retell the Christmas story with readings and carols. (You don't have to dress up, but it's more fun if you do!)

**CRIB SERVICE** - Christmas Eve 4.00pm. In the midst of a very exciting night come and remember the true meaning of Christmas in this short service especially for children set around the nativity scene with readings and carols.

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** - Christmas Eve 11.30pm. Welcome Jesus into our world and reflect with awe on his coming in the stillness of the night through this wonderful service with traditional carols, readings and communion.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRAISE** - Christmas Day 10.30am. A time for all the family - put your lunch on hold and bring your guests as we sing carols and celebrate together!