

LADIES' FILM NIGHT

Ladies are invited to enjoy a light supper of pate, cheese and biscuits – and of course cake! – though all dietary requirements will be catered for on Friday 19th May at 6.30pm in St Matthews. This will be followed by a screening of 'The Hiding Place' - the story of how Corrie ten Boom and her family helped their Jewish neighbours in the Netherlands during WWII. Cost for food £2 – tickets now available from Beth Lindemann between the services.



HOLIDAY AT HOME

We will be running our 'Holiday at Home' again this year on Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th July with a London theme – more details to follow. For one of the activities we need unwanted paperback books. Please could you let us have any you don't need anymore? Speak to Jacqui Watkins for more details.



MEN'S WEEKEND

Places are filling up fast for the men's weekend at High House in the beautiful Borrowdale region of the Lake District from 9th-11th June. If you would like to secure place, get your £10 deposit to Tom asap. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of church.



If you have any unrequired household donations send details to holy.trinity.donations@gmail.com

If you have any prayer requests 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

HOLY TRINITY
STALYBRIDGE

April 30th 2017

Sunday 30th April

9.15am and 11.15am Communion
and Children's Groups

'An eye- opening journey'

Luke 24: 13-35

6.30pm Breathe service in St Matthews

Wednesday 3rd May

9.00am Prayer Meeting

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

2.00pm Craft, Art & Knitting group

7.30pm Bible Course in St Matthews

7.30pm Street Pastors Consortium
meeting in church

Thursday 4th May

7.15pm Youth Encounter

7.30pm Worship Group

Friday 5th May

12 noon Carers Connect

Sunday 7th May

9.15am and 11.15 Communion
and Children's Groups

'When Jesus comes among us'

John 20: 19-31

WELCOME !!

We are delighted that you are with us for our services this morning. If you are visiting or new to Holy Trinity it's great to have you with us - we hope that you feel at home. 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.



WORSHIPPING GOD BUILDING COMMUNITY SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Thanks to all those who attended the annual meeting on Monday and for your support and encouragement. Full details of the election results are on the noticeboard but in summary –

Adele Trueman and Paul Watkins were elected to be our churchwardens
Clive Hustwick, Nick D'Anzi, Vernoica Mitchell and John Haslam were elected to be our Deanery Synod reps (and also to serve on PCC)
Trisha Jarman, Sybil Slater, Barry Edge, Karen Revell and Jamie Shepherd were elected to PCC.

Many thanks to them and to all who have offered themselves to serve in any way.



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. You can book through the Chester Diocese website or contact Lou Mitchell on 07980 139591.



INTERNS

We are looking for accommodation for up to two interns from September 2017 to July 2018. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to offer accommodation to someone who comes to serve the church in this way? (The church would cover your costs.) Please speak to Tom if you would like more information or think you could help.

The interns will be aged 18-25 and will serve in the youth, children, schools or worship ministry areas. They will be part of the New Wine Discipleship year programme which involves a day a week of teaching and training with interns from other churches in the region, as well as attendance at various conferences during the year. If you know of anyone who might be interested, or other churches who might have young people who would be interested, please forward them details or speak to Tom. Leaflets available at the back.

THY KINGDOM COME

Archbishop Justin Welby is inviting Christians everywhere to pray for God's Kingdom to come in their neighbourhoods and in the nation from 25th May (Ascension Day) to 4th June (Pentecost Sunday). We will be getting involved in various **ways including our own gathering for prayer and worship on Tuesday 30th May.**

You are also invited to the Chester Cathedral for a celebration on Sunday 4th June at 5.30pm when Stuart Townend will be leading worship. See the Chester Diocese website for more information.

Stuart has written many well known worship songs including 'How Deep the Father's Love', 'In Christ Alone', 'The Power of the Cross' and 'Beautiful Saviour'. Spare free tickets are at the back of church.



THE BIBLE COURSE - NEW



A Six Week Bible Overview : Getting Into the Bigger Picture – **starts this week!**

Have you ever wanted to get more in to your Bible but just don't know where to start? Does the Bible feel like a locked door to you, or does your knowledge of the Bible still have big black holes in it? Here is an opportunity to understand the bigger picture of the Bible from start to finish in six evening sessions 7.30 – 9.00pm. Develop the knowledge and tools you need to be able read God's word purposefully for everyday life. Learn how to understand what you're reading and put it into context with the bigger narrative - and discover where you fit into the story too.

3rd May	Creation and Covenant	Intro and Genesis
10th May	Redemption and Repentance	Exodus to Judges
17th May	The Rise and Fall of Kingdoms	Samuel to Malachi
Two week break		
7th June	The Good News	Jesus and the Gospels
14th June	Spirit Break out	Acts and the Church
21st June	Your Part in the Story	Revelation and Review

BREATHE

Join us for our first Breathe service of the term **tonight at 6.30pm in St Matthews.** In the midst of our busy lives it is important for us to take time to be still and listen to God and this is the perfect opportunity to let God breathe his breath into us and to go deeper. Refreshments served from 6.15pm.



HELP NEEDED

VISITING TEAM

The visiting team is a little depleted at the moment and would welcome some new volunteers - might you be able to help? It simply involves visiting people who are unwell, in hospital or cannot get to church at a time convenient to yourself and to them. The visits and the team are coordinated by Beryl Pickersgill please contact her if you would like more information - 01457 762020.



WELCOME TEAM

There are a few gaps still to fill on the Welcome Team – could you help once a month? Speak to Adele Trueman for more information.



CLEANING TEAM

We desperately need more volunteers to join the cleaning team for St Matthews. You can clean at a time that suits you (so long as the building is not in use) and the more people that volunteer the less frequently you have to do it! Speak to Tom or Karen Gascoigne for more details.



NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Lots of folk have already booked for the summer conference 30th July – 5th

August 2017 at Royal and Bath Showground, Somerset. Why not join

us for a fantastic week of teaching, worship and fellowship?

There are also places to serve on team which gives you a free place with food provided. Check out the New Wine website for more information and book before 31st May to get the discounted rate.



BCM CAMP

Helpers are needed for BCM Bible Camp from 11-18th August - you need to be 16+, love Jesus and have a passion for sharing God's love with others. All sorts of helpers are needed for crafts, games, sports, small group Bible study, first aid, cleaning and washing up. There is no upper age limit; our oldest regular helper is in his late 70's! Accommodation is in dormitories or shared rooms on a purpose built site in the beautiful Somerset countryside. Campers are aged 8-15yrs but helpers can bring their children that are not yet camp age. For more information, please speak to Esther 0790 6030707 or Peter Bull 0786 333 0768.



ROOF WORK

The roof work is progressing well with the nave area now stripped. Insulation has also been added and it is ready for slating. New gutters now need to be manufactured and installed as well as new flashings before work on the chancel and side aisles begins.



There has been a lot of dirt and debris which has come into the building as the old roof was stripped off and, though we have done our best to minimise this and to clear up each day, the church is inevitably not as clean as we would like. Please bear with us and be patient – it is going to be like this for several months!

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!

COMMUNION

When we come to share in bread and wine we invite everyone who has committed their life to Jesus and wants to follow him to come forward. The front rows come first and stewards will tell you when to move. Usually those on the left go to the left hand side and those on the right go to the right. Please stand or kneel to receive bread and wine as you prefer and fill up as much of the space at the front as you can. Non-alcoholic juice is available instead of wine - just let those who are serving know. There are also gluten free wafers.



It can take quite a while for everyone to receive communion but it's good to keep an atmosphere of prayer whilst this is happening. So after you have received yourself please resist the temptation to chat to others and take the opportunity instead to be still and quiet, to go to the side chapel for prayer, to reflect on the sermon, and to pray for others who are still going up to receive.