

STREET PASTORS

On **Wednesday 12th October, 7.30 – 9.30pm** the class of 2010 are graduating including some of our very own team! In all fifty candidates have completed their training and the guest speaker at the graduation service will be Rev Les Isaac who is the founder of Street Pastors and an inspiring speaker. There will be a time of celebrating what God has done through the work and first-hand stories what it is like on the streets. Refreshments will be served afterwards and everyone is welcome at this event which will be at New Life Church, Thorley Street, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9PA.



DIRECTORY

We are at present updating the church directory of addresses and telephone numbers. If you have any amendments or would like your name added to the directory, please let the church office know asap.



HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS

Despite the rather heavy title this is a great course designed to inform and equip parents of junior school children. It is organised by Theo Knight from St John's Dukinfield and will be held at St Mary's School, Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield. It starts on Thursday 13th October, 7.30pm and if you'd like to attend or get more information please contact Theo on 344 0269. There are also leaflets at the back with more details.



PRAYER

'The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.'

Pray for the Alpha course which starts this week – for those taking part and for the leaders and caterers.

Pray for Tracy and the 'Going Bananas' team as they prepare for the children's holiday club.

Pray for the Art Group and for Kath and Derek Keefe as they lead it.

Pray for The Bridge coffee shop and those who serve there.

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ALPHA STARTS TOMORROW

Our next Alpha course starts tomorrow at 7.30pm in St Matthews. Alpha is a great way of finding out more about the Christian faith, of renewing and refreshing your faith, or of finding answers to questions that you never dared ask before!

We start with a meal, watch a DVD together and then talk about it, invite questions and discuss it together. You don't have to say anything but usually by the second week it's hard to stop people talking. Could this be for you? If you never ask the questions, you'll never get the answers. Please speak to Tom if you are interested and fill in one of the invitation forms at the back of church.

UNITED SERVICE

Please join us for a United Service with churches together in Stalybridge tonight 6.30pm at Stalybridge Methodist Church and will be preceded by a shared tea at 5.30pm – The theme will be Thanksgiving' and amongst other things we will be featuring Street Pastors and giving thanks that they have now been operating in Stalybridge for over a year. The collection at the service will go to 'Bread of Life' - a new initiative that is setting up between St Paul's and other churches to provide a food bank for needy people. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity with other Christians in Stalybridge so please come along.



HOLY TRINITY

STALYBRIDGE



Sunday 9th October 2011

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th October
10.30am Communion and Young Church
5.30pm Shared Tea and United Service at Stalybridge Methodist

Monday 10th October
9.15am Family Forum

Wednesday 12th October
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop
2.00pm Art For All Group
7.30pm Youth Group

Thursday 13th October
2.00pm Chairobics
8.00pm Worship Group

Friday 14th October
10.30am Bible Study Group and share lunch

Saturday 15th October
PCC Awayday

Sunday 16th October
10.30am Communion and Young Church

PRAYER AND COMMUNION

It takes a little while for everyone to move forward and receive communion. We like to keep this time as quiet and reflective as possible, respecting those who are still waiting to receive communion but also using the time to pray and reflect ourselves - so please avoid the temptation to talk to those around you. If you like to keep your eyes open it would be good just to pray quietly for God's blessing on each person as they come away from communion.

After you've received communion there is always the opportunity to be prayed for or to spend some time in quiet prayer on your own. Please use the side chapel area for this. People will be happy to pray with you for healing, for help with a problem, or for whatever you want. Come for your own needs or for the needs of others. You are also welcome to pray quietly on your own in that area.

YOU CHOOSE

Tameside council distribute funds each year that have been saved through increased recycling and reduction of land fill costs. This is done through District Assemblies and it's Stalybridge's turn on Saturday 15th October from 1.00-4.00pm. All the groups that have applied for funding are invited to give a three minute presentation and those present then vote for the allocation of funds. Anyone who lives in the relevant District Assembly area is entitled to vote.

We have applied for some funds for new tables for the church and Stalybridge Street Pastors have also applied for funding so we are looking for people who live in Stalybridge District Assembly area to be there to vote. Can you help? Please speak to Tom today if you can.



BARN DANCE

It's time to get your dancing shoes on – or come and watch the fun if you prefer! We are having a Barn Dance at Heyrod Village Hall on **Friday 28th October** from 7.30pm with Potato Pie Supper, professional caller, live band and bar. This is for anyone and everyone so feel free to invite friends and neighbours to join you. Tickets are limited so you need to get them soon – available from the Church Office for £6 each.



STREET PASTORS NEED YOUR HELP

NatWest Bank run a scheme called Community Force which allocates funds to local charities that people can vote for. We have registered Stalybridge Street Pastors as one of these local charities and we are asking you to vote!

Step One: Go online to <http://communityforce.natwest.com/> and select 'Register' in the top right hand corner. Then fill in your name, email address and a password, tick any of the boxes you want to and submit your registration.

Step Two: You will get an email confirming your registration. Click on the link to confirm this and you will then be able to vote.

Select 'Vote for a Project Now' and then type in 'Stalybridge Street Pastors'. Click on the magnifying glass to search. Then click on the words 'Stalybridge Street Pastors' that appear on the right, tick the box that says you accept the conditions, and click 'Vote'.

Please pass this on to your friends and encourage as many people as possible to do this – the more votes, the better the chance of being given some funding. There are only 15 days left to vote!

GOING BANANAS

Thanks to all those who have signed up to help with our children's holiday club which will run in the mornings at Gorse Hall School from Monday 24th – Friday 28th October. We could still use more volunteers so if you could help please speak to Tracy or contact the church office asap!

- Anyone free to make props this Monday from 1pm in St Matthews
- For those who are involved, we are having a team lunch with bacon butties straight after the service on Sunday 16th October in St Matthews. This will enable people to establish their roles, learn the songs and bond as a team.



VISITING TEAM

We have a great team of folk who are keen to visit anyone who is feeling unwell, in hospital or at home, to offer a little practical help, or just to call in for a chat if anyone is feeling lonely. Beryl Pickersgill coordinates this team so please let her know of any requests on 01457 762020.

