

HYDE ADVENT COURSE

You are invited to join the Hyde Advent course which will be running on Monday evenings at St George's Hyde, 7.30-9.00pm and repeated on Wednesday mornings at St Mary's Newton, 10.45-12.00.



Session 1	Advent waiting through CAROLS	Mon 28 th / Wed 30 th
Session 2	Advent waiting through POETRY	Mon 5 th / Wed 7 th
Session 3	Advent waiting through SCRIPTURE	Mon 12 th / Wed 14 th
Session 4	Advent waiting through ART	Mon 19 th / Wed 21 st

MEN'S BREAKFAST – LAST CALL

New Life Church, St. James Street, Ashton-U-Lyne, OL6 6SF invite you to a Men's Breakfast on **Saturday 26th November at 10.00am** to hear guest speaker Revd. John Boyers who is **Chaplain to Manchester United FC** Cost is £5 per person for full English breakfast and guest's gift. Please be sure to let them know if you plan to attend, to help with catering. Contact www.newlifetameside.org.uk or 01613397924

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SHOEBOXES

Thanks to all those who prepared shoeboxes to go off to Romania. 45 boxes were collected yesterday together with donations of £146 towards transport and other costs. The boxes will be delivered to gypsy villages around Sighisoara at Christmastime.



PRAYER

'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.'

Pray for Sybil Carter who has been in hospital this week and is still unwell.

Pray for Christine Haworth, that her broken arm will heal and be free from pain.

Pray for Tracy and the schools work in local primaries and at Copley.

Pray that we will take the opportunity to invite friends to our services this Christmas and tell them of the gift of Jesus.

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The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm



HOLY TRINITY

STALYBRIDGE

Sunday 20th November

GOSPEL CHOIR

the Gospel choir will be getting together again for the Carol Service on December 11th.



Rehearsals will be in church on;

Sunday 27th November 5-6pm

Sunday 4th December 1-2pm

Sunday 11th December 5pm



Please see Sue Green for more details or just come along next Sunday at 5pm

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th November

10.30am Morning Praise and Young Church

Monday 21st November

9.15am Family Forum

7.30pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 23rd November

10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop

2.00pm Art For All Group

7.30pm Engage Youth Club

Thursday 24th November

8.00pm Worship Group

Friday 25th November

10.30 Bible Study with shared lunch

Sunday 27th November

10.30am Communion and Young Church.

5-6pm Gospel Choir rehearsal

'ONE' YOUTH CELEBRATION TONIGHT

Today marks the first birthday of the 'ONE' youth celebration and Holy Trinity have the privilege of hosting the event! It starts at 6:15pm and finishes at 8:30pm with inspirational words from Mat Walls, who leads the Genetik Team at The Message Trust, worship led by James Neal, with fun, food and friendship. Open to all Young People aged 14+.



WORSHIPPING GOD - BUILDING COMMUNITY - SERVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

WOOD STREET MISSION

As in previous years we are inviting people to support Wood Street Mission in Manchester who have had over 1,800 local children referred to them for a toy parcel this Christmas. Any donations of NEW toys or children's books (unwrapped please) would be most welcome. They also still require items of food from basic tins and packets to luxury items and treats. (Food must not have an expiry date before 31st December 2011.) The project will cost Wood Street in excess of £20,000 to run this year so any financial contributions, no matter how small, make a huge difference to the work.



If you would like to contribute in any way, we will be gathering our gifts together on **Sunday 4th December** and at Family Forum the following morning for collection by Wood Street during that week.

CAROL SERVICE AND SCHOOLS WEEK

Advance notice for your diaries that our carol service this year will be on **Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm** and will feature the gospel choir. Invites will be available soon but you could ask your friends to reserve the date now.



CHRISTMAS TREAT

Following the great success of our August Cream Tea, the team are putting on another tea party on **Saturday 10th December from 2.00-3.30pm** with a host of Christmas treats such as mince pies, stollen and the like.

Tickets (which you need to get in advance so the team can plan the catering) are £2.00 each and available from Pete and Vera or from the church office.



SHARED LUNCH

Our next Shared Lunch will be on Sunday 18th December after the 'Nativity from Scratch' Service in church. This is the service where we invite the whole congregation - adults and children - to come dressed as a character from the Christmas story and a it's great service for all the family. Why not invite some friends now to join you and to stay on for lunch?



'HEAVEN TO EARTH' SCHOOLS WEEK

Local Schools will be visiting church during the week 5th-9th December to see a presentation called "Heaven to Earth" retelling the Christmas story.

If you would like to be involved, either by being part of the presentation or by helping with refreshments we would be very grateful.

Please speak to Carol Wilson or Yvonne Bolton or ring 01457 839555.



WHY ARE WE WAITING?

The season of Advent marks the four Sundays before Christmas and begins next Sunday. The word advent means 'coming' and it is sometimes seen as a preparation for the coming of Jesus which we celebrate at Christmas.

But it has a deeper meaning and intent which is that we should be ready in our lives for the second coming of Jesus when he returns in glory. Let's resolve to avoid getting caught up in the mad secular rush and pressure which surrounds Christmas and take time each day to focus instead on the God who loves us, the Saviour who came to rescue us and the Holy Spirit who comes to purify our lives and make us ready.

The collect, the church's prayer for today puts it well:

*Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people
that, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
they may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.*



HEALING PRAYER

We are grateful to the team who came from All Saints Marple last week to offer healing prayer during the communion service.

The team were blessed by their visit and felt very privileged to pray with people here. They would love to know if there are any testimonies of answers to prayer – please speak to Tom and he will contact them.