

## WORSHIP CENTRAL



Over 40 people from five different churches in the area gathered together at Holy Trinity last Thursday evening to share together in a new course called 'Worship Central'. It was

an inspiring evening as we worshipped together, shared our different experiences and were challenged to think afresh about the worship of our lives. Here's a quote from what we heard:

*"Worship through singing is not about entertainment or warming up a congregation for the preacher. It is about encountering God and experiencing the liberating reality of intimacy. Worship is not about impressing other people with our liturgies, creativity or music. It is not a commodity for a congregation to enjoy and consume. No, worship is about encountering the reality of God and reordering our priorities in response to who he is. It involves drawing people's focus back to Christ, reminding them who they should be prioritizing. We should never approach a church service with the question 'what can I get out of this service?' Instead we should be asking 'what can I give?' If we approach each song thinking, 'I like this one, I'll engage in worship' or 'I hate this song, I can't worship to this,' we'll completely miss the point. As worshippers we come to give."* The Worship Central course will be running once a month on a Thursday evening until the summer. If you'd like to be involved speak to Adele Trueman or Will Drain.

## KEEPING MARRIAGES HEALTHY



### A COURSE TO PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE OR TO HELP MAKE GOOD MARRIAGES BETTER

Starting off in married life is an adventure. It can also be a little daunting and advice (not always helpful!) floods in from every side. For those who've been married for some time, you'll know how easy it is to lose the romance and forget what it's meant to be about.

Whether starting off, or needing a marriage M.O.T. **this course is for you!** It is thoroughly practical and down to earth. It will help you explore your relationship, the way you operate and what makes you tick. You will learn together about building trust, dealing with hurts and communicating that you care. The course will run on two Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March – pick up a leaflet from the back for more information.

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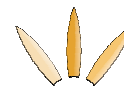
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The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm



# HOLY TRINITY

## STALYBRIDGE



Sunday 29th January 2012

### IF YOU'RE NEW .....

We are delighted that you have joined us for our service this morning. We are fairly informal and relaxed and are very used to having children in the service. After the notices and the first worship song there are activities for children 0-4 years in our group called 'Little Gems' in the lounge at the back of church. Speak to one of the leaders there.

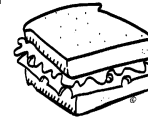
At the same time, we also have activities for those aged 5-11 years across in our other building called



St Matthews. Speak to one of the leaders at the back to find out more and to register your child.

### WELCOME LUNCH

For any who are relatively new to Holy Trinity and are thinking about making this church their own, or for those who have been around for a while and would like to be more involved .... we are serving bacon butties after the service in St Matthews - across the road on Dean Street. Come and hear a little bit about our story as a church and get to know us better.



## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 29th January**  
10.30am Communion and Young Church

**Monday 30th January**  
9.15am Family Forum

**Wednesday 1st February**  
10.00am Bridge Coffee Shop  
2.00pm Art & Knitting Group  
7.30pm Engage Youth Club

**Thursday 2nd February**  
2.00pm Young At Heart  
8.00pm Worship Group

**Friday 3rd February**  
12noon Carers Connect

**Sunday 5th February**  
10.30am Communion and Young Church

## COMMUNION

Towards the end of our service we share in bread and wine together. If you are a follower of Jesus we are welcome to come to the front and take part. Please kneel or stand as you prefer. We also have non-alcoholic juice and gluten free wafers. If you would like these, please let one of those serving know. You are also most welcome to come to the front for a prayer of blessing, even if you do not receive the bread and wine.

## COLLECTION

We usually take a collection during the last song. Please do not feel that you have to put anything in the plate – just pass it on to the person next to you. (Many of our regular people do not put anything in the plate either as they give to the church by standing order, so you won't be conspicuous.)



## COFFEE



Please stay after the service for coffee or tea and a chat. We'd love to get to know you better.

## FILM NIGHT



Do you enjoy films? Have you ever left a film feeling like you wanted to know more? Have you ever watched a film that has made you reflect on the way you live? Then you are invited to our first 'Film Night' on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in St Matthews.**

Together in a comfy environment why don't you come and chill out, eat popcorn (even bring your slippers if it helps you relax better!) and watch a film that will make us think with a small time for discussion at the end. We will be watching '**THE BLIND SIDE**' (over 12's only).

Free Pizza for the first 20 to arrive! Speak to Jon Frost for more details.

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

Following the great success of last year's walk through the Old Testament, Holy Trinity will be hosting a New Testament seminar on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

This is a really fun, practical and helpful way of finding your way around the New Testament. The cost will be £16 which includes a soup lunch and a manual to take away. You can pay by instalments if you would like to. Pick up a leaflet for more information or sign up at the back.



## STREET PASTORS

A Street Pastor is a church leader, minister or church member who has a concern for their community and is willing to engage with people where they are. The Street Pastors' main role is to make themselves available to listen, care and support - to help people feel safe in their neighbourhood and to give assistance when needed. Though the Christian faith is at the heart of what they do, it is not at the forefront of what they say. Street Pastors are not about preaching but rather seek to be a practical demonstration of God's love.



Would you like to be part of this important work? There is always a need for more volunteers to join the important work. Excellent training (once a month) is given and this is a good time to start as some key training topics are covered in the next few months. If you would like to support the work in prayer there are also Prayer Pastors who pray specifically for the teams. Speak to Angela Trewinnard for more information about any of this or ring her on 07852310514.

## PRAYER AND COMMUNION

It's 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.



## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Bishop Robert, the bishop of Stockport, will be with us on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am to lead a service of Baptism and Confirmation. If you have never been baptised or confirmed and would like to know more, please speak to Tom asap.

