



# Community Outreach News

Loving God, Loving Huddersfield

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## Holy Trinity Team Hosts Nights at Mission Winter Evening café March 2019

A team of volunteers from Holy Trinity hosted two nights in March at the Mission Winter Evening Café for the homeless and marginalised in the Town Centre. On both nights we fed over 70 people on a shoestring budget, offering meat based and vegetarian options. Who knew of the hidden talents among our teams such as Linda the Pudding Queen, and Hannah the Mega-Stirrer who was tall enough to stir 8kg of meat for our chilli? Not to mention David and Steve the fantastic 'crockery logistics operatives', i.e. washers up. We are looking forward to putting on a night per month over winter 2019-2020.



### Coming Soon

- Prince's Trust courses to run in Church for NEETs
- Community Action day 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- 5 monthly nights at Mission Winter Café starting mid-November
- Exploring hosting sessions to encourage men to open up about their mental health problems
- Providing support for Care Leavers who don't have anywhere to go in the holiday breaks

### OTHER NEWS

Walking for Health group extended to include people with learning disabilities from Local Mencap Centre once a month from May 2019.



## HOLY TRINITY PARTNERS WITH MHA LIVE AT HOME SCHEME - MAY 2019

One of the areas we wanted to extend was our provision of services for the elderly, building on the excellent work of Meeting Point. In April, as an answer to our prayers, we were approached by the MHA (Methodist Homes Association) Live at Home Scheme Manager to rent space in our church for a social club. Why not go one better, we thought? So we agreed to run this in partnership with them, and another local organization, Harambee, to help shape the club in line with what the members would like to do.

The club runs every week on Fridays from 11.30 am -2.30 pm and lunch is served. The cost for members is £5 per week.

To date, we have done lots of different things: crafts such as



decoupage plant pots, a Wimbledon themed session complete with afternoon tea and indoor tennis. We have played various board and computer games, had a rock painting session and taken part in a Belly Dancing Session.

Currently the club is supported by a team of six volunteers from Holy Trinity and we are busy recruiting more. We have a regular member base of 11 participants but there is always room for more to come and join in the fun.



### Other Regular Community Events at Holy Trinity

See website for more details

[www.holytrinityhuddersfield.com](http://www.holytrinityhuddersfield.com)

- **Little Lights Toddler group** - Mondays 10.00 am - 11.30 am
- **HT Youth Club** - Wednesdays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
- **Walking for Health** - Thursdays 11 am
- **Music & Memory group** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 1.00 pm - 3.00pm
- **Meeting Point lunch** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds monthly 11.00 am - 1.00 pm
- **Men's Breakfasts** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday bi-monthly - 8.30 - 9.45 am

You are also welcome to join us at our main Sunday services  
9.00 am (traditional service) & 10.45 am (contemporary service)



'We have far more in common than that which divides us' ...  
Jo Cox (June 2015)

## GREAT GET TOGETHER 19 JUNE 2019 WITH BIRKBY MOSQUE.

In June, Holy Trinity hosted a women's 'Great Get Together' event to share aspects of our respective faiths with the Gup Shup and Chai group based at Birkby Mosque.

In case you were wondering what Gup Shup and Chai means – it stands for Chit-Chat and Tea, something we are very good at doing at Holy Trinity. On June 19, we hosted a Great Get Together Event for over 50 people to hear about what Ramadan and Eid meant to Muslim people (Razwanah) and we explained in turn the significance of Pentecost in the Christian religion (Angie Harvey). We also heard from Julie Evans about her work volunteering in New Hall Women's Prison and how Christmas, Ramadan and Eid are managed in the facility.



The funniest thing about the event was the men that kept straying in – banned for cultural reasons - but the 'man-patrol' did a great job of shooing them out tactfully.

The audience had so many questions for the speakers that we were in danger of being late for our 'Bring and Share' lunch (perish the thought!). We were treated to foods from both English and Asian cultures, and our Meeting Point team organized it all perfectly. Everyone went home on a high from the fantastic intercultural exchange and with very full stomachs!

Everyone who was there, and the many who couldn't come, are excited to keep on going with this and looking forward to meeting up again

## Rockin' for Jesus - Rock Painting Workshop 29 August



Over 30 people took part in this Rock Painting workshop to paint rocks to take home but also for a 'Rock Drop' as part of our forthcoming Community Action Day (Sat 12 Oct 10.30 - 3.30). Everyone enjoyed it so much that another one is planned for 5 October at church (10.30 - 12)



# Meet the Holy Trinity Local Community Outreach Team

The Team was formed following a Community Consultation exercise conducted in June 2018 and reported to the PCC in September 2018.

The purpose of the team is to identify, develop and coordinate activities that enable us to reach out to, support and invest in our local community based on identified needs. This is a key part of our HT mission to share Jesus' transforming love.

At our first team meeting in November 2018, the priority areas of outreach action were identified from the report and we determined our initial actions and plans and communicated them to the PCC.

Following the official launch of the team to the church in January 2019 we conducted background research into other projects in the community and other cities. We held meetings with Community Organisations, researched ideas for projects and began our work.

To coordinate our activities, the team agreed in July that a member of the team who had the most time, would be the Community Connections Coordinator. This was approved by the PCC and the Babs started in the post in September 2019.



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Community Connections Coordinator

## Other Team members



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