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Serving at
Holy Trinity
Stalybridge

An A-Z of ministries

2023

Serving at HTS

Jesus is the greatest example of serving and we long to follow Him in the way we serve here at Holy Trinity. We believe that our whole lives are an offering of worship to God and serving on a team is a great way of expressing this and blessing our church family and wider community.

As a church our mission is to 'Love God, Grow Community and Serve Stalybridge' and we pray that we can each reflect this as we offer back to God all that He has given us.

As Jesus' followers, we seek to be loving, hospitable team-players, preferring others' needs above our own and serving Him, and one another, humbly and generously.

Here at HTS we believe that 'everyone gets to play!' God has made each of us uniquely and there is undoubtedly a you-shaped hole in one of our existing ministries. However, if a ministry doesn't already exist for you to bring your gifts and passions to, please talk to one of the leaders about the possibility of setting something up!

ALPHA

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore questions of life, spirituality and faith through a Christian lens. We intentionally create a relaxed and low-pressured atmosphere so no question is 'off the table' and everyone is welcome.

Alpha has been running all over the world for the last couple of decades in churches, pubs, prisons & homes where nearly 30 million people have taken part and loved the experience. We offer day time and evening courses and the commitment is roughly 8 weeks.

We would love help with:

- Set up
- Meals
- Running groups
- Praying

CONTACT
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BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE

We love to keep the church and St Matthew's clean, tidy and in the best condition we can.

Sometimes we have to employ tradesmen, but lots of jobs can be done by people in the church. Ideal for those who enjoy DIY.

CONTACT

Cris Trueman or email: admin@hts.church

CAFE: He-Brews

The He-Brews café is an expression of our vision for serving the local community and where possible offering spiritual care and support.

The café is open every Wednesday from 10am-12pm and our vision is to demonstrate the love of Jesus to others as we serve affordable food and drinks. Some from the team sit to listen and chat to those in need of company.

WHAT WE NEED

- A larger team passionate about people, willing to brew up and serve food and drinks
- Someone to check stock and buy weekly shop
- Prayer support

COMMITMENT

1-2 hours between 10am-12pm fortnightly or monthly on Wednesdays

CONTACT

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CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

CAP is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches. It aims to show God's love in action by providing sustainable poverty relief through debt counselling, advice and practical help.

Volunteers attend a one day training course to become a money coach. Money Coaches help facilitate the CAP Money Course which we run each year. The course teaches vital budgeting skills. There is also scope for volunteers to become 'befrienders' to those who are receiving professional debt support.

CONTACT

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CASCADE

Cascade is a social group for adults of all ages, aimed towards reducing social isolation and loneliness in the community. As well as reducing social isolation Cascade also aims to promote all aspects of health – physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual through various games, activities, social time together and sometimes just simply being a listening ear. From time to time we provide lunches, crafts and other activities, and outside entertainers and speakers.

Professional counselling is also available by appointment if required.

Cascade operates on a drop-in basis and is open Tuesdays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

WHAT WE NEED

- More helpers to serve drinks/snacks and interact with guests, even if only once per month
- People to bring their own skills/ activities to teach or demonstrate within the sessions

CONTACT

Nick & Janet D'Anzi or email: info@hts.church

CATERING TEAM

We regularly have events/occasions that have catering or baking needs, some big, some small.

WHAT WE NEED

- Someone to build and co-ordinate a team of people to shop and cater for church events and oversee shared lunches
- Team members to;
 - Help prepare the food for cooking
 - Cook for a larger number of people either at home or at church
 - Bake cakes for special occasions
 - Help serve food at Alpha and other events
 - Be available to tidy up afterwards

CONTACT
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CHOIR

The choir meet together for occasional special events (e.g; Carol Services, Easter Celebrations). Dates are shared in advance in the notice sheet.

It's a great way to meet new people and bless others!

Expectations:

- No audition process, but the ability to hold a tune and having an ear for harmony is a bonus
- Be a passionate worshipper, connecting with and expressing the meaning of a song
- Be flexible & open to direction
- Be a team player, supporting & championing others

Commitment:

- Usually 3/4 rehearsals before an event, often straight after the 10.45 Sunday gathering for an hour, but occasionally at other times
- Personal practise & preparation as necessary (rehearsal tracks and resources are provided)

CONTACT
Sue Green or email: worship@hts.church

CLEANING (CHURCH & ST MATTHEWS)

Can you help us keep the church building and St Matthews clean and in good condition? No training is needed, just a willingness to clean toilets, floors etc at a time that suits you.

CONTACT
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EVANGELISM TEAM

In October 2023 we are holding a mission weekend to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our town, neighbours and friends. We would love a team to help us plan and deliver this as well as help us as a church develop our mission to Stalybridge in the coming months.

Sign up for more info or speak to Chris Gascoigne.

CONTACT
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FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY

Foundations for Ministry (FfM) is a 24 week course run by the Diocese of Chester in alliance with the University of Chester, that helps people find their vocation.

Whilst FfM is a Diocesan course we are very keen to support it at Deanery level and want to develop leaders locally. If you are interested in helping to run the course, please speak with Chris Gascoigne (see details below). Teachers on the course must be either Ordained Clergy, Licensed Readers or Pastoral Workers. Additionally, we also require group leaders to “chair” the group discussions – this role is also open to previous students of FfM or people who are current students with an aptitude for leading groups.

CONTACT

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FLOWERS TEAM

The aim of this team is to provide flowers in church, not only to look welcoming, but also as a reminder of God’s goodness to us and his attention to detail.

No formal training is required, just a love of flowers and a desire to learn.

We come into church on Friday or Saturday to remove the old arrangements and replace them with new ones. The following week, we call into church to water and check the flowers.

CONTACT

June Green or email: info@hts.church

FOODBANK (TAMESIDE EAST)

Tameside East Foodbank is a joint venture with other local churches to serve our local community 5 days a week. We provide a food parcel containing three days worth of food per voucher issued by agencies. We also offer toiletries and nappies. Signposting is an integral part of our work and we work with over 100+ different agencies from a wide range of areas.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH;

- Supermarket special collections
- Weekly help delivering food to warehouse or Centres (This is a fairly physical job).
- Warehouse volunteers (marking up and sorting donations)
- Collecting donations ad hoc (harvest, Christmas).
- Use of large van to transport racking from old warehouse to new one asap.

CONTACT

Trisha Jarman or email: info@hts.church

GARDEN TEAM

The Garden Team work to make the church garden a space that is accessible for all, meets the needs of the church and is enjoyed by the wider community.

We would love more helpers to join our small team.

We meet every month during spring, summer and autumn, to undertake a range of garden tasks.

In the coming year we need to:

- Develop the potential of the garden for people with sight and mobility impairment
- Provide a space for our young people to be creative
- Develop the wildlife potential of the garden
- Broaden the enjoyment of the garden through creative art works
- Have an event or two in the garden

If you feel you can help with any of the above or you just love plants and want to be involved, please join us!

CONTACT

Nick Lowther or email: info@hts.church

GEMS

Gems is a preschool group which meets on Sunday mornings in the church lounge during the 10:45 morning gathering, (except All Age Gatherings.) Our sessions are designed to allow our youngest members to access church in an age appropriate way. This includes hearing a bible story, an activity/craft prayer time and play time.

Our numbers are increasing and we need need your help!

BECOME A HELPER WITH THE GEMS TEAM

- Help in the sessions by assisting with crafts/activities and playing with and getting to know the children
- Help to lead sessions

COMMITMENT

Most people are on the rota once a month but this can be adjusted to fit alongside other commitments (many of our team are involved in other ministries too so we are very flexible).

CONTACT

Heather Shepherd or email: info@hts.church

IRANIAN CHURCH

We have a large Iranian community that worship with us on a Sunday, have their own monthly Holy Communion service in Farsi, and meet regularly for fellowship.

If you would like to support this community we would love help with:

- Monthly gatherings
- Inviting to lunch
- Teaching English
- Settling into the area

CONTACT

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BIBLE READING

Do you have a love of God's word and would like to read it on Sundays as part of our gatherings?

We'd love you to join our team!

CONTACT

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KIC START

KICStart is our Sunday morning group for children in years Reception to Year 6. The group join with some of the morning gathering and then have their session in St Matthews.

Leaders get the opportunity to build relationships with the children and help to disciple them on their faith journey.

There are opportunities to:

- lead the story
- prepare and plan crafts
- plan games
- Help with snack

We ask that leaders help at least once a month so they can build relationship with the children.

You can also offer to support us in prayer, having access to the rota so that you can pray for those involved in leading each week.

CONTACT

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KINTSUGI HOPE

Through a 12 week programme, Kintsugi Hope Groups work in communities through the local church as a support for those needing help with mental health. Group and individual activities are designed to help participants to accept themselves, to understand their value and worth, and grow towards a more resilient and hopeful future.

We are planning to start running a course at Holy Trinity Church in the near future.

Could you get involved by training to be a group leader, helping to facilitate sessions or an extra pair of hands to brew up and help with activities?

CONTACT

Paula Chester or email info@hts.church

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Men's Ministry at HTS ranges from informal get togethers to arranging football matches, to going away for a weekend. The men's ministry is a way of supporting each other and drawing new people into community with others who have similar interests or hobbies.

Ways to get involved;

- Helping to set up a hobby/interest group or event
- Organising and leading events/ activities/ trips away
- Commit to praying for the men of the church

CONTACT

Jamie Shepherd or email info@hts.church

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a way of making church accessible for families with younger children and is a great way to serve the local community too! We worship, play games, talk about Jesus, do crafts and eat together.

We would love more helpers as we seek to build a team for this ministry. We would like Messy Church to run every couple of months.

Help needed to;

- Lead/ support crafts
- Lead/ support stories
- Lead/support games
- Lead/ support worship (lead actions!)
- Co-ordinate/ help with food preparation

CONTACT

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MISSION PARTNERS (BEYOND OUR PARISH)

At HTS we tithe our income and give away £20,000 to support mission beyond our parish. This includes supporting our mission partners Open Doors, TearFund, IJM; our missionaries, the Howarths, Hamiltons, Michael Pearson; and local mission, Street Pastors and Silver Cord.

In 2023 we would like to develop the links with our mission partners, communication with the church family, prayer, and events.

Can you help us? We'd love you to join our team!

CONTACT

gary@hts.church

PASTORAL TEAM

The Pastoral team exist to, 'Show God's love for us by loving, caring and being there for each other.' We walk with people and try to help where we can, through visits, phone calls and prayer.

We would love to have more on the team as we look to 'be there' for others; the lonely, bereaved or those who just need to talk and know that someone cares.

Could you give time to;

- Make a phone call
- Be there to listen to someone
- Visit someone at home/meet in a café for a catch up with someone
- Pray for someone

This is a ministry that you can give as little or as much as your time allows. By becoming a member of this team, you will be helping us to be there for people who may not have anyone else to support them.

CONTACT

Dave Monday or email: dave@hts.church

PRAY FOR ME HT

Pray for me is our way of sharing prayer requests to help and support each other and the people we know.

We have a dedicated email address to receive prayer requests: prayformeht@holytrinity.stalybridge.org

These requests are then sent to a dedicated team of people who pray—anonymously if they prefer.

Could you be part of the team that commits to praying for the requests that come in?

CONTACT

Dave Monday or email: dave@hts.church

PRAYER

We at HTS believe in the power of prayer to transform seemingly impossible situations. Prayer is the foundation on which we do life. We would like to see everyone at HTS feeling equipped to pray in all situations in a variety of ways.

Our Sunday morning worship gatherings offer prayer ministry in the side-chapel to anyone wishing to be prayed for. We also have pastoral prayer, counselling and listening services for deeper issues.

We have regular Prayer gatherings as well as themed prayer weeks where church family can join with others in prayer and learn new ways of meeting with Jesus.

If you would like to get more involved in the prayer life of the church and have a heart for intercession and praying for others, do get in touch.

CONTACT

Karen Revell or email: info@hts.church

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

The refreshments team set up, serve tea/coffee and biscuits/cakes then clear up after the Sunday morning gatherings plus any other mid-week gatherings or special events as needed. It's a great ministry to be involved in if you want to meet more people as everyone loves to chat over a brew and a biscuit!

You can get involved by;

- Signing up! We are always looking for people to join these rotas at both services and the wardens would love to chat to you about how you could be involved. Typically, we ask people to serve at one service a month.

CONTACT

Lizzie Hopkins or email: lizzie@hts.church

SAFEGUARDING

Holy Trinity Church welcomes all members of the community and we are committed to ensuring it is a safe place for everyone. We take our duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines.

The safeguarding team are responsible for ensuring:

- ensuring that a suitable, signed church safeguarding policy is displayed at all times in the church on a safeguarding noticeboard, along with names of current safeguarding officers, national helplines and other suitable information.
- recording of all safeguarding issues and liaising with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer when appropriate
- working with the leadership team to arrange appropriate safeguarding training
- reporting bi-monthly to PCC
- working with the admin office to process all DBS checks and keep records up to date.

We would love to welcome new people to the team to help us keep everyone safe and ensure we are up to date with all necessary requirements.

CONTACT

Vanessa Harrop or email: info@hts.church

SCHOOLS WEEK

Each year our team serve the local schools by hosting them and sharing the Christmas and Easter stories in an imaginative and interactive way.

There are a variety of roles needed to bring these presentations into being:-

- Set up/Set down
- Refreshments
- Timekeeping/PA skills
- Acting
- Admin/Making resources
- Loaning props
- Prayer
- Helping with crafts
- Leading pupil groups

Speak to Jacqui Watkins or Yvonne Bolton for more information.

CONTACT

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SILVER CORD

Silver Cord is a befriending service available to anyone in Tameside and Glossop who is suffering from the distressing effects of isolation and loneliness. The service is free to those in need and it is provided by trained, DBS-checked volunteers from partner churches across Tameside.

HTS partners with other churches to offer this locally in Stalybridge.

We would love you to sign up to be a befriender to those in need in our community and offer full training.

CONTACT

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SOCIAL MEDIA/ WEBSITE

As we continue to develop our online mission and ministry we would love to grow a team with passion and gifts to help us do that!

Could you help us share news creatively, tell stories that engage, have an eye for a good notice, or maybe have the time in the week to keep communication up to date?

We would love to hear from you!

You can speak to Charlie or Gary.

CONTACT

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SOUND TEAM

The Sound Team exists to serve the church by enabling the congregation to hear God's word and engage in the church service.

Serving on the team requires some technical know-how, some troubleshooting skills and a good ear. The sound team need to be there early along with the worship group to set sound levels and get everything ready. There are also other events during the year when the sound team are required. All training is provided.

For more info speak to Ben Vickers.

CONTACT
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STREET PASTORS

Our aims are listening, caring and practically helping those on the streets on a Saturday night.

The commitment is one patrol night a month (although this can be split into two halves). It is an enjoyable experience and a great opportunity to get out in the community, meet lots of people and have great fun!

There is excellent training available which is one Saturday a month for a year. All participants must have a DBS check and a minister's reference. In addition they must be over eighteen and have been part of the church for at least one year. Confidence is not a requirement, that will come!

We also need prayer support.

Speak to Abigail Marabicio for more info.

CONTACT
Abigail.streetpastors@gmail.com

TRINITY TOTS

Trinity Tots is our weekday ministry for 0-4 year olds. The sessions run on Mondays during term time 9.30am-11am and includes free play, craft, snack, story and singing.

There are a variety of volunteering roles within our team; with a minimum commitment of two hours a month up to a maximum of 10 hours per month.

We are looking for people who can:

- Connect/Mingle - spend time chatting with the families attending, getting to know them
- Prepare refreshments - Work in the kitchen providing hot drinks and preparing snack. Clearing up afterwards.
- Story/Songtime - Read a story to the whole group and lead nursery rhymes/action songs
- Set Up - After the Sunday service commit to setting up ahead of Monday's session

All volunteers need to have a current DBS and complete Safeguarding Training.

We'd love to chat about how we can work together! Please email for more info.

CONTACT
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VISUALS

The visuals team support the corporate worship of the church by displaying lyrics, liturgy, videos and anything else needed for our gatherings. The majority of what we do happens on a Sunday and typically includes:

- Arriving early to set up the computer for the gatherings and practise with the band
- Taking instruction from the service leader about what is needed
- Operating the computer and screens during the gatherings (including occasional midweek & special occasions)

Commitment:

Approximately 2 gatherings per month, plus supporting the team for any additional gatherings/ events, special occasions etc

Full training and support will be provided, speak to Alan Carter or one of the team for more info.

CONTACT
alan@hts.church

WELCOME TEAM

The welcome team support the wardens and deputy wardens each week, making sure that everyone can access worship safely and comfortably, monitoring numbers and communion and supporting the vicar and curates practically in our gatherings.

The welcome team are so important as they are the first people you will meet when you come into church.

Some of our welcome team also support individuals to come to church who might otherwise find it difficult to get here and this may be something that you feel called to.

You could help by;

- Praying that the conversations we have with people reflect the welcome God wants to extend to his kingdom.
- Praying that we have the right people to support these rotas and fill any gaps.
- Signing up! We are always looking for people to join these rotas at both services and the wardens would love to chat to you about how you could be involved. Typically, we ask people to serve at one service a month.

CONTACT
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's ministry aims to enable the women of the church to meet for breakfasts, craft afternoons, events and time away - all to encourage our walk with Jesus and each other.

We would love to build a team of women from all walks and stages of life who are keen to serve and support this ministry through organising events and getting alongside other women in church. Would you like to be involved?

We would also love your prayer:

- Please pray for the relationships of the women at HT and for how we can walk together as disciples.
- Please pray against any spiritual attack that the ladies in HT might encounter and help them to know the biblical truths of their identity in Christ.
- Commit to praying for the women of the church

CONTACT
lizzie@hts.church

WORSHIP

The Music team serve by taking a lead in the sung worship life of the church, mostly by leading times of sung worship in each of our gatherings.

Expectations:

- Be a passionate worshipper in your private time with the Lord, and for this to overflow into corporate worship
- Have a reasonable level of competence on your instrument/ voice & be flexible & open to direction
- Be a team player, supporting & championing others

Commitment:

- 2 x Thursday evening rehearsals per month (usually 7.30-9.30pm), plus the occasional extra rehearsal/ full team night
- (Once ready) 1 or 2 Sundays a month to play/sing in music team for Sunday gatherings as needed
- Personal practise & preparation as necessary
- Serve in other special occasions/ extra gatherings/ smaller setting gatherings on an adhoc basis

Speak to Sue Green for more info.

CONTACT
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YOUTH BAND

The Youth Band is a great place for younger musicians/singers (aged 10+) to build their confidence in leading the sung worship in church.

Expectations:

- Have a heart for worship
- Have a reasonable level of competence on your instrument/ voice - minimum 1 year playing or Grade 1 standard
- Be a team player & open to direction

Commitment:

- 1 x Thursday evening rehearsal per month, (usually 6-7pm) plus the occasional extra rehearsal/ social night
- (Once ready) To play/sing with youth band in Sunday gatherings approx. 6 times over the year
- Personal practise & preparation as necessary

Speak to Sue Green for more info.

CONTACT
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YOUTH

Jesus said to his disciples “ The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in.” This is our current situation and we need you!

Could you;

(SUNDAY MORNINGS)

- Hang out with the youth one Sunday morning a month and support by just being there?
- Help with registering, or another practical job like serving the toast?
- Share a testimony with our young people as a one off?
- Direct a small group through some questions or leading a game?

(SUNDAY EVENINGS)

- Host our older youth+ leaders at your place on a Sunday Evening for just 2 hours once a term?
- Offer some drinks, say hello, join a game and welcome our youth small group?
- Join in with the teen chat, eat pizza and join our team at a youth Cell?
- Be part of the team for Sunday evening small groups, chatting through issues of faith.
- Be part of the team that praying for a youth member once a half term

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(WEDNESDAY EVENINGS)

- Offer 90 mins on a Wednesday evening to take an interest in the lives of some of our teens?
- Come to help with registering, the set up or serve tuck
- Share a testimony with our young people as a one off
- Direct a small group through some questions, leading or joining in with some games?
- Join our team regularly or just offer once a month/term?

(MENTORING)

- Be a youth mentor and meet and chat with one of our youth regularly, passing on life skills and spiritual wisdom

(YOUTH SOCIALS)

- Help with driving/ catering/ helping at socials
- Share your specialist skills once a term

We love our youth and long to see them grow as disciples of Christ! Could you pour into them in one of these ways? Please speak to Sam Patterson.

CONTACT

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