

Trinity News



December 2016

Worship at 10.30am in the Exchange— Coffee Bar afterwards

Sun 4
11
18
25

Carols by Candlelight at 7pm in the Exchange—

Sun 11

Mustard Seed Team meet at 8.00 pm in The Exchange

Mon 5
12
19
26

Worship Practice meet at 8pm

Thur 1
8
22

Trinity Church Members Christmas Party at 8.00pm in The Exchange

Fri 16

Alpha Course 7pm—8.30pm in The Exchange
Tea / Coffee at 6.30pm

Sat 3

Ruach Youth 6pm—8pm in The Exchange

Sat 3
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Ruach Christmas Party 6pm—8pm in The Exchange

Sat 17

No Worship Meeting at the Exchange on New Year's Day— Sunday 1st January 2017



To Us is Given

The season of gift giving has arrived again. There is heightened expectation as Christmas day approaches. Some of us will be wondering what surprise gift we will receive this year. Will I like my gift? Will it be useful? Will it fit me? While some gifts are unpredictable and catch us totally by surprise, other gifts are announced well in advance.

The gift from Heaven to each of us this year was announced approximately 2,000 years ago by the Prophet Isaiah. Since the arrival of our gift in Bethlehem, our loving heavenly Father re-offers a truly incredible gift to us on a daily basis. The gift of Jesus, described by Isaiah as being a wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father and prince of Peace, can delight us and transform our Christmas season, if we choose to listen to his wisdom and advice, let him energise us with his might, invite him to lovingly parent us and trust in his calming ability. Each Sunday in our advent season we will explore together how the gift of Jesus as described by Isaiah will bring blessing into our lives and our families and friends too. Why not invite them along to the Exchange with you to experience and receive the most wonderful gift imaginable?



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Coming to the Exchange in December —

We are delighted to be able to host a **Street Pastors** Meeting on Thursday 1 December at 7pm.

Coming to the Exchange in December also is **Trinity College Christian Union** for their Christmas Event on Wednesday 14th December and **Just Ask** are holding their Annual Christmas Event on Sunday 18th December 2016.

Jobcare will be holding their Christmas Party on Thursday 15th December in the Grand Hall.



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Team Hope—Mission Partner for December

Thousands of people across the country started dropping gifts into drop-off points and checking centres from the day our 2016 Christmas Shoebox Appeal launched. Some still have boxes to donate or want to help. The response has been overwhelming and we want to say “Thank You” to everyone whether you’ve donated one box or 100, knitted beautiful items, collected fillers or volunteered in a checking centre. You are all amazing !!!

The trucks have started rolling but it’s not too late to get involved. We’ve launched our “on-line” shoeboxes. By donating €15.00 online we make a shoebox for you for a boy or girl in Kenya. We send your donation directly to our partners and they go shopping! This way we invest in the local economy in an incredibly poor part of the world and children, who otherwise will have nothing, receive your Christmas gift. We are really encouraged by the number of gifts coming through and even hope to beat last year’s total. This means even more children will experience the joy of receiving a shoebox gift. In turn, we can spread that joy to more families and, through on-going development work, make a real difference in their daily lives.

By helping Team Hope you become part of a ripple effect which continues well after the shoeboxes have been delivered. Needs are identified and projects started/continued in the receiving villages. Thoughts of trips with International Summer Teams are discussed and planned.

A shoebox isn’t just for Christmas, it’s a lifeline for some who wouldn’t otherwise be able to attend school, interact with others or realise their own worth. Please continue to pray for all of our partners and the children they work with.

- **Please pray** for a time of rest for all our Shoebox co-ordinators and volunteers who have put in incredible hours over the last few months.
- **Please pray** for all of our teams in receiving countries as their work now steps up.
- Lastly **please pray** for the hearts of the hundreds of thousands of children who are about to be reached with some special love.

From everyone here and on behalf of the children, a very special ‘Thank You’.



Trinity Women’s Weekend Away

We are looking forward to our Trinity Women’s Weekend Away from Friday 3rd—5th February 2016. We are going to Castledaly Manor, 10 minutes away from Athlone - a lovely old Manor which we will have to ourselves. Ana Mullan is our Guest Speaker and the cost, which includes accommodation and all your meals is €100. The weekend starts with dinner on Friday evening and finishes with lunch on Sunday.

Please book your place by completing the Booking Form on the Brochures at our Welcome Desk or by Email to: office@trinity.ie Further information available from Margaret Dunne.



Thank You—for your very generous gifts

The final figure for our Gift Day will be announced on Sunday morning—4th December 2016.

Bon Voyage for 8 months

Martin, Lynn, Caoimhe and Tadhg are heading over to Vancouver Island in Canada for 8 months on Wednesday 14th December until mid August 2017.

Please remember them all as they spend this time with Lynn’s parents—pray for Caoimhe and Tadhg as they attend the local school while they are there and for Lynn and Martin as they settle in to their new ‘temporary’ life.

