

Gifts that Don't Cost a Penny

THE GIFT OF LISTENING But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

THE GIFT OF AFFECTION Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you".

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

THE GIFT OF A FAVOUR Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our lovely people. You make our church a better place to be. God bless you all.

Pastor Mike and Mary

Coming up in January 2011

There is no Connecting People Meal this month

Saturday 8th - Men Behaving Dadly

1-4pm This event is designed to help build deeper relationships between dads and their children.

Monday 17th - Alpha Celebration Supper

7pm. Come and hear what people have to say about the Alpha Course and how it's changed their lives.

Wednesday 26th Breakthrough Service

At 7:30 pm, our monthly day of prayer and fasting for all our needs.

The Alpha Course Starts on Monday, 24th January. See Angela if you would like to attend.

Those who would like to help will need to attend a three evening training event. See Angela for details.

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Welcome to

Wythenshawe

Community

Church

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If this is your first time to our church we invite you to join in and make yourself at home.

As a first time visitor help us to know you better by filling in our Visitor's card and placing it in the offering basket during the offering. If you require any assistance, please speak to one of the ushers.



Wythenshawe Community Church

**"In the heart of Wythenshawe,
With a heart for Wythenshawe."**

What's happening in December

Saturday 4th Men Behaving Dadly

1-4pm This event is designed to help build deeper relationships between dads and their children

Monday 13th - Connecting People

Christmas Meal. 1pm, £5 per person - give your names to Mary

Sunday 19th - Nativity & Carol Service

10:30am, followed by Christmas Party, bring food to share.

No Breakthrough service this month—enjoy a time of fellowship with your house groups!

Saturday 25th - Christmas Service

11am-12noon, Don't forget, children, bring your favourite toy to show everyone.

No Sunday Service on the 26th December!

The Alpha Course finishes on Monday, 6th December

Better To Give Than To Receive

A young man, a student in one of our universities, was one day taking a walk with a professor, who was commonly called the student's friend, from his kindness to those who waited on his instructions.

As they went along, they saw lying in the path a pair of old shoes, which they supposed to belong to a poor man who was employed in a field close by, and who had nearly finished his day's work.

The student turned to the professor, saying: "Let us play the man a trick: we will hide his shoes, and conceal ourselves behind those bushes, and wait to see his surprise when he cannot find them."

Weekly Church Events:

Tuesday/ Wednesday

There are **House Groups** around the Wythenshawe area. Join one if you are not already attending a house group.

See Mary for details.

Each Tuesday there is a Ladies' Bible Study at 10:30am in church.

Wednesday

Every last Wednesday of the month there is a **Breakthrough Prayer & Fasting Service** at 7:30pm. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1* Come, seek God, expect breakthrough in your life and let your heart be changed in His presence.

Thursday

On Thursday mornings our **Coffee Lounge** is open from 9:30 to 12:30 for anyone who would like to come along for a freshly brewed coffee. Children's play area is provided. Volunteers are needed to help out in the kitchen. Please see Helena or Becky for details.

The Rock Youth group meets at 7:30pm. If you are in High School we would love for you to come. Please see Christina or Helena for details.

Friday

Church house group for study, prayer and fellowship at 11am. Please come along and support the church in prayer.

Monday - Friday

Church cleaning. Volunteers are welcome

Sunday:

9:30am to 10:15am

Prayer meeting

10:30am

Celebration Service

He then looked around him on all sides, but no one was to be seen. He now put the money into his pocket, and proceeded to put on the other shoe; but his surprise was doubled on finding the other coin. His feelings overcame him; he fell upon his knees, looked up to heaven and uttered aloud a fervent thanksgiving in which he spoke of his wife, sick and helpless, and his children without bread, whom this timely bounty, from some unknown hand, would save from perishing.

The student stood there deeply affected, and his eyes filled with tears. "Now," said the professor, are you not much better pleased than if you had played your intended trick?"

The youth replied, "You have taught me a lesson which I will never forget. I feel now the truth of these words, which I never understood before: "It's more blessed to give than to receive."

"My young friend," answered the professor, "we should never amuse ourselves at the expense of the poor. But you are rich, and may give yourself a much greater pleasure by means of this poor man. Put a coin in each shoe, and then we will hide ourselves and watch how this affects him."

The student did so and they both placed themselves behind the bushes close by. The poor man soon finished his work, and came across the field to the path where he had left his coat and shoes.

While putting on his coat he slipped his foot into one of his shoes, but feeling something hard, he stooped down to feel what it was, and found the coin. Astonishment and wonder were seen upon his countenance. He gazed upon the coin, turned it around, and looked at it again and again.