

# Small group notes

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**Bible notes: John 15: 9-17**

**Welcome** – What is your favourite love song?

**Worship** – Listen to the song **Goodness of God** [Goodness Of God \(Lyrics\) ~ Bethel Music - YouTube](#) and reflect on how God's goodness displays his love for us.

**Word** – Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you as you read **John 15: 9-17 together**.

*Why not watch the theme video and download the study guide to explore with your group -*

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/loyal-love/> or use our notes here

What was the main thing which struck you from Sunday's service?

What surprises, shocks, bothers or moves you about this passage?

- o What does it mean for you to love others as Jesus loves us? How is this challenging for you?
- o What stories can you recall that speak about the sacrifice of someone laying down their life for someone else? Perhaps revisit the story of Maximilian Kolbe and discuss his self-sacrifice. [Kolbe, The Saint from Auschwitz](#)

What examples of God's Loyal Love come to mind? Here are some that you could look at, but there are many others.

- o God's khesed to Abraham in Genesis 24
- o The story of Jacob in Genesis 32
- o The rebellion of Israel in Numbers 14

We see this loyal love embodied in the giving of Jesus.

- o Compare John 1:14 with Exodus 25: 32-34. To see how this covenant language is mirrored.

**Witness** - How does this change the way you will live your life this week?

- o What are the challenges for you as you seek to love others as Jesus has loved you and to be sacrificial in your relationships with your family, your friends and your work colleagues? Re-read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 and let it lead you into praying for each other.

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**ST MARK'S**  
**14th November 2021**

This Week

### 14th November

10am Church Remembrance & Communion

1.30pm Community formal remembrance service

Other meetings

**Daily Prayer 9.15 Monday-Saturday**  
(on zoom\*)

\* zoom codes

Meeting ID: 347 999 912

### 21st November

10am Morning Celebration

3pm Holy Communion

### 28th November

10am Morning Celebration

### 5th December

10am Toy Sunday

3pm Afternoon Service

7.30pm Cafe Quiz & Carols

### 12th December

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

### 19th December

10am Pop-up Nativity

3pm Favourite Carols

### 21st December

6pm Darkest Night

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## website:

[www.stmarkshaydock.org](http://www.stmarkshaydock.org)

# welcome

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If this is your first time here, we are really excited to welcome you! Here's some information that might be useful. For more information, please speak to a member of the Welcome Team.



**TOILETS:** including wheelchair-friendly with baby change are in the entrance area to the right as you come out of the body of church.



**ACCESSIBILITY:** Large print song & communion sheets available at the back of church, hearing loop is available



**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** Children are welcome here! Little Stars 0-4s, All Stars Reception—Y5, Youth Y6-High School (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Centre



**PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH:** Please be respectful of our neighbours and do not park on West End Road, Park Street or St Mark's Street, but use the car park behind the centre instead.



**FOODBANK DONATIONS PLEASE:** Milk, Jam, Coffee, Instant Mash, Cereal, Biscuits, Toiletries, Juice, Christmas items.



**GIVING:** If you would like to give to the work of the church, then you can give cash, via contactless payment, via direct debit or through our stewardship scheme. Also don't forget gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

# prayer

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## **Please pray for God's healing and recovery for:**

Brian Evans John Carson, Josie Burgess, Brenda Twamley, Sheila Appleton, Gary Arnold, Janet Barnes, Anne Birkett, Michelle Bond, Lynda Briody, Doreen Bulger, Carol Burrows, Pat Chisnall, Barry Curran, Margaret Davies, Phyl Dixon, Liz Edwards, Hayden Farrugia, Alvis Frith, Katie Garner, Don Garner, Enid Hill, Margaret James, Libby Kelsey, Michael Kennedy, Chris Lamb, Dorothy Lawton, Eric Littler, Renee Littler, Phyllis Lomax, Davy Montieth, Jane Pennington, Nigel Pope, Phil/Joy Potter, Wilf/Leslie Potter, Dot Robinson, Joan Scott, Helen Smith, Peter Summers, Margi/Derek Thwaite, Dorothy Unsworth, Margaret Warren, Barbara White, Stan Wilcock, Caroline Williams, Jude Williams, Enid Woolley, Pat Woollands, Irene Yeates, Mark Young,

## **Please pray for the bereaved families of:**

Keith Anderton, Frank Malone

## **Please pray for:**

Intercessors

# news

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## **T.A.N.G.O Job positions**

We're excited to announce a couple of exciting roles within T.A.N.G.O the Community Outreach Project of St Mark's Haydock. Could you, or someone you know, be our next Cafe lead (chef) or Administrator? For more info check out <https://www.stmarkshaydock.org/jobs/> All applications need to have been received by the 21st November.

## **NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY 20th NOVEMBER in SALFORD**

This will be a brilliant Saturday of worship, great teaching and equipping for all women who attend. If you want further information check out this website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/reset/> and contact Claire Leathers who highly recommends these days. Please let Claire know that you're booked in as shared transport may be an option. You can email her on the new Food Pantry email address [foodpantry@stmarkshaydock.org](mailto:foodpantry@stmarkshaydock.org)

## **T.A.N.G.O FAYRE 20th NOVEMBER in St Mark's Centre**

Save the date. Get loads of fun presents for your loved ones this Christmas and support the amazing ministry of our local mission organisation.

## **T.A.N.G.O PHONE NUMBER**

For the foreseeable future, please contact T.A.N.G.O on this mobile number due to substantial faults on the line. **PLEASE CONTACT TANGO ON 07583414424.** Whenever this changes and the landlines are finally restored, it will be communicated here!

## **CAFE, QUIZ & CAROLS**

On Sunday 5th December at 7.30pm, we are having a cafe quiz and carols evening in church! There will be live music, Phil will be leading a Christmas themed quiz, and refreshments will be provided! If you want any more information, or are able to provide a cake for the evening or any other help, please contact Alison Carson, or give Phil a call in the office.

## **HELP NEEDED**

At the recent open forum evening, concern was expressed that people did not know what specific volunteer help the church needs. To this end, we have produced two lists which will be displayed at the back of Church each week to enable volunteers to sign up for jobs.

One list identifies roles on a weekly basis, the second shows specific jobs that need doing around the church campus and within the two houses, this list will be updated regularly. Any help you can provide will be much appreciated both in maintaining the fabric of the church and supporting its mission objectives within the parish.