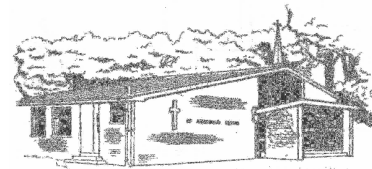


St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



A PARTNER CHURCH IN THE HORWICH & RIVINGTON TEAM
COMMITTED TO THE SAVING GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

29th November 2009
Advent Sunday

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

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Weekly Notice Sheet: Jill Harley

Children & Youth Groups: Co-ordinator : Jacqueline Cunningham

Sunday Club: Lynn Threadgold or Anthony Greenhill

Treasure Chest: Anthony Greenhill

Pathfinders: Jenny Davies or Sam Hannah)

CYFA: Jacqueline; Graham Smith; Gill Smart

Service Teams: Green - Pat; Red - Barry; Blue - Marian.

Prayer Chain Members: Marian Fraser, Jean Garner, Margaret Hannis, Pat Greenhill, Greta Knowles, Marian Lane,.

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A Rich and Powerful Season of the Church Year.



We often miss Advent's power because December seems full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness distracts us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. As we begin Advent, we light one candle in

the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience His coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for His coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth. **Let us pray in Advent time with longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.** *Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*



TODAY

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Michael

Readings

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p.1187)

Luke 21:25-36 (p.1057)

15.00

REDEDICATION SERVICE

at Holy Trinity

with Bishop Chris Edmondson

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Peter

Readings

Rev 14:13-15:4 (p.1243)

John 3:1-17 (p.1065)

DIARY

Monday 30th

14.00 Meditation (St. Cath's)

Tuesday 1st Dec

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting (St. Cath's)

Wednesday 2nd

10.00 Holy Communion

13.45 Lilian Hart's Funeral

18.30 Treasure Chest

19.15 Healing Course (10)

Thursday 3rd

19.00 Meditation (St. Elizabeth's)

20.00 House Group (SJ)

20.00 CYFA

Friday 4th

18.00 Civic Christmas Tree Service

Saturday 5th

09.30 Celebrate Advent

SHOEBOX RESULT!



10148 (7707 from Bolton) shoeboxes have been received, processed and packed into cartons ready to be sent to Siberia. Thanks very much to everyone who has helped in any way. A tremendous Team effort.

Advent begins today - please see the back page



Please stay for refreshments
after the morning service.

Hearing loop system
available



SERVICES & EVENTS

6th December - Advent 2

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Peter Speaker: Heather

Readings

Malachi 3: 1-4 (p.961)

Luke 3: 1-6 (p.1029)

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Martyn

Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.723)

Luke 1: 1-25 (p.1025)

DIARY

Monday 7th

14.00 Meditation (St. Cath's)

Tuesday 8th

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting (St. Cath's)

20.00 Music Group

Wednesday 9th

10.00 Holy Communion

Thursday 10th

19.00 Meditation (St. Elizabeth's)

20.00 House Group (BT)

20.00 CYFA

Christmas Services at St Elizabeth's

Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Sunday Club & Explorer Nativity
Sunday 20th	4.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 24th	4.00 pm	Candlelight Crib Service
Thursday 24th	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Friday 25th	10.00 am	Family Communion

Please continue to pray for Paul, Jackie, Abraham, Reuben and Joel, as their move comes ever closer. Paul's Licensing is on Monday 11th January 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: especially the family & friends of Lilian Hart & May Shea (Ali's mum) and all those remembering anniversaries at this time **...THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND:** Alice Carter, Annie Dale, Don Williams, Amy Harvey, Ivy Weaver, Jane Miller. **...THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S:** David Croston, Jacqueline Cunningham, Doris Nicholls, Joan Kearsley, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay. **...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND:** Elizabeth Stokes (*friend of Jill Harley*), Brenda Craston, Hayley Thompson (*Aubrey & Iris' granddaughter*), Tricia Beckley (*Margaret & Rick's daughter*), Tracie Porter (*Sheila's daughter-in-law*), Barbara & Gordon Saul (*best friends of the Watsons*), Vivien Dickinson (*Doreen Dennett's daughter*), Julia Bennett, Dawn Farrington, Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*).

Please pray too for families and friends anxious about their loved ones.

NEWS & NOTICES

LIGHTING of the CIVIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Our new Methodist minister, Revd. Graham Smith will lead the celebration on the Crown roundabout on Friday 4th December at 6 pm. All welcome.

CELEBRATE ADVENT with PRAYER & FEASTING

As in previous years there will be an opportunity to respond to the call to prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Saviour's birth. There will be silence to sit and escape from the busyness of the day, time to engage with different approaches to prayer and time to challenge our thoughts and attitudes, followed by an Advent meal together. It will be on Saturday 5th December, from 9.30 am, in Church, with space for refreshments, relaxation, children & young people and later, our meal together, in the Hall. **Please sign the sheet at the back of Church to help us with numbers.** Donations for food will be invited on the day. See Mark Green or Jill Harley for more details.

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST

9th year running AND prices have been frozen due to the credit crunch! - still only 15p per card minimum donation. There will be a box in Church from Nov 29th to Dec 13th. Please ensure cards are correctly addressed including a postcode if possible. Can only deliver in Horwich within the designated boundary (map displayed on post box)

THANK YOU!

Peter would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the very generous Amazon voucher gift following his ordination. He can't wait to order some more books! Jill says could she please have a new extension to fit in the new bookcases!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES FLYERS

If you can distribute some of these flyers, there are plenty at the back of Church - feel free to give them to everyone you meet! Let's fill the Church this Christmastime!

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2009

As from today there is a board at the back of Church for those who would like to write just one Christmas card to the Church family and donate the money you have saved by not writing to everyone. In the past we have given significant sums of money to Tear Fund, Winter Watch, Church Army and bought goats, water taps and similar for overseas aid. This time the money will go to support **The Eden Bus Project** as they 'drive' into their second year. Please give generously directly into the little red bus. Thank you.

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A comprehensive list of Fairtrade shopping websites is now available on the diocesan site. Whether you are looking for toys, gifts, cards, clothes, flowers, ethical gifts or even a Christmas tree this year, be sure to browse the extensive list of shops. Go to www.manchester.amglican.org/fairtrade