

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

Team Clergy: Stephen Fletcher Michael Behrend
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Verger & Church Bookings: Margaret Hannis

PCC Secretary: Donna Talbot

Treasurer: Edith Bearshaw

House Group Co-ordinator: Barry Taziker

Hall Bookings: Mark & Alison Green

Weekly Notice Sheet: Jill Harley

Children & Youth Groups: Co-ordinator : Jacqueline Cunningham

Sunday Club: Lynn Threadgold or Anthony Greenhill

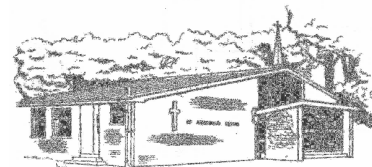
Treasure Chest: Anthony Greenhill

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,.



St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

6th December 2009
Advent 2



TODAY

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Peter

President: 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)

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DIARY

Monday 7th

14.00 Meditation (St. Cath's)

19.30 Bishops Cert. In Children's
Ministry (2) - Vestry

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



Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take a deep breath, and say a prayer. As we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we can say the words, "Our God will come to save us!" The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: *"Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."* Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness.

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him when He comes in glory, for He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Prayers for Healing are available for anyone who wishes, to the right of the Communion rail, after receiving Communion.

SHOEBOXES INTENDED DESTINATION!



Congratulations to Margaret Kay who spotted last week's 'deliberate' mistake!! The 7707 shoeboxes from Bolton were not sent to Siberia as printed but to Serbia. Thanks very much to everyone who helped in any way with the process. A tremendous effort by Churches Together .



Please stay for refreshments
after the morning service.

Hearing loop system
available



SERVICES & EVENTS

13th December - Advent 3

10.00

ALL-AGE WORSHIP

Sunday Club/Explorers

NATIVITY

Leader: Anthony Speaker: Martyn

Reading

Luke 3:7-18

18.30

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Michael

Readings

Isaiah 35

Luke 1:57-66

DIARY

Monday 14th

13.30 Monday Mix

14.00 Meditation (St. Cath's)

Tuesday 15th

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting (St. Cath's)

20.00 Music Group

Wednesday 16th

10.00 Holy Communion

Thursday 17th

19.00 Meditation (St. Elizabeth's)

20.00 House Group (SJ)

20.00 CYFA Christmas Party

THANK YOU from Alison, Mark, Rebecca and Thomas for all the cards, prayers, love and support received from friends at St Elizabeth's after the death of Ali's mum, it has been much appreciated.

THANK YOU from Shirley for all the prayers over the past few months for Ian, Oscar & Harry as they began a difficult new start in Australia. Shirley & John have just returned from there and say they are well, settling down and enjoying their new lives.

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 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*), Jane Boyce & family (*following a house fire - family & pets ok*).

NEWS & NOTICES

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE in CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A reminder that the 2nd session is tomorrow at 7.30 pm in the vestry.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2009

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.

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)

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!

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday 11th December at 7.30 pm The Rivington and Adlington Brass Band are giving a Christmas Concert in St Catherine's Church. Tickets available priced Adults £6.50 (children £4.00) or you can pay on the door. Tel: 07803093704 to reserve tickets.

COCKERMOUTH CHURCH FLOOD APPEAL

The Vicar and congregation of Christ Church, Cockermouth, have been providing meals and other support for those affected by the recent floods (*as seen on TV on the news and The ONE Show*), but are running out of funds to continue their work. If you can help, please send a donation direct, made out to 'Christ Church DCC' to Rev Wendy Sanders, The Rectory, Lorton Road, COCKERMOUTH, Cumbria CA13 9DU.