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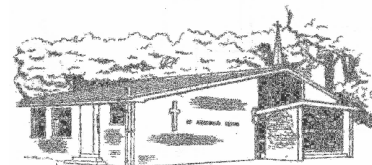
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St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

13th December 2009
Advent 3

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TODAY

10.00

ALL-AGE WORSHIP
Sunday Club/Explorers
NATIVITY

Leader: Anthony Speaker: Martyn

18.30

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Michael

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p.947)

Philippians 4:4-7 (p.1181)

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



Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks. We begin this third week of Advent asking to feel the joy that comes from knowing our Lord's coming to us is near. In these precious days ahead, we are praying, longing, hoping in the background of our everyday lives.

His mission is for each of us who ask, "What must we do?" He tells us to give away our coats, our security. He asks that we not bully people but be content with our lives. We can smile today as we imagine the freedom he has won for us and how liberating it will be to live it, with him, for others. It is right to give our God thanks and praise.

Let us pray, this Advent for joy and hope in the coming Lord. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



WELCOME to everyone this morning especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time.

Christmas Services at St Elizabeth's

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



Next week's notice sheet will be a seasonal 2 week edition. The following issue will be on 3rd January 2010.



Please stay for refreshments after the morning service.

Hearing loop system available



SERVICES & EVENTS

20th December - Advent 4

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Peter Speaker: Anthony

Readings

Micah 5:2-5a (p.933)

Luke 1:39-45 (p.1026)

18.30

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

(followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies)

Leader & Speaker: Martyn

Monday 21st

10.30 Greenbank Communion

14.00 Meditation (St. Cath's)

Tuesday 22nd

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting (St. Cath's)

Wednesday 23rd

10.00 Holy Communion

Thursday 24th

4.00 Candlelight Crib Service

11.30 Midnight Communion

Friday 25th

10.00 Family Communion

S.T.E.P.S. 4 JESUS

This is the name of our new Puppet Team - **St Elizabeth's Puppets 4 Jesus**. Following their debut on Shoebox Sunday some useful feedback was received e.g. the sound and volume issue. The next 'show' will be at the Crib Service and after that the Family Fun Day - please support our youngsters as they start to build and develop their own ministry.

Please continue to pray for Paul, Jackie, Abraham, Reuben and Joel, as they celebrate Christmas and then plan to move around 30th December. Paul's Licensing is on Monday 11th January 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: especially 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:** Emma (*op. next Tues, granddaughter of Peter & Jean*), Elizabeth Stokes (*friend of Jill Harley*), Brenda Craston, Hayley Thompson (*Aubrey & Iris' granddaughter*), Tracie Porter (*Sheila's daughter-in-law*), Barbara & Gordon Saul (*best friends of the Watsons*), Vivien Dickinson (*Doreen Dennett's daughter*), Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*), Jane Boyce & family (*following a house fire - family & pets ok*).

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

NEWS AND NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP BRING A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER?

As last year the Middlebrook Chaplaincy and friends will be giving out Christmas cards to shop assistants this weekend and next. Wendy White would appreciate any help you can give, even if it's only for an hour. It would also be lovely if members of the congregations go shopping armed with an ordinary Christmas card to give away too! To contact Wendy ring 01204 525732 or email : middlebrookchaplain@live.co.uk

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2009

Don't forget that you can write just one Christmas card to your Church family and give a donation to support **The Eden Bus Project** as they 'drive' into their second year. Please give generously directly into the little red bus. Thank you.

ARE THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES FLYERS WASTED?

There are still plenty of the flyers at the back of Church - please take some to give to your friends, neighbours and acquaintances! If everyone only brought one other person, just imagine how full our Church would be this Christmastime!

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.

ANNUAL COVENANT SERVICE

On Sunday 3rd January at 6.30 pm, we are invited to join our Methodist friends at St. John's Methodist Church, Victoria Road for their Covenant Service. This special service, started by John Wesley, is a time to renew our commitment to Christ and His Church. This year, the guest preacher is Rev David Griffiths, and the service will be led by the new Horwich Methodist minister, Rev Graham Smith.

SCRIPTURE UNION NORTHERN TRAINING CONFERENCE

Scripture Union is holding its Northern Training Conference from 22-24 January at Swanwick for people involved in ministry to children and young people.

The Friday evening keynote address will set out the challenges of communicating the Bible in today's world. The conference streams will focus on a key area of ministry: Mission, Leadership & Communication.