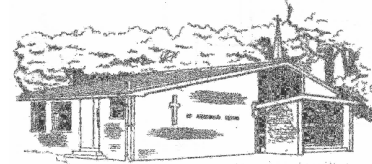


St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

3rd January 2010
Christmas 2

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

Team Clergy: Stephen Fletcher Michael Behrend
Terry Litherland Anthony Greenhill
Peter Harley Martyn Day

General Church Matters: Andrew Threadgold Gill Smart

General Pastoral Care: Jean Garner

Services Co-ordinator: Peter Harley

Verger & Church Bookings: Margaret Hannis

SHOEBOX THANKS!

(This message was received by David Hawes from Serbia)

Dear Friends at Horwich, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your great love and much work you have invested into this years great ministry of advertising, collecting, packing and loading shoeboxes for many kids around the Globe. We are specially grateful that we at TABITA, Social Humanitarian Association, could be engaged in this great ministry of distribution in the part of Vojvodina. Most of the shoeboxes which you have send to TABITA, are given to the Municipality of Zrenjanin, City in Banat for the schools there. A member of the Open Door ministry in Elemir is responsible for organizing the distribution of donated shoeboxes there. Two other beneficiaries are villages with more than 5000 inhabitants: Elimir & Taras, beside river Tisa. Another village is Melenci. In boat places we have special program in public hall with more hundreds seats. We are looking ahead with expectations toward these event, to bring beautiful Christmas gifts and Good news about the unchanging love of God to all people in Jesus Christ. Please receive warmest greetings with best wishes and blessings for all you have done to make this joy possible. Rev Zelimir Srnec

MEDITATION GROUPS

Thursday Meditation restarts this Thursday at St Elizabeth's. Monday group is now meeting at Holy Trinity. Everyone welcome at either or both groups. For more information please contact Shirley Turton, 01204 697430, Shirley@the-turtons.me.uk or Fliss Shaw, 01204 696851 rev.fmshaw@tesco.net

LOOKING AHEAD!

Family Fun Day - 23 Jan
PCC - 25 Jan
Candlemas at Rivington - 31 Jan



WISHING YOU ALL A PEACEFUL & FULFILLING NEW YEAR

TODAY

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Stephen Speaker: Peter

Readings

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.1174)

Matthew 2:1-12 (p.966)

18.30

COVENANT SERVICE

at St. John's Methodist

ALL WELCOME

Monday 4th

14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity

Tuesday 5th

20.00 Music Group

Wednesday 6th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest re-starts

Thursday 7th

19.00 Meditation - St Elizabeth's

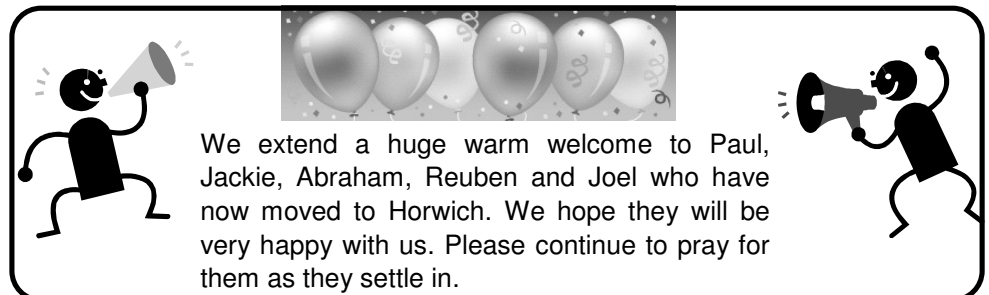
20.00 CYFA re-starts

Saturday 9th

10.00 Team Preachers Meeting

ANNUAL COVENANT SERVICE TONIGHT

As always, we are invited to the joint Covenant Service at St John's for an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and His Church. The new Horwich Methodist minister, Rev Graham Smith will be preaching and Rev David Griffiths will be presiding. All Welcome.



SERVICES & DIARY

10th January - Epiphany 1

10.00

SUNDAY SPECIAL

Leader: Peter Speaker: Anthony

Readings

Acts 8:14-17 (p.1101)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p.1029)

18.30

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Stephen

Readings

Romans 6.1-11 (p.1132)

Mark 1.4-11 (p.1002)

DIARY

Monday 11th

14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity

19.30 Paul Dever's Licensing

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Magazine Meeting

19.00 Worship Band Meal

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 14th

19.00 Meditation - St Elizabeth's

19.30 Shoebox Experience - H/T

20.00 CYFA

NEWS AND NOTICES

PAUL'S LICENSING

Our Church is only small and space will be at a premium for the licensing of Paul next week. To keep track of numbers for catering and seating we are issuing tickets for the service. Please fill in the sheet at the back of church or see the wardens to ensure you get a ticket. They will be given on a first come, first served basis so sign up soon if you want to come.

NEW MUSICAL FUTURE

Are you interested in being involved in the Worship Band (aka Music Group) at St Elizabeth's? If you are, then Paul and Jackie would like to invite you to a light supper on Tuesday January 12th at 7 pm at the Vicarage, to discuss the way forward. Please give your names to Wendy or Jacqueline.

DISTRIBUTION of SHOEBOXES

Carol Hartley has agreed to speak to all the warehouse volunteers, and anyone else interested, on the distribution of shoeboxes in Eastern Europe. She has been on several trips and has many experiences and photographs to share with us. The meeting will take place at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 14th January at 7.30 pm. All Welcome.

INTERNATIONAL FUN DAY

We really want to welcome the Dever family with this event

Please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Gill Smart to offer to help, if just for an hour or two on Saturday 23 January 10.30-2.00 pm. There will be an international theme running through the games and also Lizzies Continental Café with maybe even a visit by StEPs, our new puppet team!

REP STILL NEEDED for CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sheila Jones has been CTH & R rep. for several years now and wishes to take a break so we need another rep. Meetings are 5-6 times per year and this is a very interesting time to join this group and see how God is working through the Churches in Horwich. Thank you to Sheila for the years she has represented St. Elizabeth's and if anyone is interested please contact Shirley, our other rep.

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.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE

This annual service at Rivington Church is on Sunday 31st January 2010 at 6.30 pm, when the guest Preacher will be David Griffiths. Please join us for his special service of recommitment to Christ at the start of a New Year.

LETTER FROM PAUL

If you did not receive a Christmas letter from Paul, our new vicar, there are some extra copies available at the back of Church. Please feel free to take one.

VISION DAY

The Vision Day planned for 6th February is intended to provide an opportunity for Paul to get to know us better and to help discern God's will for St Elizabeth's as we move into the future together. There are additional booking forms at the back of Church and it would help with planning & catering if you could please respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

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: Jacqueline Cunningham, Doris Nicholls, Joan Kearsley, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Emma (*Peter & Jean's granddaughter*), 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.