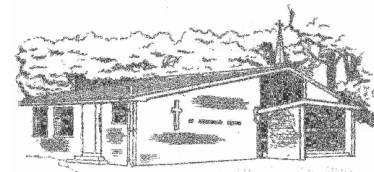


St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

10th January 2010
Epiphany 1

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Clergy: Vicar: Paul Dever (as of 12th Jan)
Curate: Peter Harley
Retired: Anthony Greenhill

Church Wardens: Andrew Threadgold
Gill Smart

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Jean Garner

Services Coordinator: Peter Harley

Verger & Church Bookings: Margaret Hannis

PCC Secretary: Donna Talbot

Treasurer: Edith Bearshaw

House Group Coordinator: Barry Taziker

Hall Bookings: Mark Green

Weekly Notice Sheet: Jill Harley

**Children
& Youth Groups Coordinator:** Jacqueline Cunningham

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 Web Site: <http://www.stelizabethshorwich.co.uk>

Web Site Manager: Jill Harley (suggestions welcome)

Magazine Representative: Jill Harley (articles by 2nd Friday of month please)

Team Office: Mon-Fri 10 -12

TODAY

10.00

SUNDAY SPECIAL

Leader: Anthony Speaker: Peter

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

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 Srnc

PAUL IS BEING LICENSED TOMORROW!

Please see Andrew Threadgold or Jill Harley to ensure you get a ticket. We would like to see the Church overflowing with support for Paul, Jackie, Abraham, Reuben and Joel at this very special service with Bishop Christopher to welcome Paul into his new dual post. Plus it would be helpful to know you were coming to ensure everyone has a seat and some refreshments afterwards!

DISTRIBUTION of SHOEBOXES

Carol Hartley is at Holy Trinity this Thursday at 7:30 pm speaking about the distribution of Shoeboxes in Eastern Europe. She has made several trips in the past and is an excellent communicator with lots of pictures of the children who have received boxes. There will also be the Thank You power point presentation from Operation Christmas Child distributed by headquarters in December.

Please ask for help if you are struggling with mobility or shopping during these severe weather conditions. **N.B.** Cancelled & re-scheduled meetings are currently being noted on the web site. Please give relevant details to Jill Harley.

SERVICES & DIARY

17th January - Epiphany 2

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Paul

Readings

Philippians 2:14-17 (p.1179)

Matthew 28:16-20 (p.1001)

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Paul

Readings

As Above

DIARY

Monday 18th

14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity

Wednesday 20th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 21st

19.00 Meditation - St Elizabeth's

19.30 Deanery Chapter

20.00 CYFA

20.00 House Group (BT)

Saturday 23rd

10.30 Family Fun Day

NEWS AND NOTICES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be at 7.30 pm on Friday 22 January at 687 Chorley New Road, Horwich. We will have an evening of prayer, fellowship & discussion about all things spiritual & otherwise! All most 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!

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. All welcome to this special service of recommitment to Christ at the start of a New Year.

EXPLORING FORGIVENESS WITH re:LENT

re:Lent is a new creative worship event, coming in the Spring, to help us explore forgiveness and reconciliation along with others, both young and old. Led by the Bishop of Middleton, re:Lent will explore Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. Each event has been timed to enable children to attend, as well as young people and adults. Each session will include food, bible study and interactive creative activities. The project will culminate in an Easter celebration at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday 24 April when the fruit of the creative work will be revealed and put on display. Bring a packed tea, cake and drinks provided. If you can attend any meetings call 0161 828 1400 or email sum@manchester.anglican.org Or speak to our wardens if you would like to attend the St Elizabeth's event.

Saturday 23 January: St Mark, Worsley 4 pm – 7 pm

Friday 29 January: St Mary, Rawtenstall 6 pm for tea 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Saturday 6 February: St John, Brooklands 4 pm – 7 pm

Sunday 14 February: St Martin, Castleton 4 pm – 7 pm

Friday 26 February: St Elizabeth, Horwich 6 pm for tea 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Sunday 7 March: The Ascension, Hulme 4 pm – 7 pm

Friday 12 March: St Peter Ashton-u-Lyne 6 pm for tea 6:30 pm – 9 pm

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

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Emma Garner (*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.