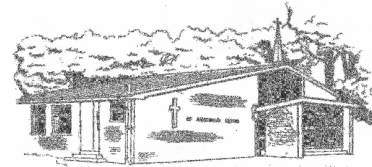


St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

31st January 2010

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MENS FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship are currently in the process of putting together a calendar for 2010. To provide some regularity it is proposed that it meets on the last Friday evening of each month as a rule (but retaining flexibility depending on the planned event for that month). It would be good to hear from anyone who has any suggestions for any activities the group could undertake; please speak to Stephen Pickup (01204 698542), e-mail stephenpickup@msn.com or Mark Leeson greyhead30@hotmail.com. Many thanks.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

This year's AGM will be on Sunday 25th April followed by a shared lunch. Please put the date in your diaries. If you are on the electoral roll you have a say and a vote! Come and exercise them both!

*Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and **don't forget to thank Him for His answers.** Phil 4:6 (Living Bible)*

TODAY

A Growing Community

10.00

MORNING SERVICE (COMMUNION)

Leader: Peter Speaker: Paul

Reading

John 15 (p.1083)

18.30

EVENING SERVICE

Leader: Peter Speaker: Paul

Reading

As Above

also

18.30

CANDLEMAS SERVICE at RIVINGTON

Guest Preacher: David Griffiths

THIS WEEK

Monday 1st February

- 14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity
- 18.30 Pathfinders Social (Church)
- 19.30 HEBP Steering Committee at St Elizabeth's (Vestry)
- 19.30 Licensing of Rector of Deane

Tuesday 2nd

- 10.00 Leadership Team
- 10.00 Magazine meeting
- 19.30 Worship Band
- 19.30 Eden Bus & Prayer Mtg

Wednesday 3rd

- 10.00 Holy Communion
- 18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 4th

- 19.00 Meditation - St Elizabeth's
- 20.00 CYFA - Confirmation Prep (1)
- 20.00 House Groups (SJ & BT)

Saturday 6th

- 10.00 Vision Day

CANDLEMAS SERVICE

The guest preacher at this evening's annual service at Rivington will be David Griffiths All welcome to this special service of recommitment to Christ at the start of a New Year.



Please stay for refreshments after the morning service.

VISION DAY - 6th February

10 am - 3.30 pm (ish!)

What is God's will for St Elizabeth's? How can you help it happen? Join the Vision Day (or even just part of it!) at **St. Peter's Parish Centre** to find out. Sign a circulating clipboard or speak to Paul, or Jill Harley. £10 per adult. U16's free. Lunch included.

SERVICES & DIARY

7th February A Radical Community

10.00

MORNING SERVICE (COMMUNION)

Leader & Speaker: Paul

Reading

Acts 2: 42-47 (p.1094)

18.30

EVENING SERVICE

Leader: Peter Speaker: Paul

Reading

As Above

DIARY

Monday 8th

14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity
19.30 Pastoral Care (Vicarage)

Tuesday 9th

19.30 Worship Band
19.30 Eden Bus & Prayer Mtg

Wednesday 10th

10.00 Holy Communion
18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 11th

19.00 Meditation - St Elizabeth's
20.00 CYFA - Confirmation Prep (2)

NEWS AND NOTICES

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

This year, Confirmation preparation will be held at the CYFA meetings on 4th, 11th & 25th February at 8.00 pm in St Elizabeth's Church. Those over 16 can go on to be confirmed if they wish, by Bishop Chris on Sunday 7th March, 2010, at 4 pm in Holy Trinity. We will also be welcoming candidates from Blackrod Parish Church, and St. Ann's Church, Turton to the service.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Please note this meeting has been moved from tomorrow to next Monday (8th February) and will be held in the Vicarage.

RE:LENT IS HERE ON 26TH FEBRUARY

Have you booked? Traditionally, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation recalling the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion before the celebrations of Easter. To help us prepare this year, there is a new creative event called re:Lent, led by the Bishop of Middleton, aimed at all ages and held in different churches throughout the diocese. St Elizabeth's is hosting the one on 26th February, starting at 6 pm. Bring the family, bring your packed tea & drinks & cakes will be supplied. See the poster at the back of Church and book your place with Gill or Andrew. It's free!

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT SERVICES 2010

'People on the Edge of His Pain'

Based on a series of BBC broadcasts during Lent, our services look at some of the key characters in the Passion narratives and consider issues of today that resonate with these characters. Each week begins with *Sunday Worship* on BBC Radio 4 (0810-0850), complemented by additional programmes on the *Daily Service* (0945-1000 BBC R4 LW), and Sunday morning BBC local radio programmes will carry special items based on the themes of the course. These themes will then be taken up in that week's Lenten Service. Poster and flyers at the back of Church.

Week 1 - Monday 22nd February, 7.30 pm at St. John's Methodist Church

"Jesus – in the Wilderness" – Rev Wendy White

Week 2 - Tuesday 2nd March, 7.30 pm at Independent Methodist Church

"Mary Magdalene – Soul Sister" – Rev Mike Faun

Week 3 - Wednesday 10th March, 7.30 pm at Horwich Evangelical Church

"Judas – Cheating Heart" – Rev Stephen Fletcher

Week 4 - Thursday 18th March, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

"Mary – Grieving Mother" – Rev Paul Dever

Week 5 - Friday 26th March, 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity (*Horwich Parish*) Church

"Peter – Weakest Link?" – Mr Jim Hodgkinson

All are welcome to in walking the Way of the Cross in Lent

AGM REPORTS

Will all group leaders please submit a short report on group activities for the AGM. It should be no more than a couple of paragraphs on the past year. Please email or give to Gill or Donna by Sunday February 7th - NEXT WEEK! Thank you

FUN DAY PRIZE WINNERS!

Treasure Hunt: Jean Garner

World Flags: Joint Winners

Matthew Threadgold, Alice Martindale

Jenga Tower: Reuben Dever

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year's annual joint team service is in St Elizabeth's at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th February. All Welcome.

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*).

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