

## CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

**Team Clergy :** Stephen Fletcher      Michael Behrend  
Terry Litherland      Anthony Greenhill

**General Church Matters :** Andrew Threadgold Gill Smart

**General Pastoral Care :** Jean Garner

**Services Co-ordinator :** Peter Harley

**Verger & Church Bookings :** Margaret Hannis

**PCC Secretary :** Donna Talbot

**Treasurer :** Edith Bearshaw

**House Group Co-ordinator :** Barry Taziker

**Hall Bookings :** Alison Green

**Weekly Notice Sheet :** Jill Harley. Items by Wednesday please.

**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

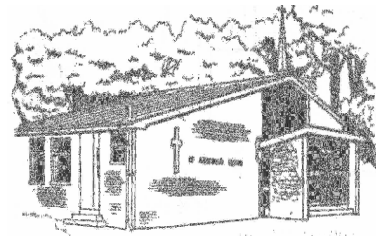
**Service Teams :** Green - Pat; Red - Barry; Blue - Marian.

**Prayer Chain Members :** Jill Harley, Marian Fraser, Jean Garner, Margaret Hannis, Pat Greenhill, Greta Knowles, Marian Lane, Hazel Marshall.

**Team Office :** Mon-Fri 10 -12 Tel : 692252

**Baptism Enquiries :** Co-ordinator - Caroline Tracey . Leaflets in Church

**Wedding Enquiries :** Team Co-ordinator - Brenda Craston




# St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

30th November 2008  
Advent Sunday



**TODAY**  
10.00  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Leader & Speaker : Terry  
**Readings**  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p.1144)  
Mark 13:24-37 (p.1019)  
18.30  
**ADVENT SERVICE  
at Holy Trinity**  
A service of Music, Readings and  
Hymns to give a rousing start to the  
Ecclesiastical New Year.  
All welcome.

**MONDAY 1st**  
14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity  
19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 1


**TUESDAY 2nd**  
19.30 Eden Bus in Horwich &  
19.30 Prayer mtg. - St. Catherine's

**WEDNESDAY 3rd**  
10.00 Holy Communion  
11.00 Chaplaincy Open Morning  
18.15 Treasure Chest

**THURSDAY 4th**  
19.00 Meditation at H/Trinity  
20.00 CYFA Quiz Night  
20.00 House group (SJ)

**FRIDAY 5th**  
18.00 Lighting the Civic  
Christmas Tree at The Crown

**SATURDAY 6th**  
09.00 Church Family Away Day  
(Meet at St. Elizabeth's)



**CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS**  
At the back of church are  
some A5 leaflets giving  
details of our Christmas  
services. Please feel free to  
take one to give to a friend.

**Please stay for refreshments  
after the service today.**

**SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST**  
Begins TODAY until 14th Dec. Still  
15p per card. All fully and correctly  
addressed cards can be delivered  
within the Horwich boundary. Post  
box is at the back of Church.

## A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

We are invited to share a in concert with St. Mary's Church on 12th December at 7.30 pm. Local singers and musicians will present songs of the 20th Century plus light classical pieces. Proceeds will go to the Salesian Missions caring for disadvantaged 3rd world children. Tickets £5 (£3 children). Contact Paul Abbott (693745)

## TEAM CONFIRMATION SERVICE

This will take place on Sunday 1st February, 2009, at 10.00 am in St. Katharine's Church, Blackrod, with Bishop Chris. 7 church-members will be confirmed at this joint service in our neighbouring Parish. Please pray for them and put the date in your diary so you can support them if you are able.

## CHRISTMAS DAY TREAT

Bishop Chris, the Bishop of Bolton has arranged to come to St. Elizabeth's on Christmas Day for the 10.00 am service to preach and preside at Communion. Let's be sure to give him a St. Elizabeth's welcome!

## "WHO WAS and IS and IS TO COME"

**Next Saturday** we are off to the wilds near Huddersfield for our Church Family Away Day! Please meet at St. Elizabeth's at 9 am for your lift, unless you have been told otherwise! Still a few places available and **all welcome** but we need to know numbers for catering. Further details from Mark or Jill.

## SERVICES & EVENTS

**7th December**

10.00

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: Peter President: Anthony

Guest Speaker: Wendy White

(URC Minister &

Middlebrook Chaplain)

#### Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.723)

Mark 1:1-8 (p.1002)

18.30

### **(JOINT) HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader & Speaker : Stephen

#### Readings

Romans 15:4-13 (p.1141)

Matthew 11:2-11 (p.976)

**MONDAY 8th**

14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity

19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 2

20.00 ? NCD Meeting (TBC)

**TUESDAY 9th**

19.30 Eden Bus in Horwich &

19.30 Prayer mtg. - St. Catherine's

20.00 Music Group Worship

**WEDNESDAY 10th**

10.00 Holy Communion

**THURSDAY 11th**

19.00 Meditation at H/Trinity

20.00 House group (BT)



**Advent  
begins  
today**

## NEWS & NOTICES

### ADVENT PRAYER and REFLECTION

Each Monday evening during Advent there will be an opportunity to spend time looking at Advent and preparing for Christmas. All welcome. From 7 pm, in the vestry, on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December.

### CYFA QUIZ NIGHT

It's now a tradition.....the next CYFA Quiz Night is on 4th December in Church. As before, teams of 4 - £1 each. Refreshments available. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Eyes down at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

### BRASS BAND CONCERT

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St. Catherine's 7.30 pm there will be a brass band concert "**Christmas Brass**" – given by the Rivington and Adlington Brass Band. Tickets: £6.50 (children £4.00) .Pay on the door or reserve on 07803093704.

### THE WHEELS ON THE BUS....

To help keep the Eden Bus coming to Horwich, we have to raise £10 per week in the little red bus money box at the back of church. Thanks to support already and a generous donation, our contribution to the upkeep of the Eden Bus has so far been met. But we need to keep raising the pennies, so please, if you have any loose change in your pocket..... Every little helps. Thank you.

### LEPROSY BOXES

Please return your collecting boxes to Edith as soon as possible. Thank you.

### SHOEBOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way with the shoeboxes. At time of going to press we had processed 9739! Final figures to be announced! The lorry picked up all the boxes and set off for Romania yesterday.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

As before, if you wish to give just one Christmas card to all your Church family and make a donation in lieu of what you would have spent on cards, there is the Christmas Board set up at the back of church. In the past your donations have supported Ethical gifts, Kate Hatton, Tear Fund & Winter Watch.

### HORWICH CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY

**Could you be a chaplain at Horwich Campus?** CTiH&R are working with Bolton Community College to appoint a volunteer chaplain at the Horwich Campus on Victoria Road. Involving between 2 - 4 hrs/week at the campus offering pastoral support to students and staff. There is an opportunity to tour Horwich Campus and find out more about the role at an **Open Morning 11-1 pm (including lunch)** on **Wed. 3rd December**. For more information, please contact John Howard-Norman (697259).

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning.

**Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED:** and those remembering anniversaries at this time.

**...THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND:** 'Lenny' Holden (*Allan's mum*), Alice Carter, Annie Dale, Don Williams, Elsie Williams, Kathleen Wallwork, Amy Harvey, Ivy Weaver, Jane Miller, Jessie Kershaw.

**...THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S:** Brian Slack (Joyce's husband in hospital), Bob Clenton (*undergoing chemotherapy*), Allan Holden (*having tests & treatment*), Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

**...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND:** Doreen Sharples, Sue McKee (friend of Margaret Hannis, home but still unwell), Kim Shaw (Rick's niece).