

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

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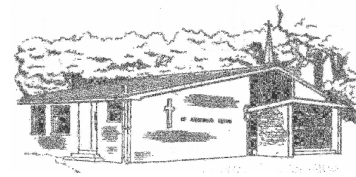
Treasurer : Edith Bearshaw

House Group Co-ordinator : Barry Taziker

Hall Bookings : Alison Green

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

ANTHONY WRITES: *Fri 20 Feb:* Go with P D John and Ramesh to put in second application for Ramesh's UK visa. Hope to do the 3 hour bus journey to Bulandshahr and if necessary stay overnight at the former Interserve school. Ensure bicycles in good working order and get an Indian sim card for my mobile. If not too late, cycle to Sahakari Nagar, to spend almost a week with Ramesh Chandra Paul. In 1999 Hindu extremists threatened to burn Ramesh and his family; now he is Pastor of a growing 'Church of the Nazarene' which has its own building, I'll be preaching there ***Sun 22 Feb***, and speaking in other nearby villages where Ramesh has Christian groups, usually of 2/3 families. Ramesh now has work in perhaps 30 villages and I hope we can visit some I've never been to. Ramesh has a co-pastor, Rajkumar, who takes responsibility for some villages. ***Thurs 26th Feb:*** Cycle to Bulandshahr, & hope to have some time with the children in Masihi Kanya Vidyalya (used to be our mission's school). The school has several hundred pupils, boys and girls, some in the boarding hostels, a few are Christians from the villages. The school is now English-medium since no-one in North India seems to want their children taught in Hindi any more. Present superintendent is Mrs Anugrah Simon, who was a child in the school when I was there in the sixties! ***Fri 27th Feb:*** Hope to take bus (2 hours!) to Narora to visit Roshan Lal, who I've know since he was a boy in Pilkhanwali village. He's a senior medical officer in a colony for workers at a nuclear power plant. He has been leading a church for Christians in the colony. There are strains in his marriage. Bus back on the Saturday. ***Sun 1st Mar:*** Preach at All Saints' the British built CNI (Church of North India) church in Bulandshahr town. Congregation is mainly children and staff of the former Interserve school and hostels, Masihi Kanya Vidyalya. Rev Jagdish Masih, who I'd known since the 60s, has now retired; and I don't know who is the new presbyter of the church. Then on to Pilkhanwali village, visit the 'Compassion' project in Miss Page's old house. Miss Page was the missionary through whom in 1958 God called me to India in the first place. She laboured in Pilkhanwali for many years with little visible result. The project children, all from Hindu homes, have western sponsors through the programme which seems to be one of supplementary schooling. P D John's sister Esther runs the programme. All the teachers are of Hindu background, but seem to have become believers in Jesus. Esther's husband Rajiv has started regular Sunday evening services, so I hope to preach. Back to Bulandshahr to sleep.



St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

22nd February 2009
1st before Lent

TODAY

08.45

BCP COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker : Michael

10.00

ALL-AGE WORSHIP & PARADE

Leader: Peter Speaker: Dave

Readings

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p.1160)

Mark 9:2-9 (p.1012)

18.30

CELTIC COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Michael

Readings

2 Peter 1:16-21 (p.1222)

Mark 9:9-13 (p,1012)

**Welcome to our friends
from Holy Trinity**

DIARY

Monday 23rd

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

10.30 Greenbank Communion

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

19.00 Prayer@7

(Shrove) Tuesday 24th

15.00 Community Police Surgery
at the Community Centre

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

(Ash) Wednesday 25th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

19.30 Ash Wednesday Service
at St. Catherine's

Thursday 26th

19.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

20.00 CYFA

20.00 House Groups (SJ & BT)

ECUMENICAL LENT SERVICES

This year, we are following the
Churches Together in England theme

**'Sense Making Faith -
using our senses to encounter God'.**

The first, next week, on Monday 2nd
March is at St. Elizabeth's with
speaker Rev. Mike Faun.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

A joint team service at St.
Catherine's, 7.30 pm – with speaker,
Ven. Alan Wolstencroft

**Please stay for refreshments
after this morning's service.**

SERVICES & EVENTS

1st March

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Stephen

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Eunice

Monday 2nd March FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

10.30 H/Trinity Fellowship Walk

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

19.30 Lent Service (1) here
at St. Elizabeth's

Tuesday 3rd

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

Wednesday 4th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 5th

19.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

20.00 CYFA

Friday 6th

19.30 Women's World Day of Prayer
Service at St. Catherine's

FANTASTIC Church Weekend Away
'At Home' being planned for 3/4/5 July.
Guest Speaker : Bishop Chris. Put it in
your diaries - keep it free! Details to
follow.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Our AGM will take place on Sunday 29 March after the morning service. We do need some church members to put themselves forward to stand for PCC and sidespeople. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do. If you want more information about the role and the commitment please see either of the Wardens or any PCC member. Anyone wanting a full copy of the AGM report can request it by filling in the form at the back of church. Where possible we will email the report to you to save on paper and printing.

ANTHONY HAS GONE TO INDIA. Urgent prayers are required for the passport & visa for PD John and a visa for Ramesh if they are to return to the UK with Anthony on 25th March. The situation needs a miracle. Please pray for Anthony's health & safety whilst away and also keep Pat and the family in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: especially the family & friends of Doll Williams (*Gill Smart's aunt*) and all those remembering anniversaries at this time.

...THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND: Alice Carter, Annie Dale, Don Williams, Elsie Williams, Amy Harvey, Ivy Weaver, Jane Miller.

...THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S: Doris Nicholls (*in Darley Court*), Joan Kearsley, , Bob Clenton (*undergoing radiotherapy*), Allan Holden, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*), Kim Shaw (*Rick's niece*).

NEWS & NOTICES

ELLIOT'S BUSATHON - WELL DONE!

Elliot successfully completed his busathon for Christian Aid last Tuesday although nearly faded away with boredom! If you sponsored him, please pay up. If not there's still time to do so - his sponsor sheet will remain at the back of church for another week and of course you can pay on line too.

HORWICH EDEN BUS – High Tech Mobile Youth Centre

Each Tuesday evening the Eden Double Decker Bus comes to Horwich and parks outside Rivington & Blackrod High School on Albert Street from 7.30 to 8.45 pm. These evenings are going really well with support from all the churches Both adult volunteers and the young people themselves are enjoying the bus very much. God is tangibly present on those evenings and it is a great joy and a wonderful privilege to take part and work alongside each other and the young people themselves. We are still looking for some more volunteers – even if you are only able to commit to one Tuesday evening in the month you would be very welcome. We are especially looking for men as we feel it is important that there is a good mix of both men and women which the young people can relate to. Experience is not necessary just a willingness to love and come alongside these youngsters. Age is no disqualifier – in fact we find that many of our young people relate especially well to the older generation. The primary purpose of the project is to build relationships with a group of local young people who may otherwise have few positive contacts with adults, church or community organisations. In doing this it is hoped that we will be able to sow the seeds of a more positive and hopeful view of life. If you are interested why not come along to see whether you would like to be involved? Alternatively if you would prefer to be involved either with fundraising or prayer for this project your contribution would also be appreciated. Please phone either Graham Smith (Project Coordinator) on 01204 699875 or Caroline Tracey (Chairperson) on 01204 692303.

BOLTON ARCHDEACONRY HEALING QUIET MORNING

On 21st March 9.30 am to 2 pm at Christ Church, Walmersley, Walmersley Road, Bury BL9 5JE with speaker: Bishop Chris Edmondson. Cost: £3.00 per person. *'A time to be quiet before God and consider His healing work in our lives'*

CHURCH WALK

There will be a Church Walk with shared tea afterwards on **Monday 4th May**. The route will follow the boundary of the Horwich and Rivington Team but with places to drop in or out depending on how far you want to walk. We plan to have a picnic lunch at Rivington Church with the young children joining us for part of the walk leading to the Church. If you can't join the walk but wish to take part we will need help with the shared tea, transport and general help both planning and on the day. If you wish to be involved in any way please sign the sheet at the back of church. Some people may like to be sponsored to raise money for church funds which would be welcome but the day is predominantly about fellowship and sharing some time together. If you need more information please see Gill or Graham.