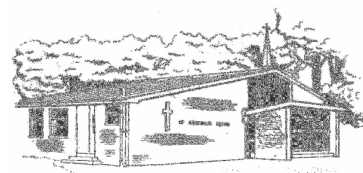


CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

Team Clergy:	Stephen Fletcher	Michael Behrend
	Terry Litherland	Anthony Greenhill
General Church Matters:	Andrew Threadgold	Gill Smart

ANTHONY WRITES: Sun 1st Mar: Preach at the British built CNI church in Bulandshahr town. Congregation is mainly children and staff of the former Interserve school and hostels. Rev Jagdish Masih, who I'd known since the 60s, has now retired; and I don't know who is the new presbyter. 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. **Mon 2nd Mar:** Cycle (by easy stages!) the 24 miles to Chingraoli in the south west of the district. Chingraoli has in recent years had a 'born again' young CNI evangelist Anil Gyanprakash a number of new young Christians and newly built church building. Anil has now left and I don't know if he has been replaced. A Mizo Christian group has built a big English-medium school just outside the village: in 2007 it was functioning with a small staff (who had been shot at by extremists) and 50 children; in 2008 an enlarged team was visiting other villages over quite a wide area, seeking out 'old' Christians and developing a church planting ministry. I'm keen to see what's now happening! **Tue 3rd Mar:** Probably cycle back to Jahangirpur and try for a day-time meeting. Last year we found the Christian primary school open but the CNI evangelist apparently mentally ill and oppressed. He allowed P D John and myself to pray for him, and seemed dramatically better as a result. I don't know what's happened since. Then cycle on to Kwarsi - the one village with a pre-Independence church that has survived, and has been vibrant and growing, supplying Christian workers to a number of other villages, though recently the fire has seemed dimmer. Kwarsi has a CNI evangelist, Alexander Brown, whose relationships with the local Christians seem strained. Expect to have an evening meeting in Kwarsi and stay overnight. Kwarsi is P D John's home village, and I believe he should rebuild his home there and make it his base. **Wed 4th Mar:** Cycle back to Bulandshahr, perhaps stopping on the way for a day time meeting in Kirioli, where there is one Christian family. **Thur 5th Mar:** Bus back to Delhi! **Fri 6th Mar:** Final day with P D John. He is now living in crowded area of Karolbagh where the buildings are one room apartments that almost meet over the narrow side-streets. Each apartment has a tap and a loo and electric supply (sometimes), not much else. P D John started a church among local residents of Rajastani Hindu background. The Spirit has been working through him - he's seen healings, demons cast out and even someone apparently raised from the dead. My prayer for P D John is that he will now be able to hand over the leadership of his Karolbagh church move back to his home village of Kwarsi in Bulandshahr. **Sat 7th Mar:** 10.45 am: Fly Delhi/Dubai/Manchester, with Ramesh and (hopefully) P D John, arriving 6.10 pm.



St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

1st March 2009
1st in Lent

TODAY

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Wendy Speaker: Stephen

Readings

Genesis 9:8-17 (p.10)

Mark 1:9-15 (p.1002)

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Eunice

Readings

Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p.4/5)

Luke 13:31-35 (p. 1047)

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service will be held in St. Catherine's Church on Friday 6th March at 7.30 pm. It has been put together by Christian women of Papua New Guinea, and the theme is:

'In Christ, there are many members, yet one body'.

Although led by local women from the Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington, this service is open to all - men, women, and children.

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

THIS WEEK

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

19.30 Eden Bus Steering Group

Thursday 5th

19.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

19.30 CTiH&R at Independent Meth

20.00 CYFA

Friday 6th

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

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, tomorrow, is here, at St. Elizabeth's with speaker Rev. Mike Faun. Next Tuesday is in New Chapel with speaker Rev. Michael Behrend.

SERVICES & EVENTS

8th March

10.00

SUNDAY SPECIAL & REFLECTIONS

Leader : Wendy Speaker: Peter

Readings

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 (p.16)

Mark 8:31-38 (p.1012)

18.30

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Terry

Readings

Genesis 12:1-9 (p.13)

John 8:51-59 (p. 1075)

Monday 9th

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

19.30 PCC Meeting

Tuesday 10th

14.00 Magazine Meeting

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

19.30 Lent Service(2) at New Chapel

Wednesday 11th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 12th

19.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

20.00 CYFA

NEWS & NOTICES

HOLY TRINITY WALKING FELLOWSHIP

Meet tomorrow at 10.30 am outside the Horwich Parish Hall. Leader : David Arrowsmith - please ring for more details. 01204 693463

REFLECTIONS NEXT WEEK

Fliss Shaw who is involved in the regular twice weekly meditations at Holy Trinity, will be our guest leader. Feel free to join in even if you have not been before, held in the Hall upstairs room during the middle part of the church service.

INTERVIEWS

The half-time clergy post (& half-time Archdeaconry Young Adults Missioner) has been advertised with a closing date for 9th March with interviews on 19th March. Please pray that we will have a good shortlist and God's choice will be there!

HORWICH EDEN BUS – High Tech Mobile Youth Centre

Each Tuesday the Eden Bus comes to Horwich and parks outside Rivington & Blackrod High School from 7.30 to 8.45 pm. The evenings are going really well with support from all the churches 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. **More volunteers are still needed** – even if you are only able to commit to one Tuesday evening in the month. We are especially looking for men as it is important that there is a good mix of men and women which the young people can relate to. Experience is not necessary & age is no disqualifier – we find that many of our young people relate especially well to the older generation. The primary purpose is to build relationships with a local young people who may otherwise have few positive contacts with adults, church or community organisations. If you are interested why not come & see whether you would like to be involved? Or if you would prefer to be involved with fundraising or prayer your contribution would also be appreciated. Please phone either Graham Smith (Coordinator) on 699875 or Caroline Tracey (Chair) on 692303.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Our AGM will be on Sunday 29 March at 11.15 am. We need church members to put themselves forward to stand for PCC and sidespeople. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do. For more information about the role and commitment please see the Wardens or a PCC member. If you would like a copy of the AGM report please sign the form at the back of church. Where possible we will email the report to you. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be please see Stephen Watson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH WALK This will be on **Monday 4th May** with a picnic lunch at Rivington Church and a shared tea afterwards. The route will follow the boundary of the Horwich and Rivington Team As well as walkers we need help with the shared tea, transport and generally. If you can be involved please sign the sheet at the back of church or see Gill or Graham.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 'AT HOME' is on 3-5 July with the Bishop of Bolton. Keep it free! Planning is well under way, but some help will be required!

ANTHONY IS IN INDIA. Urgent prayers are still required for the passport & visa for PD John and a visa for Ramesh if they are to return to the UK with Anthony on 7th 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.

Hettie goes into hospital for surgery on her knee on Tuesday. She will then be home, but could be off her feet for up to 4 weeks. Please pray for a safe and speedy recovery.

**Two days before Christmas, Dawn Harrison (nee Farrington) aged 43 had a heart attack. She is known to quite a few members of St. Elizabeth's congregation as she was a regular attendee. She is not well and still having tests for the cause of the pain. She is a single Mum with 2 children and needs our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: especially the family & friends of Margaret Stephenson (*Kevan's mother*) and Dorothy Hiney (*of Greenbank*) 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: Hettie Watson (*following surgery*), Doris Nicholls (*in Darley Court*), Joan Kearsley, , Bob Clenton (*having a break from treatment*), Allan Holden, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Julia Bennett (*after a serious car accident*), Dawn Harrison**, Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*), Kim Shaw (*Rick's niece*).