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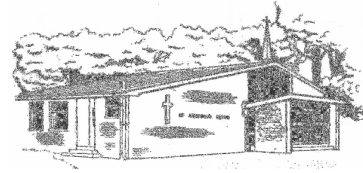
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St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

15th March 2009
3rd Sunday in Lent

HELP! CHURCHES, CHARITIES & CLUBS

– fighting for fair charging by water companies

www.dontdrainus.org - Look here to see how to help campaign against charges introduced by water companies which bill churches, charities and clubs, as if they were multi-million pound businesses. It could end up costing us THOUSANDS. Over 4,000 people have signed the petition on the 10 Downing Street website urging companies to rethink their new charging system for non-domestic customers. Please will YOU sign the petition & save our cash for something more important. It's easy and clear. Go to <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/ChurchWaterBills/> and follow the instructions. **Deadline 6th April.** Thank you.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 'AT HOME' - 3 - 5 JULY 2009

More details as promised!

The Team Weekend is being held here at St. Elizabeth's to enable as many people as possible to come. Costs are being kept low, teaching, workshops, entertainment and meals will be provided and you can sleep in the comfort of your own beds! It is open to all ages so parents can come and bring the children. The subject is 'Healing and Wholeness' and our guest speaker is Bishop Chris, the Bishop of Bolton. The weekend will start with supper on Friday at 6.30 pm and conclude after a shared lunch on Sunday around 3 pm. *(The shared lunch will also be a celebration of Peter's ordination as he will be licensed for St. Elizabeth's and the Team during the morning service).* We are inviting (minimum) donations of £15 per adult with accompanied children FREE. There is a sheet at the back of church for you to sign to register your interest and willingness to help. With the best will in the world the organisers cannot do it all unaided, but with enough people and a rota system, we hope there will be very little for anyone to do. Please pray for the event and those organising it, that there will not be too many glitches!

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & President: Anthony

Speaker: R C Paul

Readings

Isaiah 6.1-8 (p.690)

Matthew 28.16-20 (p.1001)

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Stephen

Readings

Exodus 5:1-6:1 (p.61)

Matthew 10:16-22 (p.975)

Welcome to our friends from Holy Trinity for our evening service.



Prayer for anything is available to all during morning communion services. After taking communion, please go to the window side of the platform and someone will pray with you.

EDEN BUS

PLEASE remember to keep putting your loose change in the red bus (on the table at the back of church) for the Eden Bus Project. It is going well but needs some financial support as well as your prayers. We need a minimum of £10 a week. Thank you.

Monday 16th

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

20.00 House Group (PH)

Tuesday 17th

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

Wednesday 18th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

19.30 Lent Service (3) at St. Mary's

20.00 Music Group Worship

Thursday 19th

19.00 Meditation **at St. Elizabeth's**

20.00 CYFA

Saturday 21st

09.30 Healing Quiet Morning at Christchurch, Walmersley

INTERVIEWS ON THURSDAY !

Our half-time clergy post (& half-time Archdeaconry Young Adults Missioner) interviews are this Thursday. Please pray for the candidates, their travel arrangements and the interview panel, that they will discern God's choice.

'A time to be quiet before God and consider His healing work in our lives'. On Saturday, with Bishop Chris. £3 per person.

SERVICES & EVENTS

22nd March

08.45

BCP COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker : Stephen

10.00

ALL-AGE WORSHIP & PARADE

Leader & Speaker: Anthony/RC Paul

Reading

John 3:14-21 (p.1066)

18.30

CELTIC COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Stephen

Readings

Exodus 6:2-13 (p.62)

John 12:1-8 (p.1079)

Monday 23rd

10.30 Greenbank Communion

13.30 Monday Mix

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 24th

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

Wednesday 25th

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 26th

19.00 Meditation **at St. Elizabeth's**

19.30 Lent Service (4) at St. John's

20.00 CYFA

Friday 27th

19.30 Carnival Planning Meeting
at St. John's

20.00 Men's Fellowship Meal

The Thursday evening Meditation Group will be meeting at St Elizabeth's in the vestry for about 45 minutes, starting on 19th March at 7 pm . All welcome, beginners and old hands. For more information contact Shirley Turton on 01204 697430, email shirley@the-turtons.me.uk OR Fliss Shaw on 01204 696851, email rev. fmshaw@tesco.net

Have you checked out the new web site for St. Elizabeth's yet? Please do. Jill Harley would welcome feedback. The address is: www.stelizabethshorwich.co.uk

ECUMENICAL LENT SERVICES

'Sense Making Faith – using our senses to encounter God'

3) **Wed 18th March** 7.30 pm in St. Mary's, with Rev. Stephen Fletcher

4) **Thurs 26th March** 7.30 pm in St. John's, with Rev Wendy White

5) **Fri 3rd April** 7.30 pm in Rivington, with Rev. John Howard-Norman

PLEASE PRAY FOR...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: 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: Melvyn Grimshaw, Hettie Watson (*following surgery*), Doris Nicholls, Joan Kearsley, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

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

NEWS & NOTICES

OPEN DOOR COFFEE MORNING

This Saturday in the Parish Hall from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All proceeds will go to local charities. There will be a variety of stalls, including a flower stall, as this is the day before Mothering Sunday. Tickets are £1 and can be obtained from Open Door members, or pay at the door.

MENS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (2)

Following an enjoyable evening at the Hollywood Bowl, Mark Leeson & Stephen Pickup are now organising a meal at Sokrates Greek restaurant on Winter Hey Lane, Horwich on Friday 27 March. Please let either Mark or Stephen know by 22 March if you wish to come - all welcome. Over the meal we will discuss future plans for the Men's Fellowship; any men unable to join us on the night please let Mark or Stephen know your thoughts prior to the date of the meal.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

The AGM is on Sunday 29 March at 11.15 am. We still need church members to put themselves forward for PCC and sidespeople. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do. For more detail 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. *If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, please see Stephen Watson.*

PASSION SUNDAY - THE CRUCIFIXION

On Sunday 29th March at 6.30 pm in Holy Trinity there is 'A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer', with hymns for congregational participation. All welcome.

AN EASTER DAY OF PRAYER

An Easter Day of Prayer will be held at St. Catherine's Church on Easter Eve (11th April). They will be using 'Experience Easter' (*as advertised in Crux*), which involves displays telling the Easter story for all ages. Come along at any time from 11 am to 3 pm to see the displays and 'live the story'.

HORWICH CARNIVAL 2009

This takes place on Sunday 21st June, when, as for the past 2 years, all our churches in Horwich will close to join together for an ecumenical Carnival Service – this year, as last, in the Leisure Centre Main Hall – so it will be warm and dry, whatever the weather outside! Everyone is then welcome to join the Carnival Procession, where nearly 250 of us walked for the **Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington** last year, or to remain inside where we will have *Churches Together* stalls and activities running for the rest of the day. Please book that date now, and make a real effort to attend the service, which has a significant impact within our community. There is a **Churches Carnival Planning Meeting** on **Friday 27th March** at 7.30 pm in St John's Methodist Church on Victoria Road (*back room*) – we need as many of you as possible to come along to get our planning started, so please come along!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR... your copy of the AGM report? The Church Walk? The Weekend Away 'At Home'? All the forms are at the back of Church.