

CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM

Team Clergy: Stephen Fletcher Michael Behrend
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PCC Secretary: Donna Talbot

Treasurer: Edith Bearshaw

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Weekly Notice Sheet: Jill Harley

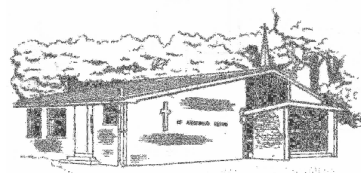
Children & Youth Groups: Co-ordinator : Jacqueline Cunningham

Sunday Club: Lynn Threadgold or Anthony Greenhill

Treasure Chest: Anthony Greenhill

Pathfinders: Jenny Davies or Sam Hannah

CYFA: Jacqueline; Graham Smith; Gill Smart



St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

22nd March 2009
4th Sunday in Lent

TODAY MOTHERING SUNDAY

08.45

BCP COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker : Stephen

10.00

ALL-AGE WORSHIP & PARADE

Leader: Anthony Speaker: RC Paul

Reading

Romans 10.8-15 (p.1137)

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

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.

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!

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Very well done to our swimming Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. At their gala last week, the Scouts came 1st, 2nd & 4th, the Cubs came 4th & 7th and the Beavers came joint 1st.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

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.



Please stay
for refreshments



SERVICES & EVENTS

29th March

10.00

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Terry

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.793)

John 12:20-33 (p.1080)

followed by the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18.30

SERVICE of the WORD

Leader & Speaker: Shirley

Readings

Exodus 7:8-24 (p.64)

Luke 22:1-13 (p.1057)

ALSO @ 18.30

STAINERS CRUCIFIXION

At Holy Trinity Church

Monday 30th

14.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity

20.00 House Group (PH)

Tuesday 31st

19.30 Eden Bus

19.30 Prayer meeting at St. Cath's

Wednesday 1st April

10.00 Holy Communion

18.30 Treasure Chest

Thursday 2nd

19.00 Meditation at St. Elizabeth's

20.00 CYFA

Friday 3rd

19.30 Lent Service (5) at Rivington

Saturday 4th

19.30 Friends of Bolton Symphony Orchestra at St. Elizabeth's

The Thursday evening Meditation Group will now meet at St Elizabeth's in the vestry for about 45 minutes, at 7 pm . All welcome, beginners and old hands. For more information contact Shirley Turton OR Fliss Shaw.

ECUMENICAL LENT SERVICES

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

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 protection for our church and surrounding buildings after lead was stolen from the Vicarage roof on Wednesday night. Thank you.

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 Farrington, Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*), Kim Shaw (*Rick's niece*).

NEWS & NOTICES

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.

MENS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (2)

Mark Leeson & Stephen Pickup are organising a meal at Sokrates Greek restaurant on Winter Hey Lane, Horwich for this Friday 27 March. Please let either Mark or Stephen know TODAY 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 NEXT Sunday at 11.15 am, after the morning service. Volunteers for PCC and sidespeople still needed. 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. Everyone is invited to attend.* It is not a long meeting and it is YOUR church if you are on the electoral roll, so come and support the leaders, discover how much is going on, up front and behind the scenes and assist in the decision making by using your vote.

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.

FRIENDS OF BOLTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Saturday 4th April at 7.30 pm the Friends of the BSO present 'Semibreve', a singing quartet. Tickets £6 incl. Light refreshments and available from Lorraine Kearney or St. Elizabeth's Church.

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'.

NEW 'BIBLE SCHOOL'

The course, run by Keith Wills at St. Peter's, Halliwell starts on Monday 27th April and is every Monday for 10 weeks, with half term and any Bank Holidays off. The subject is "The Fascination of Church History". It costs £40 for the course which includes notes and a text book.

SAMARITANS PURSE CONFERENCE

The Samaritans Purse conference is being held at Leeds on 9th May and Swindon on 16th May 2009. Feel free to go along and find out a bit more about who SP are and what they are doing. Cost is £10 per person (including lunch).