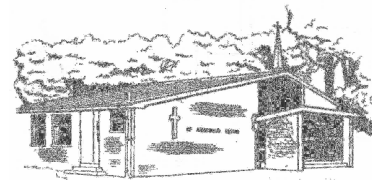


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St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



"In the past St. Elizabeth's has striven to meet the changing times, and the new church must have the same willingness to adapt itself"
(Church Army Captain Peter Taylor in 1967)

2nd May
2010

TODAY

08.45

BCP COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker: Paul

10.00

HOME

'Setting Up Home'

Reading

John 15: 1-17 (p.1083)

19.00

PRAYER FOCUS

Leader & Speaker: Paul

Monday 3rd

BANK HOLIDAY - NO Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 4th

19.30 Bolton Chamber Orchestra

19.30 Eden Bus & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 5th

10.00 Holy Communion - Paul

18.30 Treasure Chest

20.00 Worship Group

Thursday 6th

19.00 Meditation

19.30 CTinH&R AGM - Ind. Meth.

20.00 CYFA

Friday 7th

06.15 Prayer Meeting - Church

Saturday 8th

09.30 Children & Young People's
Training Morning

09.30 Archdeaconry Quiet Morning

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

NEXT WEEK 9th-15th May

Your help is needed! We need as many volunteers as possible in order to cover a wide area. If you can spare a couple of hours during Christian Aid week, please have a look at the streets we cover, take your own and maybe the one next to it too. Speak to Jean Haslam for help and advice.

TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE

1. Voting publicly recognizes that we submit to the authority of the political system in our nation as established by God (Rom. 13:1-7).
2. Voting recognizes the equality of all people and their right to speak and be heard (Deut. 10:17-19).
3. Voting is one way that we can obey God's command to seek the good of those around us and our nation as a whole (Jer. 29:7).
4. Voting shows that we care deeply about who our leaders are as we are urged to offer prayer and intercession on their behalf (1 Tim. 2:1,2).
5. Voting is a simple yet significant way we can do something about politics in our nation. 'All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing', Edmund Burke (see Ps. 34:14).
6. Voting makes a difference the way a grain of salt makes a difference, and that is how we are to influence our society for good (Matt. 5:13).
7. Voting is a privilege not to be taken for granted. Those of us who reap the benefits of living in a democracy should play a part in upholding the principles of democracy.
8. Not voting is a form of voting, as it will influence the outcome. We need to take responsibility for our actions, as well as our lack of actions (Luke 10:25-37).
9. Voting is part of our stewardship to use all the resources we have been given in ways that honour God; to waste a vote is to squander a gift.
10. Voting is the way we delegate our own responsibility to take care of the planet to others more capable, so we can pursue our own vocation.

PETER & MARTYN'S PRIESTING

This is on Saturday May 15th at 10.30 am in Manchester Cathedral. Please pray for them both as they move on in their ministry. **There are tickets still available if you would like to come to the service. Please speak to Honor or Jill or sign the sheet at the back of Church as soon as possible.** All are welcome to the Feasting in Church afterwards - tickets not required but numbers would be helpful so please also sign up. Many thanks.



Please stay for refreshments after the morning service.

SERVICES & DIARY

9th May

The Big Story: The Promised Land

10.00

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Leader: Paul Speaker: Peter

19.00

TASTE

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In partnership with the LIFE church that meets in the cinema at Middlebrook, this event is aimed at nurturing, supporting, teaching and encouraging young adults across the area. **But**, ALL ages welcome! Please be supportive even if it may not be 'your thing' and try out the first one **next Sunday evening**.

LOOKING AHEAD!

PCC - 17 May

J John Evening - 18 May

Body Shop Bonanza - 21 May

Monday 10th

07.15 Prayer meeting - Church

14.00 Meditation - Holy Trinity

19.30 Leadership Team

Tuesday 11th

19.30 Archdeacon's Visitation

19.30 Bolton Chamber Orchestra

19.30 Eden Bus & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 12th

10.00 Holy Communion - Michael

18.30 Treasure Chest

19.30 Carnival Planning Meeting

20.00 Worship Group

Thursday 13th

19.30 Ascension Day Service
at Rivington

20.00 CYFA

Friday 14th

06.15 Prayer meeting - Church

Saturday 15th

10.30 Peter & Martyn's Priesting
(ticket only).

13.00 Priesting Celebration Lunch -
all welcome

11.00 Rivington Festival Weekend
on the Village Green

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

Alice Carter, Annie Dale, Don Williams, Amy Harvey, Ivy Weaver, Jane Miller.

...THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S: Irene Gallimore, Rachael Whitehead, Joan Cooper, Jacqueline Cunningham, Doris Nicholls, Joan Kearsley, Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Sue Glover (*Scout Leader*), Gordon Firth (*Alison Garner's father*), Maureen Duerden (*Andy Ruaux's mum*), Liz Short (*Martin's wife*), Martin Short's mother (*in hospital*), Brenda Craston, Hayley Thompson (*Aubrey' & Iris' granddaughter*), Tracie Porter (*Sheila's daughter-in-law*), Barbara & Gordon Saul (*best friends of the Watsons*), Vivien Dickinson (*Doreen Dennett's daughter*), Donna McLoughlin (*Margaret's daughter*).

NEWS AND NOTICES

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRAINING MORNING

This Saturday 9.30-12.30 in Church. All who work with these groups welcome. Paul will be showing some new material, how best to use it and a new format and structure for Sundays which Paul hopes will enable leaders to grow and flourish. A preview can be found at: <http://www.willowcreek.com/children/curr/kits/Flipt/>

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY!

John Wesley said the more he had to do in a day the longer he spent in prayer before he started. As a Church we have identified our need to pray together more so there are prayer meetings in Church, on a Monday 7.15 - 8 am and on a Friday 6.15 - 7.00 am . Good strong coffee provided! All welcome.

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES

Keith Wills is continuing his very popular Bible School at St. Peter's, Halliwell. The new 'term' starts tomorrow and is on 'Apologetics' or 'How to reason for the faith in a hostile world'. Email Keith on keith.wills@virgin.net

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Congratulations to Gill Smart & Glen Atkinson, who were elected last Sunday at the Annual Vestry Meeting to serve us as our Churchwardens for the coming year. Also to Richard Skidmore, our new treasurer and Donna as secretary who will both be formally elected at the new PCC later in May. We also congratulate our new Sidespeople/Welcomers and PCC member - Elliot Watson. Many thanks to all those who are stepping down particularly Edith and Andrew. The commissioning by the Ven. David Bailey at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service is on Tuesday 11th May at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity (followed by refreshments).

HORWICH CARNIVAL 2010

This year's Horwich Carnival is on Sunday 4th July, but not now linked to either the Funfair or the Bike Racing. Churches Together hopes to offer our usual Ecumenical Community Service in the Leisure Centre Main Hall, after which we will join the Carnival Procession, and then staff a number of church stalls and activities back in the Hall afterwards. There is a planning meeting on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30 pm in St. John's Church – all welcome to come and share ideas!

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

This is on Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm in Rivington Church. The guest preacher is Father Kashima, the visiting Archdeacon from Namibia. Followed by refreshments.

BODY SHOP BONANZA!

Friday 21st May, at 7 pm! **Bring your friends!** Besides all the lovely pampering goodies to buy there will be **free** cheese and wine, **free** coffee and cake, as well as a raffle and lots of opportunity to relax with your friends. Don't be left out. Tickets £5 - you can pay on the door, but it would help with catering if you can let Gill, Jacqueline or Jill know if you are coming. Tickets available NOW!