

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

General Pastoral Care : Jean Garner

Services Co-ordinator : Peter Harley

Verger & Church Bookings : Margaret Hannis

PCC Secretary : Donna Talbot

Treasurer : Edith Bearshaw

House Group Co-ordinator : Barry Taziker

Hall Bookings : Alison Green

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

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

Service Teams : Green - Pat; Red - Barry; Blue - Marian.

Prayer Chain Members : Jill Harley, Marian Fraser, Jean Garner, Margaret Hannis, Pat Greenhill, Greta Knowles, Marian Lane, Hazel Marshall.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

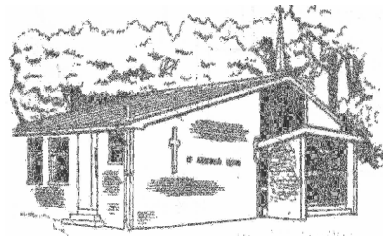
On 13 December 2008 at 7.00 pm at Manchester Cathedral Manchester Baroque with the Cathedral Choir directed by Christopher Stokes, will be performing Handel's Messiah. Admission Fee: £10 (£8 conc), £12, £15.
Tel: 0161 833 2220 for tickets.

SHOEBOXES - FINAL FIGURES!

It was eventually 9886 shoeboxes in 701 cartons that left the warehouse last Saturday for Romania. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ST. ELIZABETH'S

Sunday 14th December	10.00	Sunday Club Nativity
Sunday 21st December	16.00	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 24th December	16.00	Crib Service
Wednesday 24th December	23.30	Midnight Communion
Thursday 25th December	10.00	Family Communion with Bishop Chris



St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

7th December 2008
2nd Sunday in Advent




TODAY
10.00
HOLY COMMUNION
Leader: Peter President: Anthony
Guest Speaker: Wendy White
(URC Minister &
Middlebrook Chaplain)
Readings
Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.723)
Mark 1:1-8 (p.1002)
18.30
(JOINT) HOLY COMMUNION
Leader & Speaker : Stephen
Readings
Romans 15:4-13 (p.1141)
Matthew 11:2-11 (p.976)

MONDAY 8th
14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity
19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 2
20.00 ? NCD Meeting (TBC)


TUESDAY 9th
19.30 Eden Bus in Horwich &
19.30 Prayer mtg. - St. Catherine's
20.00 Music Group Worship

WEDNESDAY 10th
10.00 Holy Communion
18.15 **NO** Treasure Chest


THURSDAY 11th
19.00 Meditation at H/Trinity
20.00 House group (BT)



CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS
At the back of church are some A5 leaflets giving details of our Christmas services. Please feel free to take one to give to a friend.



**Please stay for refreshments
after the service**



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SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST
Now up and running until 14th Dec. Still only 15p per card. All fully and correctly addressed cards can be delivered within the Horwich boundary. The post box is at the back of Church.

Why not reduce the risk of missing vital information on your weekly notice sheet if you are away, by leaving Jill your email address on the sheet at the back of church. Guarantees delivery (I hope!)

SERVICES & EVENTS

14th December

10.00

**ALL-AGE WORSHIP
SUNDAY CLUB NATIVITY**

Readings

John 1 : 6-8, 19-28 (p.1063)
18.30

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader & Speaker : Michael

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4:4 (p.961)
Matthew 14:1-12 (p.981)

MONDAY 15th

13.30 Monday Mix
14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity
19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 3

TUESDAY 16th

19.30 Eden Bus in Horwich &
19.30 Prayer mtg. - St. Catherine's

WEDNESDAY 17th

10.00 Holy Communion
20.00 Music Group Worship

THURSDAY 18th

19.00 Meditation at H/Trinity
20.00 House group (SJ)

NEWS & NOTICES

Edna Woodhouse would like to say a big thank you to everyone at Monday Mix for the surprise party they gave her for her 80th birthday. She had a wonderful time.

Margaret and Rick Hannis are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of another granddaughter, Isabella Freya - 9 lbs 6 ozs - on Sunday 30th November.

Terry and Sandra Litherland are also very pleased to announce the safe arrival of their first grandson, Jack Maybury Milton - 8 lbs 4 ozs

CYFA QUIZ NIGHT

Well done again to CYFA for a very entertaining evening on Thursday! Hard?! Hmm! (Well, it wasn't hard if you knew the answers!).

ADVENT PRAYER and REFLECTION

This is a great opportunity to take a 'time out' and spend some time in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Each Monday evening until Christmas there will be a special moment of peace. All welcome. From 7 pm, in the vestry, on 8th, 15th, 22nd December.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

On Friday 12th December at St. Catherine's 7.30 pm there will be a brass band concert "**Christmas Brass**" – given by the Rivington and Adlington Brass Band. Tickets: £6.50 (children £4.00) .Pay on the door or reserve on 07803093704.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As before, if you wish to give just one Christmas card to all your Church family and make a donation in lieu of what you would have spent on cards, there is the Christmas Board set up at the back of church. In the past your donations have supported Ethical gifts, Kate Hatton, Tear Fund & Winter Watch.

MIDDLEBROOK CHAPLAINCY

Wendy White (here with us this morning) is now ordained as an NSM at New Chapel URC, and also as Chaplain to Middlebrook. She will be developing her ministry to the shops and workers there over the coming months, and hoping to recruit and train a team of voluntary helpers from our churches. If this appeals to you, please enquire further to David Parkinson (01257 481414 - david@parkinson19.orangehome.co.uk). Why not have a word with Wendy after the service?

A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

We are invited to share a in concert with St. Mary's Church on 12th December at 7.30 pm. Local singers and musicians will present songs of the 20th Century plus light classical pieces. Proceeds will go to the Salesian Missions caring for disadvantaged 3rd world children. Tickets £5 (£3 children). Contact Paul Abbott (693745)

CHOCOLATE for the SOUL?

ADVENT REFLECTIONS on line



Why not visit the www.whywearewaiting.com website produced by the Church of England. An Advent Calendar with a difference, made up of reflections, podcasts, waiting tips and a quiz on the social networking site Facebook. "Many Advent calendars offer daily chocolate – what this website offers is a daily dose of chocolate for the soul!"

Let us pray, in Advent time for the coming Saviour to teach us wisdom.

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED: and those remembering anniversaries at this time.

...THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND: 'Lenny' Holden (*Allan's mum*), Alice Carter, Annie Dale, Don Williams, Elsie Williams, Kathleen Wallwork, Amy Harvey, Ivy Weaver, Jane Miller, Jessie Kershaw.

...THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S: Brian Slack (Joyce's husband in hospital), Bob Clenton (*undergoing chemotherapy*), Allan Holden (*having tests & treatment*), Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

...THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND: Doreen Sharples, Sue McKee (friend of Margaret Hannis, home but still unwell), Kim Shaw (Rick's niece).