

**CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S DURING THE INTERREGNUM**

**Team Clergy** : Stephen Fletcher      Michael Behrend  
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**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

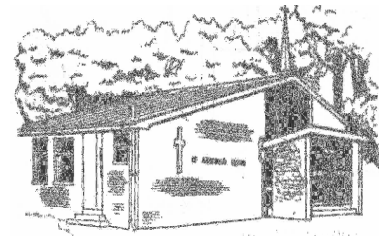
**Service Teams** :      Green - Pat;      Red - Barry;      Blue - Marian.

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

**Team Office** : Mon-Fri 10 -12 Tel : 692252

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**Wedding Enquiries** : Team Co-ordinator - Brenda Craston




# St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

14th December 2008  
 3rd Sunday in Advent



**TODAY**  
 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**  
 20.00 House group (SJ)


**SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST**  
 LAST POSTING DAY TODAY.

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.


**ADVENT**  
**PRAYER and REFLECTION**

This is a great opportunity to take '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. From 7 pm, in the vestry, on 15th, 22nd December. It doesn't matter if you've not been to any others, you can still join in now and benefit from the pause from the 'rat race'. All welcome.

**NOTICE SHEET**  
 Next week there will be a two week notice sheet issue to cover the Christmas period.



**Please stay for refreshments  
 after the service**



**Loop system available  
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Why not receive your weekly notice by email? Leave Jill your address on the sheet at the back of church.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ST. ELIZABETH'S**

TODAY	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

**To make you smile.....(and to fill a space!)**

What do you call people afraid of Santa Claus?	Claustrophobic!
Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?	Rude -olph!
What did one Angel say to the other?	Halo there !
What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?	It's Christmas, Eve!

## SERVICES & EVENTS

**21st December**

10.00

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader & Speaker : Terry

#### Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Luke 1:26-38

**\*\*16.00\*\***

### **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

(followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies!)

**MONDAY 22nd**

10.30 Greenbank Communion

14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity

19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 4

**WEDNESDAY 24th**

10.00 Holy Communion

16.00 Crib Service of Light

23.30 Holy Communion

**THURSDAY 25th**

10.00 Family Communion

**SUNDAY 28th**

10.00 Service of the Word

18.30 NO Evening service

## NEWS & NOTICES

### **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS NEXT SUNDAY**

If you would like to read in the Carol Service next week please sign your name on the list at the back of Church and take a slip to help you remember!

### **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, with a money box beside it. In the past your donations have supported Ethical gifts, Kate Hatton, Tear Fund & Winter Watch.

### **POSTAGE STAMPS**

At any time of the year but particularly now when we are all receiving Christmas cards through the post, please could you save the used stamps for Shirley as they will help raise money for The Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS 'THANK YOU' PROJECT**

#### **A message from Rev'd Wendy White, Chaplain to Middlebrook Retail Park:**

During the week before Christmas we are particularly asking customers to say 'thank you' to retail staff and as part of this we are handing out Christmas Thank You cards to shoppers at Middlebrook for them to pass on to shop staff. I would be grateful if anyone has an hour or two to spare on Saturday 20th December or the afternoon of Sunday 21st to help me hand out cards. We will have big yellow sashes to identify us as church members from Horwich & Rivington. If we have sufficient volunteers we may be able to extend this to Monday - Wednesday before Christmas too. This has the backing of Middlebrook management and we are hoping The Bolton News will be interested in covering and encouraging this! If you can help please contact me, Wendy White, at middlebrookchaplain@live.co.uk or by ringing 01204 525732. Many thanks.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Holy Communion will be as normal on Wednesday 24th December at 10 am, but there will be **NO 10 am service on Wednesday 31st December**. This is because we are all invited to the New Year's Day Communion service at 10 am at Holy Trinity Church, which includes hymns, and even a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie afterwards. All are welcome to join them for this special occasion.

### **EDEN BUS**

The Horwich Eden Bus Project is having a Christmas break on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December, and restarts again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

### **CHOCOLATE for the SOUL? ADVENT REFLECTIONS on line**

Why not visit the [www.whywearewaiting.com](http://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, this Advent for joy and hope in the coming Lord.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which His presence will bestow, for He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED:** especially the family & friends of Doreen Sharples 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 treatment*), Vera Miller, Iris Thompson, Margaret Kay.

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