

## **CONTACTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**Team Clergy on Duty** : Stephen Fletcher

**Urgent Church Matters** : Andrew Threadgold Gill Smart

**Urgent Pastoral Care** : Jean Garner

**Verger & Church Bookings** : Margaret Hannis

**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.

### **ZIMBABWE**

The amazing response to my appeal for loose change to help the families of my friends, Gleny and Everson from Zimbabwe, raised more than £140. The box will remain at the back of church this Sunday 21st. Gleny and Everson thank you all so much for your prayers and your money. This will go to help their families buy necessities such as sterilisation tablets from South Africa. Gleny and Everson are coming to worship with us on Sunday 28th. I know we will show them a great Lizzies welcome. Thank you all so much.

*Gill Smart*

### **GROUP LEADERS**

Don't forget your report for the AGM. Email if possible to Gill red\_gillie@htomail.com or hand a copy to Gill or Donna.

### **POSTAGE STAMPS**

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

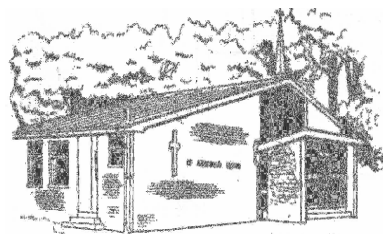
**Thank you to every person who has served God in His church this past year.**

**Let us pray, as Advent draws to a close for the faith that opens our lives to the spirit of God.**

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Let us pray in the joy of Christmas because the son of God lives among us.**

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich



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

21st / 28th Dec. 2008  
Advent 4/Christmas 1

*Christmas Wishes to all at St. Elizabeth's*

**WELCOME TO OUR SEASONAL 2 WEEK EDITION!**



**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...**

**...and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

## SERVICES & EVENTS

**TODAY**

10.00

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: Jacqueline Speaker: Terry

#### Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 (p. 310)

Luke 1:26-38 (p.1026)

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

### **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

(followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies!)

**Christmas Eve**

10.00

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader & Speaker : Stephen

16.00

### **SERVICE of LIGHT**

Leader & Speaker : Eunice

23.30

### **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

Leader & Speaker : Anthony

#### Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

**Christmas Day**

10.00

### **FAMILY COMMUNION**

Leader : Anthony

Speaker & President :

Bishop Christopher

#### Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

John 1:1-14

**Monday 22nd December**

10.30 Greenbank Communion

14.00 Meditation at H/Trinity

19.00 Advent Prayer & Reflection 4

**Sunday 28th December**

10.00

### **SERVICE of the WORD**

Leader & Speaker : Dave

#### Readings

Galatians 4 4-7

Luke 2 22-40

18.30

NO Evening Service

**Wednesday 31st December**

10.00

NO Holy Communion

**Thursday 1st January 2009**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

10.00

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

at Holy Trinity

followed by refreshments

**Sunday 4th January 2009**

10.00

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: Peter Speaker: Anthony

18.30

### **JOINT COVENANT SERVICE**

at St. John's Methodist Church,

Victoria Road

**ALL WELCOME**

## NEWS & NOTICES

### ADVENT PRAYER and REFLECTION

The last one in the series is from 7 pm, in the vestry, tomorrow. Even if you've not been to any others, you can still join in for this one.

### 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 welcome.

### 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.

### MEDITATION at HOLY TRINITY

The Monday sessions will be held, as usual, throughout Christmas and the New Year without a break. If you feel harassed or unable to get some peace and quiet, please feel free to join in on any (or every) Monday at 2 pm for about 45 minutes of peaceful relaxation and being mindful of the presence of God, He always has time for us. The Thursday sessions re-start on 8th January at 7 pm. For further detail contact Shirley Turton 697430 or shirley@the-turtons.me.uk.

### MESSAGE from PAUL & KAY

"Just a little 'thank you' to the many folk from Lizzie's who've sent us Christmas cards and lovely messages. We will be especially thinking of you all this Christmas and pray that the interregnum will soon be over."

(See the Christmas card notice board for their card to us all.)

### MOTTO TEXT CARDS 2009

The 2009 motto text is available at the back of church. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone who is not in church today. One per family please.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...THE RECENTLY BEREAVED:** especially the family & friends of Jessie Kershaw 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.

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

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