

In your prayers this week, please ask.....

FOR GOD'S COMFORT for :

THE RECENTLY BEREAVED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Kay, Joan Meaden and Vera Miller. FOR GOD'S HEALING for: THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S: Darrell Halstead, Rick Hannis, Dawn Priestley, Sandra Almond. (making good progress after surgery and in high spirits).

THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND:

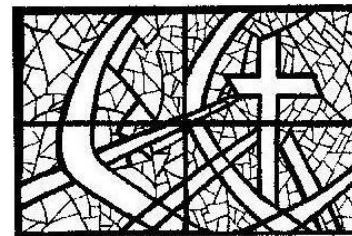
Linda McCarthy (Ann Lowton's sister) Lili Scowcroft (known to Jane H), Carole Lanham (known to many at St. Elizabeth's), Jean Woolfenden (Dawn's mother), Haley Thompson (Aubrey's granddaughter), Jim Hannis (Rick's brother) and Joan Johnson (Susan's mum) Please also pray for families and friends anxious about their loved ones.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING for : For our Trainee Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM): Ron Knott, Caroline Barber & Vicki Holden from Rivington are currently undertaking ALM training with the Diocese in Prayer & Spirituality, so please remember them in your prayers



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# St Elizabeth's

A Church for our time serving families, community and each other in the love of Jesus Christ.



*A warm welcome especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Please make yourself known to the vicar or wardens*

## CONTACTS AT ST ELIZABETH'S

**Vicar:** Michael Behrend (697162)  
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**Church Warden:** Sandra Almond (692749)  
**Church Warden:** Jane Halstead (468273)

**Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:**  
Gill Smart (468271)  
(Please let Gill (or the clergy) know of any concerns)

### Authorised Lay Ministers

**Pastoral Care:** Jill Harley  
**Mission:** Jane Thompson  
**Youth:** Graham Smith

(please feel free to approach the relevant person).

### HIRING the HALL & CHURCH.

If you wish to hire/use the HALL or CHURCH space for a meeting or similar (outside of the regular weekly bookings), please contact Jill Harley in the first instance to ensure the date and time are available and the heating will be on! The Hall has a 7 day timer, which is set each week. A copy of the times the Hall and Church is already regularly booked, is on the notice board in each building

### Available at the back of Church:

- PCC members & who's who  
- Prayer Circle contact details

### NEWS LETTER

Updates and new notices to Sam by 22 March please.  
samh19358@gmail.com  
or 07739412715

St Elizabeth's Web site: [www.bhrmp.co.uk/st-elizabeth-horwich](http://www.bhrmp.co.uk/st-elizabeth-horwich)

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Articles & Event Photos to Margaret by 2nd Friday of month.

### Aiming for a nut free zone.

It has come to our attention that a young member of our church has a nut allergy. This is potentially life threatening and we are aiming for the Church & the Hall to be as nut free as possible. Please avoid bringing nut related food or ingredients into either building. Please could you also make any groups of people with whom you mix, organise or supervise aware of this. Thanks.



## Sunday 12th March

10 am  
**Communion4all  
Family Communion**

### Readings:



Genesis 12: 1-4a  
John 3: 1-17

6.30 pm

**Evening Prayer**

**Holy Trinity  
(All welcome)**

## Sunday 19th March

10 am  
**Word4you  
Morning Worship**

### Readings:



Exodus 17: 1-7  
John 4: 5-42

4 pm

**Team Confirmation Service  
(with Bishop Mark Ashcroft)**

**Holy Trinity  
(All welcome)**



We serve Fair Trade refreshments after all our morning services. Please join us.

Hearing Loop System Available



## DIARY & REMINDERS

**Monday 13 March**  
13.45 Meditation Group in Holy Trinity

**Tuesday 14 March**

**Wednesday 15 March**  
09.30 Communion in St. Elizabeth's

**Thursday 16 March**  
10.30 Time4You  
19.30 Prayer Meeting: Margaret & Rick's  
20.00 CYFA in St. Elizabeth's

**Friday 17 March**  
10.30 Time4Twos

**Monday 20 March**  
13.45 Meditation Group in Holy Trinity

**Tuesday 21 March**

**Wednesday 22 March**  
09.30 Communion in Holy Trinity  
18.30 Evening Service: St. Elizabeth's

**Thursday 23 March**  
10.30 Time4You  
19.30 Prayer Meeting: Margaret & Rick's  
20.00 CYFA in St. Elizabeth's

**Friday 24 March**  
10.30 Time4Twos

### Seniors Easter Eggscitement

The next **Seniors Afternoon Tea with an Easter theme** is being held on **Thursday 30th March 2 – 4 pm**. Invitations are being distributed – please do not be offended if you have received one and do not feel you qualify or if you haven't and would like one! **Please speak to Jill Harley.**

**AND if you are available to help, please also see Jill. Thank you.**

**The Village Green Fete**  
8th July 2017.

**Youth Minister Appeal Update!**  
We are currently seeking additional grant funding for this new team post, having been greatly blessed by the generosity of church-members who have already pledged over half (£46,000) of the £90k that will be needed over the 3-year appointment. There are letters available in church for those who have already pledged, and further pledges are welcome for this terrific project that demonstrates our team's commitment to our young people



**18 March & 8 April**  
Sessions start at 4pm,  
and include a light meal.  
Everybody is welcome.

For more info contact **Jane Thompson 468541**

### St. Elizabeth's Children & Young People Groups Meeting Dates



<b>MAR</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>23rd</b>

### ST. ELIZABETH'S RAINBOWS

**Meriel Gregson and Angela Alcroft** who have been running the unit are giving up this Summer. In order to keep the unit going from September we urgently need volunteers to come forward. The girls, age 5 to 7 years really enjoy themselves and we do have a waiting list. **If you or someone you know would be interested then please speak to Meriel or contact her via [meriel.gregson@gmail.com](mailto:meriel.gregson@gmail.com)**

### St Elizabeth's 50th anniversary celebration events

**Sat 29 April - Evening meal (Ridgmont)**  
**Sun 30 April - a special service with Bishop Mark Ashcroft**  
**Mon 1 May - a family fun day/open day**

### NEWS LETTER

**Please send updates and new notices**  
**Sam by 22 March**

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Churches Together In Horwich and Rivington Lent Meetings 2017**  
**'Dethroning Mammon'** – Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington Lent Meetings on the theme of 'Making Money Serve Grace', based on Archbishop Justin Welby's 2017 Lent Book.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Evangelical Church (Wright St)  
**What we have we hold**  
Speaker: Jim Hodgkinson

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
New Chapel (New Chapel Lane)  
**What we receive we treat as ours**  
Speaker: Stephen Fletcher

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
St. Mary's Church (Chorley New Road)  
**What we give we gain**  
Speaker: Michael Behrend

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Holy Trinity Church (Church Street)  
**What we master brings us joy**  
Speaker: Barry O'Sullivan



**All meetings start at 7.30pm**

**DON'T MISS IT**  
**"Line Dance with Ron Knott of Life's a Dance Line Dancing**  
**Saturday 18th March at 7.00pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall**

Suitable for absolute beginners.  
**It's fun, come and give it a go!**  
(unsuitable for very young children)  
**Tickets £4.00 (£3.00 for under 16 years) include Pasty Supper and soft drinks available from Margaret 690283 or Susan 692760**

### Beer and Chat

**Monday 27 March**  
In the **Victoria and Albert, on Lee Lane, at 7.30pm.**  
For more info speak to Gill Smart



**A Fashion Show by "Ruby Rose"**  
**Thursday 16th March at Holy Trinity**  
Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.  
Tickets £5 including a glass of wine"

**Our Team Confirmation Service** is on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm, St. Catherine's** with Bishop of Bolton, the Rt. Rev. Mark Ashcroft. Confirmation is a service where people make a commitment of adult faith in Christ, & there will be both adult & teenage candidates from our Team Churches who are taking this step. **Please pray for them, & join us for a joyful Confirmation Service celebration.**

**Maundy Thursday Meal** This will be on **Thursday 13th April at 7.00 pm**. Please note the date. All welcome. More details to follow. Anyone who can help with catering please see Peter Harley.

**Holy Week 2017: Archdeacon David Bailey** will be delivering a short series of Holy Week Bible Expositions in our **Deanery at 7.30pm in St. Thomas & St. John's Church, Lostock (BL6 4EL) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. There is also a **Maundy Thursday service** but we have a **Maundy Thursday Communion Service at St. Catherine's Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**.

### Electoral Roll Revision

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Electoral Roll is checked and updated if necessary. Please check the copy at the back of church to ensure your own details are correct. Please see Jill Harley if there are any omissions or additions required. If you are not on the Roll but would like to be, to show your membership and support of St. Elizabeth's, there is a form to complete at the back of church, or see Jill. Thanks.