

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in September

Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm Handbells in the Narthex
Weds 20 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's, with drinks afterwards 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church 7.30pm, 'Beer & Chat' , Black Edge Brewery Bar, Hampson St. (see inside)
Saturday 23 rd	10am, ALM Quiet Day , at Susan Kerr's home, George's Lane
Sunday 24th September 15th in Trinity	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Worship (Paracletis 2) , in church (with K4C Groups) 10.45am, Choral Communion Service , in church (Paracletis 2) 12 for 12.30pm, Church Family Lunch at Il Toro (see inside) 2pm, Macmillan Coffee Afternoon , 12 Stocks Park Drive 6.30pm, God [space] – a new contemporary evening service, as we start to explore the Lord's Prayer (see inside for Hot Choc Bonus for Yr.7-14s)
Monday 25 th	2pm, Meditation Group , in the Narthex
Tuesday 26 th	7.30pm, Handbells in the Narthex 7.30pm, Intercessions Workshop , St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue
Weds 27 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's, with drinks afterwards 10am-7pm, Full-Day School Governors Meeting , in the Narthex 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 28 th	8pm, Open Door – See inside!
Friday 29 th	6.30pm (Food) & 7.30pm (Slides), Namibia Presentation Evening , in church
Saturday 30 th	10.30am, Matins Prayers & Morning Coffee , Rivington Ch. – all welcome!
Sunday 1st October 16th in Trinity	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Holy Communion , in church (with K4C Groups) 10.45am, Choral Communion Service , in church 6.30pm, Evening Praise in church – all are welcome!

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Newsletter Items to Mike Foster: m.foster.hpc@gmail.com (07976 252817) by midday Wednesday – please!

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Team Office: 692252, churchteamoffice@gmail.com (Open 10-12, Monday–Friday).

Items for **Below the Pike** (Team Magazine) to Margaret Broadfoot (690283) mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com.

Send any Pastoral Concerns to hthpastoralteam@hotmail.co.uk



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NEWSLETTER



Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity Sunday 17th September, 2017

If you're visiting for the first time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please stay for refreshments after morning services – we look forward to meeting you. Information Leaflets about church activities are in the Leaflet Rack, or speak to the Clergy, Churchwardens or Sides-people – see back page Calendar for weekly events.

TODAY'S SERVICES & READINGS

8am, **Early Holy Communion Service**, in the Memorial Chapel
9.15am, **Informal Worship**, in church (with K4C Groups)
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service**, in church
6.30pm, **Reflective Celtic Communion** in church – all are welcome!



Epistle: **Romans 14:1-12** (p.1140 in Pew Bible)
Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35** (p.985 in Pew Bible)



Mission Action Plan (MAP) – at our services today, we will hear about MAP, which the Diocese of Manchester are asking every Parish Church to engage with, in order to look ahead to how we want this church family to be developing & growing in the coming years. **Your input is vital** if we are to get a rounded picture of where God is guiding His people here in this parish.

Church Family Lunch at Il Toro! By popular demand, we're having another family lunch at **Il Toro next Sunday 24th September** at 12 Noon for 12.30pm. See the Flyer in the Narthex with the menu choices – please return it with the cost of the lunch (£10) to either Susan Preston, or Lesley Greenhalgh, as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers. **All welcome**



PLEASE NOTE: Midweek Communion this week is at **St. Elizabeth's, NOT here!**



In your Prayers this week, please ask...

For God's healing for Kate Holt, Caroline Coupe, Dorothy Blundell, Jean Benson, Haydn Matthews, Betty Holding, Alan

& Mary Rothwell, David Turton, Pawenut Yanpanya (*Christine Dunning's d-in-l*), Scarlet Kendall (*Margaret C's gr'dr*), Michael Holden, Dorothy Foster, Susan Bayley, Jacob Bleasdale, Malcolm Ainsworth, Les Burtonwood, Roma Shuter, Sandra Almond, John Taylor, Renee Handley, Jade Smethurst, James Stracey (*Sue Ruau's friend*), Samuel Davies, Muriel Angus, Rob Long, Betty Harrison (*Eddie's Mum*), Colin Craston, Terry Oakes (*Nicola Gillard's Dad*), Connie Jones (*in RBH after a stroke*), Winnie Green (*now back at Blackrod House NH*), Wilf Tomkinson (*now home*), Hettie Watson & Shirley Turton.

PLEASE check the prayer list above & let us know those who still need our prayers!

For God's Comfort for recently bereaved families, especially of Doreen Tomkinson, Dennis McDermott, Phil Noden, Rodney Wildish & Jack Landless.

For our new Team Authorised Lay Ministers: Ron Knott & Vicky Holden, who were commissioned last Sunday at Manchester Cathedral.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Open Door: Thursday 28th September –**The Rocking Years**
Speaker **Brian Hallworth**. –Then on Thursday 12th October **The Origin of Surnames** Speaker **Peter Watson**- All Welcome!



Beer & Chat is back! We meet **THIS** Wednesday (20th) from 7.30pm in the **Black Edge Brewery Bar**, down Hampson St., just off Lee Lane. Other drinks also available! Contact Gill Smart (g.m.smart@btinternet.com).

God [space] Join us for a new contemporary evening service, starting **NEXT** Sunday (24th) at 6.30pm as we start to explore the Lord's Prayer. As a bonus – if you are in years 7 to 13, then why not stay on until 9pm for hot chocolate & toast, with a chance to chat together and have some fun! *Join us next Sunday!*

G + T (Girls and Talk) – Join us for a night out for the girls! Meeting upstairs at **Il Toro** from 8pm onwards, starting Thurs 28th September. For more details, see the postcard in church, or contact Jo Smith (*see Helpful Numbers on back page*)

Latest PCC Meeting Feedback: Monday's PCC Meeting (11.09.17)

- heard a report from Caroline & David Tracey, & Councillor Richard Silvester, on their recent trip to Namibia on behalf of the church, &, after discussion, approved projects to be supported;
- heard a report on the lead theft last weekend & approved action to be taken;
- approved the Consultation Process with the congregation on the church's **Mission Action Plan (MAP)**, to be launched this coming Sunday (17.09.17).
- was informed that the church had its **Child Friendly Church** status renewed.

Christianity Explored! You don't need to know anything about the Bible & you can ask any question you like on Wednesday evenings starting 4th October at 7.45pm in St. Catherine's Church, Richmond Street. If you'd like to come, or find out more, please contact Michael Behrend (697162).



Any Surplus Fruit? I'm hoping to make preserves for the Festive Market, but this year most of my soft fruit has been consumed by local wildlife! Has anyone a surplus of fruit, or any 1lb jars, they could spare? **Jenny Dagnall** (468683)

Bolton Lunches 2017 (BL17) - Urban Outreach. A total of 45,268 lunches were provided to children across Bolton who often go hungry during the long summer holidays. From the basement at St Catherine's, we distributed 890 of these lunches. A big **thank you** to all the volunteers from Holy Trinity who helped.

Namibia Presentation Evening with Food! Come to share in typical Namibian food at 6.30pm, followed by a Presentation Slideshow showing highlights from the recent trip to Namibia by Rev. Caroline & David Tracey, & Cllr Richard Silvester. Food (6.30pm), then Presentation (7.30pm) in Holy Trinity Church on Friday 29th September. This is a **FREE EVENT** – please join us!

Change of Ownership – Poppy & Jack's, the Nursery based in the Parish Hall, has changed ownership, but will continue to offer an extended childcare provision with the existing staff. After lengthy negotiations for transfer of ownership in relation to the use of our buildings, PCC were informed of it at Monday's meeting

New Coffee Rota now available at back of Church for Oct-Dec – please make sure you are available & – if not – swap weeks with someone else on the rota. **More Help Needed!** – if any of our Church family are free to do the coffee after services, please have a word with any of the service leaders, or members of Social Committee – the more volunteers, the lighter the load. *Many thanks, Lesley.*

Intercessions Workshop: on Tues 26th Sept in St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, at 7.30pm. Would you like to help lead intercessions but don't know where to start? Do you already do this & have resources you can share? This workshop is for you & will give you an outline to work to & the opportunity to talk to others already doing it in our churches. Come along to this informal & informative evening with coffee & cake. You aren't committing to anything just by coming! More information from Rev. Gill Smart (468271), or email g.m.smart@btinternet.com.

Lead-Theft from Church Roof Last Weekend!

Sadly, thieves struck again in the early hours of last Sunday morning, climbing up onto the church roof, disabling the roof-alarm system & stealing a substantial amount of the remaining leadwork (*much was replaced with non-lead metals after the last time they struck in 2011*). Water has leaked into church & we've had the damaged areas covered with tarpaulins to prevent further ingress. Please pray for our Wardens, Building Committee, Helpers, Church Architect & Insurers as they assess this situation.

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HELP STOP LEAD ROOF THEFT
Vans or workman around the church between 6pm and 8am? They're probably stealing our roof!
PLEASE CALL THE POLICE