

## CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in November & December

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Advent Experience Week</b> , in church (see inside for details)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm, <b>Handbells</b> in the Narthex 7.30pm, <b>Namibia Committee</b> , in church
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am, <b>Midweek Communion</b> , in <b>St. Elizabeth's Church</b> , Cedar Ave 6.30pm, <b>Evening Service with Communion</b> , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	3pm -8pm, <b>Adult Advent Experience Evening</b> in church (come & see) 8pm, <b>G&amp;T (Girls &amp; Talk)</b> , at Il Toro in upstairs Cocktail Lounge (see inside)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6pm, <b>Horwich Town Christmas Tree Lighting</b> , at the Crown Roundabout 7pm, Join us to put up our <b>Church Christmas Tree</b> , in church!
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Festive Christmas Market</b> , in church, 10am to 3pm (see inside)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Advent Sunday	8am, <b>Early Holy Communion Service</b> , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, <b>Informal Holy Communion</b> , in church (with K4C Groups) 10.45am, <b>Choral Communion Service</b> , in church 6.30pm, <b>Annual Memorial Service</b> (see front pagee)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm, <b>Handbells</b> in the Narthex
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am, <b>Midweek Communion</b> , in St. Elizabeth's Church with drinks after 6.30pm, <b>Evening Service with Communion</b> , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8pm, <b>Open Door</b> , in church, <b>Sleight of Mind</b> (see inside)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent 2	8am, <b>Early Holy Communion Service</b> , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, <b>Informal Worship Service</b> in church (with K4C Groups) 10.45am, <b>Choral Communion Service</b> in church 12.30pm, <b>A Hour Carol Singing</b> with the Angels on Middlebrook, Vue Mall 6.30pm, <b>Holy Communion</b> in church – all are welcome!

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by midday Wednesday – please!

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# Holy Trinity Horwich Parish Church



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Church, Horwich

## NEWSLETTER

### Last Sunday before Advent CHRIST THE KING Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 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, Church-wardens 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 Service** in church (with K4C Groups)  
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service** in church  
6.30pm, **Reflective Celtic Communion** in church – all are welcome!



Epistle: **Ephesians 1:15-23** (p.1173 in Pew Bible)  
Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46** (p.995 in Pew Bible)

**2017 Annual Memorial Service** will be held to remember those who have gone before us in life & faith **NEXT Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 6.30pm here in church. Whilst those recently bereaved will receive an invitation, the service is open to anyone who wishes to attend this act of commemoration. If you'd like to light a candle & hear the name read out of someone you knew & loved, please fill in a form & put it in the box at the back of church **TODAY**. Alternatively, contact Susan Kerr **ASAP** on 01204 692760, or [susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com](mailto:susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com)



**Namibia Gift Cards** are available now. Minimum donation varies depending on the project, but they will be available to view & purchase in church from **TODAY!**

Today, we **WELCOME** the parents, family & friends of **Olivia Faye Treppas** and **Isaac Jacob Crompton**, who will be baptized in church at 12.30pm.



## In your Prayers this week, please ask...

**For God's healing** for **Scarlet Kendall** (*Margaret C's gr'dr*), **Jacob Bleasdale**, **Michael & Sylvia Wyatt**, **Kath Wignall** (*in*

*Bolton Hospice*), **Les Burtonwood**, **Pawenut Yanpanya**, **Haydn Matthews**, **Brenda Marshall**, **Renee Handley**, **Susan Dickinson & Jo Smith** (*as her arm recovers*)

Please contact Mike Foster to keep names on this Prayer List, otherwise we will remove them after 4 weeks & please ask if those we pray for want to be on the list!

**For God's Comfort** for recently bereaved families, especially of **Audrey Mellor**, **Winnie Green**, **John Swift**, **Jean Beeby & Elaine Jeffers**.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**Open Door:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – **Sleight of Mind** with **Peter Turner** – also our Christmas Party – please join us!

**Holy Trinity's Festive Market** is **NEXT Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup>) from **10am-3pm** & **Father Christmas** will be here from 11am-2pm. Please help with this fund-raising event by donating bottles for a **Bottle Tombola** & small gifts to the value of £1.50-£2 for the lucky **Bran Tub**. **IF YOU NEED TO CLEAR OUT YOUR SCARF DRAWER** in time for new ones from Santa, please donate them to the Festive Market – bring them to Church this week, while the church is open for the **Advent Experience**. **PLEASE COME ALONG TO ENJOY THE STALLS & LOVELY LUNCHES!**

**Christmas Children's Crafts!** Horwich Community Centre are holding a Christmas Crafts **TOMORROW** morning (*Mon 27<sup>th</sup>*), 10am–12 Noon. Make your own Christmas cards, decorations, tree holder, letter to Santa, & many more crafts, £3 incl. refreshments. To book: [townclerk@horwich.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@horwich.gov.uk) or 01204 691090

**G + T (Girls + Talk)** – Join us for another night out for the girls! Meeting upstairs in the Cocktail Bar at **Il Toro** from 8pm **NEXT Thursday** (30<sup>th</sup> Nov). For more details, see the postcard in church, or contact Jo Smith.

Look out for **#GodWithUs Your Christmas Journey**. Sign up & get your friends & family to join **Your Christmas Journey** by texting **GodWithUs to 88802**. You'll receive 1 SMS for each of the 13 Advent & Christmas reflections.

**Advent Experience** takes place **THIS WEEK** - Thanks to all coming in to help with children during the day. On Thursday evening (30<sup>th</sup>), from 3-8pm everyone has the opportunity to see our Advent Experience in church. There will be leaflets to guide you through the journey and activities at the stations – plus a cuppa at the end. **Please come and start your journey towards Christmas here!**

**A Christmas Tree Friday!** Next Friday (1<sup>st</sup> Dec), there are 2 Christmas Tree events. At 6pm at the Crown Roundabout, the **Horwich Town Christmas Tree** will be lit with a short service of Carols & Prayers, then at 7pm, we need your help putting up our **Church Christmas Tree** – the more elves, the merrier!



## Today is: 'Stir-up Sunday'!

**What's That?** Traditionally, on the Sunday before Advent, families used to gather together to mix & steam their Christmas pudding, hence **Stir-up Sunday**. Parents taught children how to mix ingredients, each taking a turn to stir the pudding mix & each could ask a blessing for the year ahead. Puddings were mixed by stirring from East to West in honour of the Wise Men who visited the baby Jesus.

*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people ...*



**Scouts Christmas Post** starts **TODAY** with a collection box in

church until Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December for cards to Horwich postcodes. The minimum donation is 30p per card – much cheaper than a stamp! Please make sure your cards are correctly addressed with a postcode. Relax and let the Scouts take the strain!

**Festive Line Dance!** You're invited to a **Festive Line Dance**

on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm in the afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Cedar Ave, with a **Fair Trade Hamper Raffle**. Tickets: £4 p.p. (*incl's hot & cold drinks & a mince pie, or piece of shortbread*). This dance is suitable for beginners, but not for u.10's – all proceeds to Namibia Link Appeal supporting projects enabling our friends in Namibia to live better lives. Tickets from Margaret (690283), Susan (692760) or at back of church.



**THANK YOU LETTERS** are available for **YOU** in Church **TODAY** – **PLEASE COLLECT YOURS** – for all who support us financially as a church.



**Christmas Dinner on Jesus!** This year, we're supporting this terrific Urban Outreach Appeal by collecting **After Dinner Mints** &, as a team, we're aiming to collect **1,000 boxes!** We're collecting until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, so please bring as many as you can afford to put in the box in church for the Christmas hampers for struggling families. As of last Sunday, we've collected **103 boxes**, not bad for the 1<sup>st</sup> week & a good start towards our target. **Many thanks!**

**"For I was hungry ... & you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty & you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger & you invited me in."** (Mt.25:35). This Christmas (*Dec & Jan donations*), every £1 you give to the **Christian Aid Christmas Appeal** will be matched by the Government, so even more families across Sub-Saharan Africa can be saved from the life-threatening effects of malnutrition.



**Quiz Prizes!** Thank you & well done to all who completed Lucy Fletcher & Zoe Harley's Quiz Sheets. The winner of the General Knowledge Quiz is Marlene Pritchard, of the Wordsearch is Cynthia Percy, & of the Bible Dingbats are Stephen & Catherine Pickup – prizes to arrive ASAP. A total of £45 was raised.