

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in November & December

Tuesday 21 st	7.30pm, Handbells in the Narthex
Weds 22 nd	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in Holy Trinity, with drinks afterwards 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 23 rd	8pm, Open Door : in church, Super Swifts (see inside)
Saturday 25 th	11am, Christmas Fayre , St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave. (see inside)
Sunday 26th Nov. Last before Advent Christ the King	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!
Monday 27 th	Advent Experience Week , in church (see inside to help)
Tuesday 28 th	7.30pm, Handbells in the Narthex
Wednesday 29 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 30 th	6.45-8.45pm, Adult Advent Experience Evening in church (come & see) 8pm, G&T (Girls & Talk) , at Il Toro in upstairs Cocktail Lounge (see inside)
Friday 1 st Dec	6pm, Horwich Town Christmas Tree Lighting , at the Crown Roundabout 7pm, Join us to put up our Church Christmas Tree , in church!
Saturday 2 nd	Festive Christmas Market , in church, 10am to 3pm (see inside)
Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday	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, Annual Memorial Service (see inside)

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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

SHOEBOX SUNDAY

Second Sunday before Advent Sunday 19th 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 Service** (Paraclesis 6) in church (with K4C Groups)
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service** (Paraclesis 6), in church

Shoobox Sunday! In our services today, we ask God's blessing on our boxes of love! If you forget to bring your shoobox today, you can take them to **TESCO** (Middlebrook) or **Horwich Resource Centre, TOMORROW!** If you can help with loading them onto the lorry on Thu 30th Nov at 6pm, ring David Hawes (693727).

6.30pm, **GOD [SPACE]** – lively worship for all in church – all welcome!



Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** (p.1188 in Pew Bible)

Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30** (p.994 in Pew Bible)

Youth Minister Appeal Update! Only 1 more week advertising our YM Post (Premier Jobsearch), so **keep praying** for the right person to apply!

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 **1000 boxes!** Each team church is collecting from today until Sunday 10th Dec – please bring as many as you can afford to put in the box in the Narthex – to make up Christmas hampers for struggling families this Christmas.



In your Prayers this week, please ask...

For God's healing for **Scarlet Kendall** (*Margaret C's gr'dr*), **Michael Holden**, **Jacob Bleasdale**, **Roma Shuter**, **John Taylor**,

Betty Holding, **Connie Jones**, **Wilf Tomkinson**, **Michael & Sylvia Wyatt**, **Edith Pierce**, **Shirley Holt**, **Gill Waugh**, **Kath Wignall** (*in Bolton Hospice*), **Charlie Shawcross**, **Jo Smith** (*as her arm recovers*) **Les Burtonwood**, **Raymond Holmes**, **Pawenut Yanpanya & Haydn Matthews**.

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 23rd November:
Super Swifts with **Louise Bentley**.

Then on Thursday 7th December – **Sleight of Mind** with **Peter Turner** also our Christmas Party – please join us!

St. Elizabeth's Christmas Fayre is on Sat. 25th November from 11am-3pm, with Santa's Grotto, Craft Stalls, Refreshments, Tombola & Raffle.



Holy Trinity's Festive Market is on **Saturday 2nd Dec** from **10am-3pm** & **Father Christmas** will be here from 11am-2pm.

Please could you help with this fundraising event by donating bottles for a Bottle Tombola & small gifts to the value of £1.50-£2 for the lucky Bran Tub. We hope to make this a family occasion & have Father Christmas coming along this year, so put the date in your diary now!

Christmas Children's Crafts! Horwich Community Centre are holding a Christmas Crafts morning on Monday 27th November at 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 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 on Thursday 30th November. For more details, see the postcard in church, or contact Jo Smith.

Beer and Chat is on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm at the Brewery Bar, Hampson St, BL6 7JH (*Blackedge Brewery Bar, upstairs over the brewery*)



Advent Experience! Sue Rayner is putting a rota together for the school visits to our **Advent Experience** at the end of this month - thanks if you've offered help – if not, contact Sue ASAP (468422). We'd be glad to borrow 2 things: a small CD player & a copy of the animated DVD: **"The Prince of Peace"** – thanks. (*Jenny Dagnall, 468683*)



2017 Annual Memorial Service will be held to remember those who have gone before us in life & faith on **Sunday 3rd December** at 6.30pm 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. Alternatively, you can contact Susan Kerr on 01204 692760 or susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com

Children's Society Boxes: Please return Children's Society boxes to Church ASAP, so Shirley Holt can empty & send monies to the Society. *Thank you, Shirley*

Festive Line Dance! You're invited to a **Festive Line Dance** on Sat. 16th Dec at 2pm in the afternoon in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Cedar Ave. Tickets: £4 per person (*incl's hot & cold drinks & a mince pie, or piece of shortbread*). This dance is recommended for beginners, but isn't suitable for under 10's. All proceeds go to Namibia Link Appeal supporting projects enabling our friends in Namibia to live better lives. There'll be a **Fair Trade Hamper Raffle** – just in time for Christmas! Tickets from Margaret (690283), Susan (692760), or at the back of church.

Last Sunday's Church Family Walk – 17 of us enjoyed a lovely walk in the countryside and around one of the reservoirs in Rivington last Sunday afternoon. A special **"Thank You"** to Stephen Gillard for organising this event.



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With over 2700 online retailers (*incl. Amazon, eBay, M&S*), a small percentage of what you spend is donated by these stores to our Church funds at **no extra cost** to you! Log on & search for 'Holy Trinity Horwich Parish Church' – over **£679** raised so far. *N.B. – we encourage the use of local shops & businesses for general purchases, wherever possible.*

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



#GODwithUS

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. *More information coming soon...!*

Church Giving for October 2017

1st Oct - **£452.44** on plate (*incl. all cash & env's*) + **£805.90** Standing Orders.

8th Oct - **£337.09** on plate (*incl. all cash & env's*) + **£805.90** Standing Orders.

15th Oct - **£ 438.62** on plate (*incl. all cash & env's*) + **£805.90** Standing Orders.

22nd Oct - **£306.91** on plate (*incl. all cash & env's*) + **£805.90** Standing Orders.

29th Oct - **£947.14** on plate (*incl. all cash & env's*) + **£805.90** Standing Orders.

The total for the month is **£6511.70**, which doesn't include the Gift Aid tax-claim.