

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in December



Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm, Handbells in the Narthex
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's Church , Cedar Ave 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Saturday 16 th	2pm, Namibia Line Dance , in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall (see inside)
Sunday 17th December Advent 3	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 10am, United Children's Nativity Service , in church 4pm, Nine Lessons & Carols – with Coffee & Mince Pies afterwards
Wednesday 20 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's Church , Cedar Ave 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 10.45am, Choral Communion , in church 4pm, Crib Service , with 4-legged friends (<i>weather permitting</i>) 11pm, Midnight Communion Service , in church
Monday 25th Christmas Day	8am, Christmas Day Early Communion Service , in church 10am, Christmas Day Family Communion Service , in church
Weds 27 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's Church with drinks after

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NEWSLETTER



Second Sunday of Advent Sunday 10th December, 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**

12.30pm, **An Hour's Carol Singing** with the Angels, Middlebrook Vue Mall
6.30pm, **Holy Communion** in church – *all are welcome!*



Epistle: **2 Peter 3:8-15** (p.1224 in Pew Bible)

Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8** (p.1002 in Pew Bible)

Wake Up! Get Ready! Jesus is Coming!
So is Christmas! Happy Advent!

Be an Angel! Come Carol Singing for an hour after our morning services **TODAY** with the Middlebrook Angels, families & children from our churches. Join us for **Carol Singing** from **12.30-1.30pm**, when we'll move around the Park to sing at various points – it's a lot of fun & we'll meet at the Vue Mall near the cinema at 12.25pm. **All are welcome – please come along to sing with the Angels about our Christmas faith through well-known Carols.**





In your Prayers this week, please ask...

For God's healing for Jacob Bleasdale, Les Burtonwood, Susan Dickinson, Michael Holden, Shirley Holt, Scarlet

Kendall (Margaret C's gr'dr), Haydn Matthews, Brenda Marshall, Reg Menzies (very ill in hospital), Edith Pierce (in RBH), Charlie Shawcross, Jo Smith, John Taylor, David Turton, Michael & Sylvia Wyatt & Pawenut Yanpanya.

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! Thank You!

For God's Comfort for recently bereaved families, especially of **Kathleen Wignall** (Dorothy's sister, funeral tomorrow (Mon 11th) at Noon in church – all invited to Ridgmont House after 1pm Committal at Overdale), **Renee Handley** (Wilf & Eileen's cousin, funeral on Tues (12th) at 11.30am at Overdale (West) – all invited to Horwich RMI afterwards) & **David Hodgkinson** (Jean Cayton's brother-in-law, funeral on Weds (13th) at 2pm in church).

Val Whenlock & Jim Green would like to thank everyone who participated in their Mum's (Winnie Green) Thanksgiving Service here on 27th October. Donations given in Winnie's memory have raised £140 for Dementia UK. Thank you again!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Wilf Tomkinson Writes: To my Church Family. "It was wonderful that so many of you came to me when I was able to attend church again – I found it too difficult to speak at times, but I do appreciate what each one of you did and had to say. Thank you. I will not be sending Christmas cards this year, as it would be too hard to sign each one in my name, as I found out at our grand-daughters's birthday last month, so I'd like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas in the name of Jesus, our Lord."



Scouts Christmas Post in church TODAY with a collection box here until **NEXT Sunday (17th Dec)** 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 Horwich postcode. Relax and let the Scouts take the strain!

Namibia Gift Cards are available now. Minimum donation varies depending on the project – help provide Solar Lights for schoolchildren, & other exciting projects – available to view & purchase in church NOW

Festive Line Dance! You're invited to a **Festive Line Dance** NEXT Saturday 16th December 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.



The Coffee Rota for January to March 2018 is now up on the notice board!



Christmas Dinner on Jesus! Support this terrific Urban Outreach Appeal by helping us collect **1,000 boxes** of **After Dinner Mints!** Today is our last day for collecting so please bring as many as you can afford to put in the box at the back of church. As of Sunday (2nd December) we had collected **570 boxes** of after dinner mints towards Christmas Dinner on Jesus. we need another **430 boxes** to meet our target! This is quite a push but we can do it! Please do give, so that we can be part of blessing others this Christmas. **You can also drop boxes of After Dinner Mints off at The Cow Shed and Living in BL . Thanks!**

Please Note: the Midweek Communion THIS coming Wednesday (13th) is now at St. Elizabeth's Church because of a Christmas commitment here!

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 (December & January 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.



In 2018, 'Open Door' will be 25! To celebrate the occasion, we invite anyone who has attended in the past to join us for Cheese & Wine at 8pm on Thursday 11th January in the Narthex. There will be a short AGM for current members at 7-30pm, then we shall move straight into our celebrations. We hope lots of you will be able to join us.

Operation Christmas Child many thanks for all of you who collected, checked and packed the shoe boxes. Over 7,200 boxes left on the lorry for Romania on Thursday 30th November. They have now arrived at their destination!



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Special Church Services for Christmas 2017

Sunday 17th Dec	10am	United Childrens' Nativity Service
	4pm	Festival Service of Nine Lessons & Carols <i>Coffee and Mince Pies afterwards!</i>
Sunday 24th Dec	4pm	Crib Service (with 4-legged friends, weather permitting!)
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion (not 11.30pm!)
Monday 25th Dec	8am	Christmas Day Early Communion
	10am	Christmas Day Family Communion

There will be a Midweek Communion on Wednesday 27th December & a 10am New Year's Day Family Communion ONLY (NO 8am or 6.30pm)