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## Services in December

St. Elizabeth's Church with drinks after

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8pm, <b>Open Door</b> , in church, <b>Sleight of Mind</b> (see inside)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm – <b>Horwich Parish School PTA Christmas Fayre</b>
<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>An Hour's Carol Singing</b> with the Angels, Middlebrook Vue Mall 6.30pm, <b>Holy Communion</b> in church – all are welcome!
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm, <b>Handbells</b> in the Narthex
Wednesday 13 <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> , <b>St. Elizabeth's Church</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2pm, <b>Namibia Line Dance</b> , in <b>St. Elizabeth's Church Hall</b> (see inside)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent 3	8am, <b>Early Holy Communion Service</b> , in the Memorial Chapel 10am, <b>United Children's Nativity Service</b> , in church 4pm, <b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b> – with Coffee & Mince Pies afterwards
Wednesday 20 <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> , <b>St. Elizabeth's Church</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Eve	8am, <b>Early Holy Communion Service</b> , in the Memorial Chapel 10.45am, <b>Choral Communion</b> , in church 4pm, <b>Crib Service</b> , with 4-legged friends (weather permitting) 11pm, <b>Midnight Communion Service</b> , in church

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# Holy Trinity Horwich Parish Church



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Holy Trinity Church, Horwich

## NEWSLETTER



Happy New (Church) Year!

### Advent Sunday

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Holy Communion**, in church (with K4C Groups)  
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service**, in church  
6.30pm, **Annual Memorial Service**, in church



Epistle: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** (p.1144 in Pew Bible)  
Gospel: **Mark 13:24-37** (p.1019 in Pew Bible)



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

**Christmas Dinner on Jesus!** Support this terrific Urban Outreach Appeal by helping us collect **1,000 boxes** of **After Dinner Mints!** Next Sunday is our deadline, so please bring as many as you can afford to put in the box at the back of church. As of last Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>), we'd collected 264 boxes so there's still a way to go to make our target. **You can also drop boxes of After Dinner Mints off at The Cow Shed and Living in BL. Thanks!**





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...ssdale, Les Burtonwood, Michael Holden, Shirley ...ws, Brenda Marshall, ...o Smith (as her arm recovers), John Taylor, David Turton, Kath Wignall (in Bolton Hospice), 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!

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

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.



to all who helped with last week's **Advent Experience** when hundreds of school children explored the seasons of Advent and Christmas around church. **Special Thanks to Jenny Dagnall, Pauline Saint, Sue Rayner & their wonderful team of helpers!**

**Horwich Parish School PTA Christmas Fayre.** Friday 8th December 3.20 - 4.45pm. Browse our craft stalls and activities, visit Father Christmas in his Winter grotto, enjoy fun games and treat yourself in our food hall. Join us there.



**Scouts Christmas Post** in church TODAY with a collection box here 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 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

**THANK YOU LETTERS** are available for YOU in

Church TODAY – PLEASE COLLECT YOURS – for all who support us financially as a church.

**Please Note:** the Midweek Communion on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is now at St. Elizabeth's Church because of Christmas commitments here!

**Festive Line Dance!** You're invited to a **Festive Line Dance** on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.10ç . 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.



**"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.



**Operation Christmas Child** many thanks for all of you who collected, checked and packed the shoe boxes. Over 7200 boxes left on the lorry for Romania on Thursday night. They will arrive at their destination in about four days.

## Special Church Services for Christmas 2017



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

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

There will be a Midweek Communion on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December & a 10am New Year's Day Family Communion ONLY (NO 8am or 6.30pm)