



In your prayers this week, please ask FOR GOD'S COMFORT for :

THE RECENTLY BEREAVED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF: David O'Mara (known to Sam), Chris Greenfield, those who lost their lives in the Manchester Arena bombing, the London Bridge attack and the Grenfell Tower fire. We also remember in our prayers those who were injured and those who have been traumatised by these events.

THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Kay, Joan Meaden (now at Astley Grange and Vera Miller.

FOR GOD'S HEALING for: THE SICK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S: Jean Garner  
THE SICK OF THE PARISH & BEYOND:

If you would like to add or return anyone to the SICK lists please let Sam know

Please also pray for families and friends anxious about their loved ones. .

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Gill Smart (468271)  
(Please let Gill (or the clergy) know of any concerns)

#### Authorised Lay Ministers

**Pastoral Care:** Jill Harley  
**Mission:** Jane Thompson  
**Youth:** Graham Smith

(please feel free to approach the relevant person).

#### HIRING the HALL & CHURCH.

If you wish to hire/use the HALL or CHURCH space for a meeting or similar (outside of the regular weekly bookings), please contact Jill Harley in the first instance to ensure the date and time are available and the heating will be on! The Hall has a 7 day timer, which is set each week. A copy of the times the Hall and Church is already regularly booked, is on the notice board in each building

Do you have any news??

#### NEWS LETTER

Updates and new notices to Sam by 17 January please.  
samh19358@gmail.com  
or 07739412715

St Elizabeth's Web site: [www.bhrmp.co.uk/st-elizabeth-horwich](http://www.bhrmp.co.uk/st-elizabeth-horwich)

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Articles & Event Photos to Margaret by 2nd Friday of month.

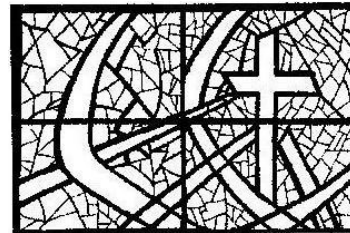
#### Aiming for a nut free zone.

It has come to our attention that a young member of our church has a nut allergy. This is potentially life threatening and we are aiming for the Church & the Hall to be as nut free as possible.

Please avoid bringing nut related food or ingredients into either building. Please could you also make any groups of people with whom you mix, organise or supervise aware of this. Thanks.



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# St Elizabeth's

A vibrant church serving  
God and the Community



A warm welcome especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Please make yourself known to the vicar or wardens

## Sunday 7 January

8.45 am  
BCP Communion

10 am

Pulse  
Family Worship

Readings:

Isaiah 40: 28-31  
1 Corinthians 9: 24-27.



6pm

**Annual Covenant Service,**  
at St John's Methodist Church

(Victoria Road) TONIGHT! Join friends from churches in Horwich & Rivington in this service started by John Wesley, the father of Methodism, as a personal renewal of the Covenant with God that Jesus has made possible.

## Sunday 14 January

10 am

Communion4all  
Family Communion

Readings:

Revelations 5: 1-10  
John 1: 43-51



6.30 pm

**Holy Communion**  
Holy Trinity  
(All welcome)

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## DIARY & REMINDERS

### Tuesday 9 January

19.30 Churches Together in Horwich & Rivington, in **St. Elizabeth's**

### Wednesday 10 January

09.30 Midweek Communion, **Holy Trinity**

18.30 Evening Service, **St. Elizabeth's**

### Thursday 11 January

10.30 Time4You, **St. Elizabeth's**

19.30 Prayer Meet at **Margaret and Rick's**

### Friday 12 January

10.30 Time4Twos, **St. Elizabeth's**

### Tuesday 16 January

7.30pm, Team ALMs Meeting, in **Gingham House, Gingham Brow**

### Wednesday 17 January

09.30 Midweek Communion, **St. Elizabeth's**

18.30 Evening Service, **St. Elizabeth's**

### Thursday 18 January

10.30 Time4You, **St. Elizabeth's**

19.30 Prayer Meet at **Margaret and Rick's**

### Friday 19 January

10.30 Time4Twos, **St. Elizabeth's**

### Youth Minister Appointment!

We are pleased to announce that we've appointed our first **Horwich & Rivington Team Youth Minister**. As this appointment is still subject to DBS clearance and Reference-checks, we aren't able to announce their name, but will do so as soon as we can. Thanks for your prayers & support that have got us to this point – please continue praying for the Youth Minister who will join our leadership team sometime early next year.



**Bear Grylls: 'My favourite way to start the day!'** – search for the 'Bible In One Year' App & make 2018 a year in which you grow your faith in Jesus through prayer & Bible reading!



### Christmas Dinner on Jesus!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed After Dinner Mints. We were a few short of our 1000 target & so have

bought some extra (*which has cost each church in the team £30*). If you would like to contribute towards this cost then please put your donation in the collection, clearly marked. **Thanks!**

### Christingle Service –

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm.

### At Holy Trinity

Come and make your own Christingle (*everything will be provided*) as we discover more about Jesus, the Light of the World. Suitable for all ages. Afterwards, we'll be having a bring & share tea – just bring something to eat which we can all share together!



**Slimming World** – will be meeting weekly at St.Catherine's on Mondays from 1st January. Just come along or contact Hollie on 07788 543151

### Word for Today magazine

After many years of service, collecting and distributing the Word, **Rick** is now looking for someone to take over this role. If you would like to help. Please speak to Rick. **A big thank you to Rick for your many years of valuable service**

**For your diary.....Social Events 2018**  
**GIRLS +TALK**, last Thursday of every month. Meeting at Il Torro from 8pm.  
**Call Jo** on 01204 240508 for more details.

**BEER&CHAT**, third Wednesday of every month. Meeting at Blackedge Brewery Bar from 7.30pm.  
**Call Gill** on 07967585670 for more details.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### We pray for a joyful start to the New Year!

*With love from Stephen, Jo, Caroline, Michael, Peter, Gill along with our wonderful team of retired clergy and all their families.*

### Below the Pike Magazine

Please note that **Shirley Sharples** is the new St. Elizabeth's rep for the magazine. So, if you want to share information about events, celebrations, congratulations, photos etc. please speak to Shirley.

Well done to the events team in being successful in their application to the **'Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme'** for the **Village Green Fete**. **Please support us and tell all your friends too!** We will receive either £1000, £2000 or £4000 depending votes from Tesco customers in November and December.

### THE GRUB TUB - STOREHOUSE PROJECT ORGANISED BY URBAN OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support **Storehouse via the Grub Tub** at the back of church. Storehouse is Bolton's food bank and distribution project, providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families who find themselves in need of help. People collect food from the Urban Restore Centre and stay for refreshments and a chat with volunteers who can signpost them to other Urban Outreach projects and agencies. Older people, those with mobility issues or single parents with young children can have food delivered. Donations of food, toiletries and cleaning products are always welcome. Check out <http://urbanoutreach.co.uk/projects/59> for ideas of suitable donations.

**Thank you.**



**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 11<sup>th</sup> January in the Narthex, Holy Trinity.**

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 – will anyone wishing to come who doesn't currently attend our meetings, please let Cynthia Percy know on 01204 695737.

### "Holy Trinity Namibia Committee

thank everyone who attended and all who helped at their recent fund raising Christmas Line Dance. A good time was had by all and we raised a wonderful £150 in aid of our link parishes. Thank you".

*"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.