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In your prayers this week, please ask FOR GOD'S COMFORT for : THE RECENTLY BEREAVED FAMILY& FRIENDS OF: Chris Greenfield, Colin Craston, Margaret Kay and Terry Holt.

THE ELDERLY & HOUSEBOUND: 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.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING for : For our Trainee Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM): Ron Knott, Caroline Barber & Vicki Holden from Rivington are currently undertaking ALM training with the Diocese in Prayer & Spirituality, so please remember them in your prayers

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(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 28 February please.
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or 07739412715

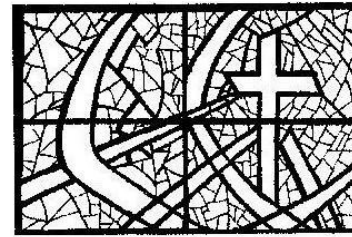
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Articles & Event Photos to Margaret by 2nd Friday of month.

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 18 February

10 am

**Word4you
Morning Worship**

Readings:

1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15



6.30 pm

**Reflective Celtic
Communion**

**Holy Trinity
(All welcome)**

Sunday 25 February

10 am

**Communion4you
Holy Communion**

Readings:

Romans 4: 13-25
Mark 8: 31-38



6.30 pm

**God Space –
contemporary worship**

**Holy Trinity
(All welcome)**

DIARY & REMINDERS

PULSE

Praise Understanding Love
Serving Encourage



A Brand new service, first Sunday in every month.

A vibrant uplifting service for all ages to encourage and uplift spiritual health. A service which openly invites people of all ages to participate in activities from choosing your favourite hymn to involving people in topics of conversation.

Next service is the 4th of March "Looking into the Bible"

Wednesday 21 February

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

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

Thursday 22 February

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

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

Friday 23 February

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

Wednesday 28 February

09.30 Midweek Communion, **Holy Trinity**

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

Thursday 1 March

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

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

Friday 2 March

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

"How big is our God!"

This year's Lent Reading morning is **Isaiah chapters 40-55** where God reveals how much He loves us in many wonderful and well known promises and passages. Both Jesus and Paul quoted from these chapters and they include several prophecies of the life and death of the coming Servant, Jesus, to prepare us for the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. **Come and join us on Saturday March 17 at Holy Trinity from 10:30am to noon with refreshments.**

"Can you help in The Team Office? If it is to operate effectively and continue to open each day the Team Office desperately needs some more volunteers. We would like to take over more of the admin work to help the clergy and in order to expand we are looking for people with different skills. If you think you can help for a couple of hours each week please **contact Susan Preston by emailing: churchteamoffice@gmail.com**

Church Cleaning - Can you spare one hour per month to keep the church clean & tidy? The cleaning team has now only 8 volunteers and presently clean the church every week. Without more volunteers the Church may only be cleaned fortnightly. **If anyone can help, please speak to Bev Strang or phone 07960 095591.**

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 Brewery Bar, Hampson St. from 7.30pm. Its a relaxed and sociable time giving opportunity to chat about many different topics. **Call Gill on 07967585670 for more details. Next dates 21 February, 21 March and 18 April**

Easter Egg Bingo - Monday 12 March

St. Elizabeth's Summer Fete - 7 July

Zoe's Trip I will be flying to India on 4th July 2018, and starting my World Challenge adventure. **Thanks to the generosity of the St. Elizabeth's family, I have almost raised the £2450 needed.** I still need to have my vaccinations and also buy some extra kit. I have a very busy itinerary in India, starting on arrival, where I have a few days to immerse in the culture, then straight onto the community project where I will be helping in a school with whatever needs doing. After that, I go on the Munrar Trek, reaching an altitude of just over 1600m. Finally, I will have time for 'rest and relaxation' and to experience the culture and maybe try something new. **Zoe Harley**

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Dementia Awareness - Monday 26 February

The Pastoral Team would invite you to an evening session starting at 7.00pm lasting about an hour at Holy Trinity on 26 February. This will be led by Steve Williams from Home Instead (a local organisation offering care for the elderly). No need to book but further information available from **Susan Kerr on 01204 962760 susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com**

Real Lives!

Footballer, **Vinnie Commons**, talks to **Jonathan Carswell** about his faith at **Horwich Evangelical Church (Wright St.)** on Tuesday

20th February at 7.30pm – all are welcome to a stimulating evening!



Saturday 24th Feb 4pm – 6pm . MESSY CHURCH

an afternoon for ALL the family to engage in activities, crafts, stories, singing and FOOD! **ALL FREE!**

Come along and join in or offers of help gratefully received.

Also on 24th March

Open House- Caroline would like to invite you to a new fellowship group which begins on **Tuesday 20th February** at her home. **Open House** will take place between 12.30 pm and 3.00 pm every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome so bring a friend along. A light lunch will be provided at 12.30 followed by a short Bible study. The afternoon will continue with a time of discussion and prayer accompanied by tea/coffee and biscuits. Don't worry if you are unable to stop for the entire afternoon. Arrive and leave whenever you wish - even if it's only for 15 minutes. **Venue: 4 Evanstone Close, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5SQ**

Churches Together In Horwich and Rivington Lent Meetings 2018

Overall theme: Learning to deepen our prayer life.

Mon 19th February. St.Elizabeth's. **Source of life - prayer as relationship**

Speaker: **Jennifer McKenzie**

Tuesday 27th February. St. Mary's. **Source of joy - prayer as enjoying God**

Speaker: **Linda Gillett**

Wednesday 7th March – Holy Trinity. Source of light - prayer as listening

Speaker: **David Griffiths**

Thursday 15th March – St. John's Church. Source of wholeness - prayer as honesty

Speaker: **Michael Behrend**

Friday 23rd March – New Chapel. Source of love - prayer as care

Speaker: **Stephen Fletcher**

All meetings start at 7.30pm & All welcome

Pastoral Care Board

We have a new notice board and some more detailed information. Please take a look, think & pray about where you fit in. Please feel free to speak to Gill or Jill, Michael or Peter with no obligation. We also have a **BIRTHDAY CHART** - please add your birth date (and your age if it's a special one!) so we can all share in the pleasure.

Pastoral Care Team We are visiting or have contact with several members of our church family who are poorly or unable to get to church. We don't want to miss anyone so if you know of people who are ill or unable to get to church can you let us know please. We would rather be told more than once about someone than miss the opportunity to visit them. **Please contact Gill, Jill, Peter or Michael.**

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