



In your prayers this week, please ask FOR GOD'S COMFORT for :
THE RECENTLY BEREAVED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF: Mike Rose (husband of Julie Rose) Nicola Thomlinson (daughter of Ken & Sue Denton), 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 the Hatton Family – please pray for Tim & Kate Hatton in Guernsey & their wider family as they mourn their youngest son, Wilf. When a funeral date is booked, we'll try to organise a prayer vigil here at the same time, for those who wish to pray for them & to share their memories & sorrow. They say: "We're greatly comforted knowing that so many people are praying hard into our tragic situation. We're confident that Wilfred had a faith of his own & is going to be with God." Their Notice in the Guernsey Press says: "Hatton, Wilfred George – took his own life after a long fight with depression & anxiety. Always helping & giving to others, he found his own burdens too hard to bear. **Loving son of Tim & Kate & brother to Gez & Godfrey.**"

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Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Gill Smart (468271)
 (Please let Gill/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

NEWS LETTER

Updates and new notices to Sam by 11 April please.

samh19358@gmail.com
or 07739412715

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.**

St Elizabeth's Web site: www.bhrmp.co.uk/st-elizabeth-horwich

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

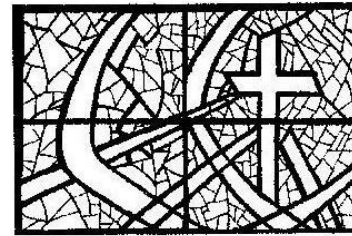
Aiming for a nut free zone.

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 1 April
 Easter Day**

8.45 am

BCP

10 am

Holy Communion



Readings:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
 John 20: 1-18

6.30 pm

Easter Praise

**Holy Trinity
 (All welcome)**

**Sunday 8 April
 Palm Sunday**

10 am

**Communion4all
 Family Communion**



Readings:

John 1: 1-2
 John 20: 19-31

6.30 pm

Holy Communion

**Holy Trinity
 (All welcome)**

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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 services - 1st April, 6th May

Wednesday 4 April

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

Thursday 5 April

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

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

Friday 6 April

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

19.30 Women's World Day of Prayer,
Horwich Evangelical Church

Please note there will be no evening Service on **Wednesday 4 April, back on the 11th April.**

Wednesday 11 April

09.30 Midweek Communion, **Holy Trinity**

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

Thursday 12 April

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

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

Friday 13 April

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

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

(rearranged) on **Friday 6th April at 7.30pm** in Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright Street (BL6 7HU) – all welcome whether women, men or children. This beautiful service has the theme is '**All God's Creation is Very Good**', written by the women of Suriname .

My Beloved Son – a presentation of the life of Christ in music & narration – at the Triangle Methodist Church on Friday 30th & Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm. To book tickets (£5), phone Methodist Circuit Office on 654285.

Social Events 2018

Girls & Talk, last Thursday of every month. **11 Torro from 8pm.**

Call Jo on **01204 240508**, for more details.

Beer & Chat, third Wednesday of every month. **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 date 18 April**

Church Day Out - Barge Trip - 14 June

St. Elizabeth's Summer Fete - 7 July

Organ Recital for our Namibia Link by **Alan Beedie**, the retired Headmaster of our Parish School at Holy Trinity on **Saturday 28th April at 7.30pm.** Tickets: £8 (incl. glass of wine or soft drink) from Margaret Broadfoot or Susan Kerr, or ring 690283 or 692760.

Great news! **Sandra's Housegroup** has restarted, next meeting on **Monday 2nd April** and fortnightly thereafter. Please contact Sandra on 692749, if you require any more information.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Easter Service St. Elizabeth's Church

Fri 30 March Good Friday
10.00am Good Friday Reflection

Sat 31 6.30pm Holy Week Reflection

Sun 1 April Easter Sunday
10.00am Family Communion

All services at St Elizabeth's unless otherwise stated. **Everyone is welcome**

Below the Pike Magazine Do you have an interesting story to tell our readers? Maybe about your own life? Or how, when or why you became a member of St. Elizabeth's? A special anniversary or family event that was a bit different. Perhaps, a name or memory of someone from the Great war years (2018 marks 100 years since the war ended), so we can all say thank you to them. Your article does not have to be particularly long but it would be good to hear about other peoples lives and experiences. Please talk to me if you are unsure if your article is suitable. Thank you!
Shirley Sharples,

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.**

Do you have **prayers, news, information, events or activities** you would like to share with members of St. Elizabeth's and beyond? Contact **Sam on 07739412715 or samh19358@gmail.com**

£130 for Church Funds – Ecclesiastical Insurance (who insure our church buildings) are celebrating their 130th Anniversary & thru a "**Trust 130**" Campaign, will donate £130 direct to church for any new Home Insurance Policy taken out by our members. Simply quote "**Trust 130**" when you apply (www.ecclesiastical.com) before 31st Dec, 2018, so check this when your renewal is due to see if it's competitive? *We've already received 1 payment of £130 from a Churchmember who has done this (it was the best comparative quote, too!), but the more the merrier! Thank you!*

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.

DISCIPLESHIP | EXPLORED

Discipleship Explored helps followers of Jesus 'turn up the gospel soundtrack to their lives'. It focuses on the music which drives discipleship: the love of Christ. The greatest love anyone can ever know. This eight session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians is ideal for believers at any stage of the Christian life. It features brand-new documentary-style films and inspiring real-life stories from around the world. **Starting Wednesday Evening 18th April.** **Contact Michael (697162) to book onto the course.**

"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**

Open House! Caroline invites you to a new fellowship group on Tuesdays at her home (4 Evanstone Close, Horwich, BL6 5SQ). 'Open House' will run between 12.30-3pm every Tuesday & everyone is welcome, so bring along a friend. A light lunch will be provided at 12.30pm followed by a short Bible study, then a time of discussion & prayer with tea/coffee & biscuits – arrive & leave whenever you wish, even if it's only for 15 minutes. **Contact: Caroline on 692303.**

Christian Meditation returns to **Holy Trinity on Monday mornings at 11am.** All are welcome to join us for this hour of reflective prayer.