



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, Wilf Hatton 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, Barbara Bentley, Andy Ferrier. 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. .

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.

"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**

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Church Warden: Jane Halstead (468273)

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 card in each building.

NEWS LETTER

Updates and new notices to Sam by 9 May 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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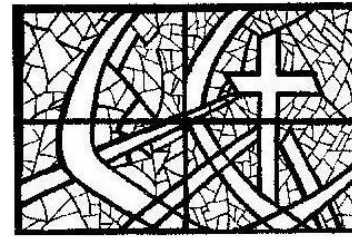
Articles & Event Photos to Margaret by 2nd Friday of month.

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 29 April

10 am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Word4you Morning Worship

Readings:

1 John 4: 7-21
John 15: 1- 8



6.30 pm

Team Choral Evensong Holy Trinity

Our preacher is **David Griffiths**. His theme will be 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Come and experience the loveliness and calm of a traditional evensong.

Sunday 6 May

10 am

Communion4you Holy Communion

Readings:

1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18



6.30 pm

Evening Praise

**Holy Trinity
(All welcome)**

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DIARY & REMINDERS



PULSE

Praise Understanding Love Serving Encourage

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 6th May - "The Holy Spirit" & "The Pentecost"

Monday 30 April

11.00 Christian Meditation, Holy Trinity

19.30 PCC Training, St. Elizabeth's

Wednesday 2 May

09.30 Midweek Communion, Holy Trinity

18.30 Evening Service, St. Elizabeth's

Thursday 3 May

10.30 Time4You, St. Elizabeth's

19.30 Prayer Meet at Margaret and Rick's

Friday 4 May

10.30 Time4Twos, St. Elizabeth's

Monday 7 May

11.00 Christian Meditation, Holy Trinity

Wednesday 9 May

09.30 Midweek Communion, St. Elizabeth's

18.30 Evening Service, St. Elizabeth's

Thursday 10 May

10.30 Time4You, St. Elizabeth's

19.30 Prayer Meet at Margaret and Rick's

Friday 11 May

10.30 Time4Twos, St. Elizabeth's

Bishop David will be attending the Diocesan Synod in Namibia on 5 May

Whilst there he will be visiting some parishes and possibly our Link parish's. Please pray for safe travels, the building of relationships and a productive Synod meeting for the Church in Namibia.

Below the Pike Magazine - Do you have any news of interest, such as family events, children's articles, poems, jokes, drawings or photographs of activities they have been involved in for our new children's page which we hope to include each month. Articles and events do not need to be current. Please send articles or news to Shirley Sharples @ s.sharples1@ntlworld.com.

Social Events 2018

Girls & Talk, last Thursday of every month.

Il Torro from 8pm. Next date 31 May

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: **Wednesday 16 May**

Church Day Out - Barge Trip - 14 July

from 11am-3pm. Join with others from across the team on a day out on a barge (stopping at a pub for lunch or you can bring a picnic). £13 p.er person.

St. Elizabeth's Summer Fete - 7 July

Family Weekend - 5-7 July 2019

To mark the start of Christian Aid week a **Team Coffee Morning** is to be held on **Saturday 12th May 10am – 12noon in St Catherine's**



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.**

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THY KINGDOM COME....

is a simple invitation to pray between **Ascension and Pentecost for friends and family to come to faith.** The invitation is simply for people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know the saving love of Jesus. **Between May 10th and 20th there will be an opportunity to join with others at different prayer events in churches in Horwich and Rivington.**

(Look out for more details in the coming weeks).

Will you join the Global Wave of Prayer?

Will you Pledge2Pray?

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,**
Tel: 07989718689

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 29th April

*The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 29th April at 10.00 am. At this meeting church officials will be elected, including Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Sidespeople & Lay Representatives (or representatives from the congregation) to serve on the Parochial Church Council. The PCC meets six times yearly. There are nomination forms at the back of church. Once completed, the nomination forms should be handed to a churchwarden, **Sandra Almond or Jane Halstead.** If you are interested in joining the PCC and wish to be nominated please add your name to the list at the back of church along with that of your proposer and seconder (you need to be on the Electoral Roll).*



The Horwich Parish CE School Fashion Show! Want to update your wardrobe with Spring just around the corner? Well, on **Friday 4th May, Horwich Parish School PTA** have arranged for *'The Fashion Show & Sale Company'* to present a **Fashion Show** in Church starting at 7.30pm (*Doors open at 7pm*). This is a night not to be missed, with bargains galore from all of your favourite High Street shops – *M&S, Next, River Island, Top Shop, Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins,* & more, at up to 75% off! Tickets on sale now from Rachel Holland or Jan O'Brien. Adults: £5 & 16-21s: £2.50 (*incl. a glass of wine/juice*). Sorry, no under-16's!



Bolton Lads and Girls Club are currently looking for more volunteer Mentors! As some of you may know, I currently take part in this service and donate 1-2 hours of my time a week and Mentor a fantastic young person in Bolton! It's really straight forward and rewarding, and you get the satisfaction of knowing you are making a real difference to the life of a young person. **Sam Hannah.** For more information, either ask me, or head to their website here: <https://boltonladsandgirlsclub.co.uk/>

In the Arena

Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm – 10pm
Join Rob Parsons and Gerrit Bantjes at this really encouraging men's event to be equipped with practical strategies to withstand the challenges of life.

Venue: Claremont Church, Bolton BL1 2BY.
Tickets £6 from www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/in-the-arena-bolton

Church Family Trips At the recent ALM retreat, we talked about being a 'Team of Churches' and how we could perhaps be 'more Team!' As a result, we are going to open up both our Barge Trip Day Out and our Family Weekend to everyone, in the hope we can enjoy a mix of company and get to know others from elsewhere a little better. Both trips have a number limitation (although the Barge Day numbers are much lower) so it is in your interest to get those payments made in order to be sure of your space! Full payment of £13 required for the Barge Trip and a £20 deposit per person for the weekend. **See Jill for further details**



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!