

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in April & May

Tuesday 17 th	12.30-2.30pm. Open House , 4 Evanstone Close – see inside! 7.30pm, Worship Committee , in church
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at Holy Trinity, followed by refreshments 6.30pm, Evening Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church, all welcome 7.30 Discipleship Explored Confident in Christ (See inside) 7.30pm Beer & Chat , Blackedge Brewery, Hampson Street
Thursday 19 th	7.30pm, ' Open Door ' meeting in the Narthex, all welcome! (see inside)
Sunday 22nd April (Easter 4)	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Worship Service & Baptism , (KFC Groups meeting) 10.45am, Choral Communion & Wholeness & Healing in church 6.30pm, God [Space] - a contemporary service for everyone
Tuesday 24 th	12.30-2.30pm. Open House , 4 Evanstone Close – see inside!
Wednesday 25 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at St. Elizabeth's, with refreshments 6.30pm, Evening Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church, all welcome 7.30 Discipleship Explored Living in Christ (See inside)
Thursday 26 th	8pm Girls + Talk , upstairs at Il Toro, (see inside)
Saturday 28 th	10.30pm, Matins Prayers & Coffee , Rivington Church – all welcome!
Sunday 29th April (Easter 5)	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Worship , in church 10am, Annual Parochial Church Meeting , in church <i>followed by A Short Holy Communion Service</i> , in church 6.30pm, Choral Evensong Service in church -all welcome!

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Items for **Below the Pike** (Team Magazine) to Margaret Broadfoot (690283) mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com.

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th April 2018 Third Sunday after Easter



We hope you'll feel at home with us! Please stay for refreshments after most services – we look forward to meeting you. Leaflets about our activities are in the Leaflet Rack, or speak to Clergy, 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 Communion Service**, (KFC Groups meet today)
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service**, in church
6.30pm, **Reflective Celtic Communion at Rivington church!**



Epistle: **1 John 3:1-7** (p.1226 in Pew Bible)
Gospel: **Luke 24:36-48** (p.1062 in Pew Bible)

Thy Kingdom Come 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?**



Prayer List

In your Prayers this week, please ask...

For God's healing: Julie Beck (*Bolton Hospice*), Jacob Bleasdale, Les Burtonwood, Naysa Hirst, Michael Holden, Shirley Holt, Scarlet Kendall (*Margaret C's gr'dr*), Haydn Matthews, Reg Menzies (*very poorly*), Charlie Shawcross, John Taylor, Wilf Tomkinson, Shirley Turton (*in Wythenshawe Hospital*) & David Turton, Charlie Williamson, 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! Thank You!

For God's Comfort for bereaved families of Paul Newton (*Caroline Pearson's Dad*), Dennis Platt, Florence Naylor, Wilf Hatton, John Norburn, Dora Consterdine David Marsh, Florence Naylor, and Paul Newton.

Stephen – is recovering from his hernia operation & will be out of action for several weeks, at least until the end of April. Please contact Jo, Caroline, or any of our other team clergy, with enquiries you'd normally ask of him, as he won't be able to respond to emails or calls until he's back on duty. *Thank you.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Open Door: 19th April – My personal Journey to Everest Base Camp – Speaker: Judith Bromley. All welcome!

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 (01204 697162) to book onto the course.



Coffee Rota for April to June is now on the noticeboard at the back of church – many thanks to all those who volunteered to provide this valuable service (*Lesley*)

Organ Recital for our Namibia Link by **Alan Beedie**, the retired Headmaster of our Parish School here 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.

Musical Instruments! The last PCC approved the purchase of instruments for the Music Group to be sited in the Chancel. Thanks to those who've contributed nearly £2,000 towards the estimated cost of £3,000 – if anyone wants to donate, see Lesley Greenhalgh, or put it in an envelope to give to a Churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 29th April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 29th April at **10.00 am** immediately following the 9.15 am service. There will be a shortened service of Holy Communion at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

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 and members also serve on one or more of the subcommittees which feed back to the PCC meetings. There are leaflets explaining more about the PCC as well as nomination forms at the back of church. Once completed, the nomination forms should be handed to a churchwarden, Susan Kerr or David Pritchard. 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 - see front of the notice sheet for details!).

We really hope that you will consider getting involved and help in the running of your church. If you have any questions please ask David Pritchard, Susan Kerr or the Churchwardens

Memorial Wall Flower Containers – flower containers are sometimes left on the grass of the Memorial Garden or close to the Memorial Wall, but these have been moved back to the steps under the Columbarium, which is the space provided for them. We apologise to families who been upset at finding them moved from where they were left, but please use the steps provided, as they will be moved back there by our churchyard team, who help us keep the area tidy and the grass mown.

Open House! Caroline invites you to a new fellowship group on Tuesdays at her home (*4 Evanstone Close, Horwich, BL6 5SQ*). **'Open House'**, 12.30-2.30pm. A light lunch is provided at 12.30pm then Bible study & a time of discussion & prayer.

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!



G+T (aka Girls + Talk) are meeting again on the 26th April from 8pm upstairs in the Cocktail Bar at Il Toro. This is a social occasion and open to any women - feel free to bring your friends!

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