

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in April & May

Monday 23 rd	11am Meditation in church
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	10.30am, Matins Prayers & Coffee , Rivington Church – all welcome! 7.30 Organ Recital – Alan Beedie, in church – See inside
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!
Monday 30 th	11am Meditation in church 7.30pm PCC Tonight training , St Elizabeth's Church, for all PCC members
Tuesday 1 st May	12.30-2.30pm. Open House , 4 Evanstone Close – see inside! 2pm Pastoral Committee , in church
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at Holy Trinity, followed by refreshments 6.30pm, Evening Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church, all welcome 7.30 Discipleship Explored In the Arena' men's event at Claremont church
Friday 4 th	7pm Horwich Parish CE School Fashion Show (See inside)
Sunday 6th May (Easter 6)	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Holy Communion , (KFC Groups meeting) 10.45am, Choral Communion in church 6.30pm, Evening Praise – All welcome

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22nd April 2018
Fourth 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 Worship Service & Baptism**, (KFC Groups meeting)
10.45am, **Choral Communion & Wholeness & Healing**
6.30pm, **God [Space]** - a contemporary service for everyone



Epistle: **1 John 3:16-24** (p.1227 in Pew Bible)
Gospel: **John 10:11-18** (p.1076 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**?

There Will be a Team Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity at 6.30 on 29th April. People who would like to join the Holy Trinity choir for that evening are invited to a choir practice at 7.30 Wednesday 25th April. Our preacher is David Griffiths, with Stephen's absence, when his theme will be 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Come and experience the loveliness and calm of a traditional evensong.



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*), Florence Naylor, Wilf Hatton, John Norburn, Dora Consterdine David Marsh, Paul Newton, Derek Jackson, Dorothy Derbyshire & Margaret (Peggy) Elkins

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: 17th May – Jacqui's Jewellery – Speaker: Jacqui Wallace. All welcome!

A Message from Sam... Though 6 months past from the day I left UK, still cherish my memories about each of you and the good time I had with everyone. I'm following the 'BELOW THE PIKE' to know what's happening in the Church. Praise God for the Youth minister and praying specially for the youngsters, wish to see them more in the Church. On a sad note, there are increasing attacks on many churches by the supporters of Hindu Government in India. Kindly pray and support us. Happy wishes to everyone. With Love, Sam

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. **Started Wednesday Evening 18th April.** Contact Michael (01204 697162) to book onto the course.



Eyes Down and Markers Ready for a fun filled Family Bingo Night! Come and join us at the parish hall on Saturday 19th May from 5-7 p.m. Suitable for all ages and everyone welcome. Tickets cost £1 and include a soft drink, hot dog and bingo cards. Tickets available from Stephen and Nicola Gillard 01204 227648. Come along - You got to be in it to win it!

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 our church. If you have any questions please ask David Pritchard, Susan Kerr or the Churchwardens

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!