

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in April & May

Monday 30 th	11am Meditation in church 7.30pm PCC Tonight training , St Elizabeth's Church, for all PCC members
Tuesday 1 st May	2pm Pastoral Committee , in church
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at St Elizabeth's, 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
Thursday 3 rd	7.30pm, CTHR AGM , Rosary Room, next to St Mary's Church
Friday 4 th	2pm, Wilf Tomkinson's Funeral , Holy Trinity Church 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, Holy Communion in church, all welcome
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at Holy Trinity, with refreshments 6.30pm, Evening Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church, all welcome 7.30 Discipleship Explored One in Christ (See inside)
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion & start of TKC , St Elizabeth's
Sunday 13th May (Easter 7)	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Worship , in church 10.45am, Civic Service , in church 6.30pm, Evening Praise , in church, join us as we learn some new songs.

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



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Church, Horwich



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 29th April 2018

Fifth 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** (KFC Groups meeting)
10am, **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**,
followed by **A Short Holy Communion Service**
6.30pm, **Choral Evensong Service** -all welcome!



Epistle: **1 John 4:7-21** (p.1227 in Pew Bible)
Gospel: **John 15:1-8** (p.1083 in Pew Bible)

Annual Meeting - THIS MORNING! Please do join us as we look back over the past year and give thanks to God and look forward to the coming year and all that God has in store for us. Please also pray for those taking up new roles and those continuing in roles and give thanks for all who serve here. We would love for more people to get involved, if you want to know more then please speak to a member of the clergy or one of the Wardens.

Team Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity tonight. Our preacher is David Griffiths, the 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, Shirley Turton (*in Wythenshawe Hospital*) & David Turton, 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 John Norburn, Dora Consterdine David Marsh, Paul Newton, Derek Jackson, Dorothy Derbyshire, Margaret (Peggy) Elkins & Wilf Tomkinson

Stephen – is recovering well from his hernia operation & making good progress. He will be off for a while longer and when he returns will be on reduced hours for a few weeks, building back up to full time. During his phased return to work Stephen will be unable to visit and will be mainly focused on getting back up to speed and preparing for Sunday services. Until he is back please contact another member of the clergy team with enquiries you'd normally ask of him, as he won't be able to respond to emails or calls. *Thank you.*

Bishop David will be attending the Diocesan Synod in Namibia on 5th May. Whilst there he will be visiting some parishes and possibly our Link parishes. Please pray for safe travels, the building of relationships and a productive Synod meeting for the Church in Namibia.

Wilf Tomkinson's funeral will be at 2pm on Friday 2nd May at Holy Trinity.

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

Team Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 8th July with Bishop Mark Bolton at St Catherine's. Confirmation is a service where people make a public commitment of adult faith in Christ. Could this be for you? We will be running adult and teenage preparation sessions - if you are interested in making this commitment, or at this stage just finding out a bit more then please get in touch with Stephen, Jo or Caroline ASAP.



Thy Kingdom Come - Starting soon on 10th May until 20th May.

Join with millions of others in committing these 10 days to pray for those who do not yet know and love Christ. Over these 10 there are different types of prayer events happening all over Horwich & Rivington. There is a flyer with all the details on and there are also details (and there will be reminders) on our Facebook page too. Will you join the Global Wave of Prayer? Will you **Pledge2Pray?** If you are on Facebook or Twitter then follow Thy Kingdom Come or @thykingdom_come to see what is happening on a national & international scale.
It's exciting - God's moving - Get involved!

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!

Summer Picnics from 12.00 to 3.30pm

All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Bring a picnic lunch or join the group sometime in the afternoon. More details and contact numbers coming soon.

May half term	Stephen Gillard date and venue to be arranged	
Sunday 10 th June	Revd Jo Smith	Haigh Hall, Wigan
Sunday 1 st July	Anne Fletcher	Worden Park, Leyland
Sunday 22 nd July	Stephen Gillard	Astley Hall Park, Chorley
Sunday 5 th August	Rachel Holland	Haigh Hall, Wigan
Sunday 19 th August	Gemma Garcete	Worden Park, Leyland
Sunday 2 nd September	Paul Greenhalgh	Astley Hall Park, Chorley

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.

Barge Trip! Saturday 14th 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.person. More details on the leaflet at the back of church - 1st come, 1st served.

Fashion Show! Want to update your wardrobe with Spring just around the corner? Horwich Parish School PTA have arranged for 'The Fashion Show & Sale Company' to present a **Fashion Show** in Church Friday 4th May 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!

