

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in May

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
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion & start of TKC , St Elizabeth's
Friday 11 th	1.30pm TKC Prayer Walk , Rivington Church
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.
Monday 14 th	11am Meditation in church. 1.30pm TKC Prayer & Crafts , New Chapel URC Church. 7.45pm PCC , in church
Tuesday 15 th	6.30pm TKC Praying with Art , in church
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , at St Elizabeth's, followed by refreshments 10.30am, TKC Prayer Cross & Cup n Natter , St John's Church 6.30pm, TKC Reflection , St. Elizabeth's Church, all welcome. 7.30 Discipleship Explored - Obedient in Christ.
Thursday 17 th	11am - 2pm TKC Prayer Tree , Middlebrook. 8pm Open Door (See inside)
Saturday 19 th	10.30am TKC Matins & Coffee , Rivington Church 5pm - 7pm Family Bingo Night , Church Hall (see inside for details)
Sunday 20th May Pentecost	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel. 9.15am, Parade Service . 10.45am, Choral Communion in church. 6.30pm, TKC Pentecost Praise Service , Horwich Evangelical Church

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Newsletter Items to m.foster.hpc@gmail.com by midday Wednesday - please **Help Save the Planet! Save Paper!** To have a copy of the Newsletter sent by email, contact Mike at m.foster.hpc@gmail.com

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



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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th May 2018

Sixth 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 Holy Communion**, (K4C Groups meeting)
10.45am, **Choral Communion**
6.30pm, **Holy Communion**, all welcome



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



Thy Kingdom Come - STARTS THIS WEEK!

10th May until 20th May. There are lots of different prayer events happening across Horwich & Rivington over the 10 days (see the calendar page or the TKC flyer for more details or check out our Facebook page). K4C will be having their own special TKC session next Sunday too. Why not take this chance to try praying in a different way? The important thing is that we join with millions of others in committing these 10 days to pray for those who do not yet know and love Christ. 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!



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 Fletcher – is hoping to return to work on Tuesday (8th) on a phased return, building his hours back up towards full time over a few weeks. During his phased return he will be mainly focused on getting back up to speed with things and preparing for Sunday services. So, for the next few weeks he will be quite limited as to what he can do and he's asked that you don't expect too much of him. Until he is back to full speed, if you have an urgent request then please can you continue to contact another member of the clergy team. Thanks.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Open Door: 8pm 17th May – Jacqui's Jewellery – Speaker: Jacqui Wallace. Then on Thursday 31st May, Life of Gilbert & Sullivan speaker David Hill. All welcome!



Team Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 8th July with the Bishop of 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.

Musical Instruments the instruments have now been purchased and as you will have noticed are up on the Chancel, they have been in use now for 3 weeks and are a lovely addition to our worship. The total cost was £2846.95, and I have received donations of almost £2000, many thanks to those who have contributed. If you feel that you could donate to the outstanding balance, please have a word with Lesley Greenhalgh or simply put it in a white envelope clearly marked "instruments" these can be found at the end of the pews.

Cleaning Day - Will be held on Saturday 19th May at the earlier time of 9am till 11am. There is a list of jobs in the narthex which you can sign up for, please come along and help make the task a lot easier



NEXT SUNDAY at 10.45am is the annual Horwich Civic Service,

when we welcome our new The Town Mayor of Horwich **Councillor Peter Wright** for 2018 - 2019 & the Town Mayoress **Miss Alison Wright**. The RMI Band will be providing musical support in this special service, where both civic & community groups come together to support them at the start of their Mayoral Year.

A New Law, the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), which relates to the data we hold about you -your address and other contact details - comes into force at the end of May. It will give you more rights and control over how this information can be used. In the next few weeks, we will be asking every church member to complete a form to confirm the ways in which we may use this information, eg to contact you about Church Services and events. If you would like further information or have any queries please contact the PCC secretary Susan Kerr on 01204 692760 or susanlavin-ikerr@gmail.com

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

Roof Repairs - work is scheduled to begin on the repairs to the roof, caused by last year's lead theft, on Tuesday 8th May. For the two to three weeks the work is in progress there will be scaffolding around parts of the outside of the church which may make access to some areas, including the Memorial Wall, more difficult

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!

Weekly Church Giving Figures April 2018

1st April: **£605.62** on plate (*incl. cash & env's*) + **£875.50** Standing Orders
 8th April **£329.09** on plate (*incl. cash & env's*) + **£875.50** Standing Orders
 15th April **£409.30** on plate (*incl. cash & env's*) + **£875.50** Standing Orders
 22nd April **£520.92** on plate (*incl. cash & env's*) + **£875.50** Standing Orders
 29th April **£474.606** on plate (*incl. cash & env's*) + **£875.50** Standing Orders
Total for the month: £6717.03 which doesn't include reclaimable tax.