



Team Newsletter

6th September 2020

Please note new times for September

9.15am and 10.45am at Holy Trinity

8.45am and 10am at St.Elizabeth's*

10.45am at Rivington*

10.30am at St.Catherine's

***Due to the limitations on numbers at Rivington and St.Elizabeth's
we are asking you to book in advance on:**

07710 563678 (for Rivington) **and 01204 692265** (for St.Elizabeth's).

We are currently planning to restart communion services on 20th September (subject to approval of PCCs)

Guidelines for Attending Church Services:

Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, and if you begin to experience symptoms during a service, please inform a church warden or other member of staff immediately. Likewise, if you are tested positive within 7 days of being in the building, please notify us.

It is now mandatory to wear a face covering in church, unless you are exempt from having to wear one. Those leading and those assisting (eg those preaching, reading and leading the prayers) are allowed to take their face covering off when doing so, provided they can maintain social distancing.

Children are welcome, but unfortunately, we are unable to offer any specific provision for them at the moment. We do ask that they remain seated with their family throughout the service. If you have small children it may be appropriate to bring a quiet toy or book for their personal use.

We will be asking for your name and contact details so that a record of your attendance can be kept. This is solely for the purpose of contact tracing, in the event of someone attending who subsequently tests positive for Covid-19. Your details will be kept for 21 days and then securely disposed of.

We ask for you to use the hand-sanitiser on arrival and to keep social distancing, especially around the entrance and exits.

Attendees should avoid touching surfaces apart from where they are sitting

The service will be conducted using the video screens to avoid the need to handle service sheets and hymn books.

The current government guidelines prevent us from singing, as singing potentially increases the risk of spreading Covid-19.

Sunday Online Service

Each Sunday we are still posting a short online Team Service *on our Facebook pages and YouTube channel*

www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZdGhjVJVE3PPjBmxbAaAw

Each day we continue to post video reflections.



Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Coffee and Chat on Sunday



**11am Holy Trinity & St.Elizabeth's
2pm Rivington & St Catherine's**



Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Join members of your church for a Zoom chat (bring your own coffee!). If you are on one of our church email lists, you should receive the Zoom link by email.

If you haven't received details and would like to join please email the relevant contact below.

Holy Trinity - [Gemma Garcete](#)

St.Elizabeth's - [Gill Smart](#)

St.Catherine's - [Michael Behrend](#)

Rivington - [Nicola Butterworth](#)

BELOW THE PIKE

The September 'Below the Pike' magazine is available online.

It was sent out by email to those on our email distribution lists.

It will also be on each of our church websites [Holy Trinity](#), [St. Catherines](#), [St. Elizabeth's](#), [Rivington](#).

Margaret Broadfoot will be pleased to receive any contributions for the next edition.

Email to mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

Prayer and Share

Rev Caroline Tracey and Sue Rayner invite you to **Share & Prayer zoom meeting**.

On the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month at **7pm**. **Next meeting Wednesday 16th September.**

Details of how to join will be sent out via email with the newsletter distribution.

The 96.5 Bolton FM 'Prayers for Bolton' Show

Ian Smart and Sue Snowden present this inspirational programme each Sunday at 11am which includes an act of worship for those currently unable to attend church worship. **The guest preacher this Sunday (6th Sept) will be Rev'd Mark Ashcroft – The Bishop of Bolton.** Listen online on www.boltonfm.com/ at the time or later.



Church Youth

Youth Groups in the team have not resumed meeting in church yet. The **CYFA** Youth Group (*Year 9 upwards*) is meeting online using **Zoom** for weekly meetings. If you're interested in joining these online youth events, then please get in touch with our Youth Minister, **Gemma Garcete**.

School Admissions Policies

Please consult the websites of individual schools to find out their current admissions policies.

The Diocesan Director of Education writes: 'If when the church reopens for full and accessible public worship, people who are clinically vulnerable or shielding continue to judge that it is too high a risk for them to attend public worship, then they should write to the Admissions Authority (ie Governing Board of the school) with a well-evidenced reason for being unable to meet the public worship criterion.'

Each of our four churches keeps a register of attendance for families considering applying to church schools. **While for reasons of hygiene we can't currently ask you physically to sign in on a register, the warden or welcomer at the door has a school admission register and will **at your request** record your attendance on this register. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that this is done.** Please note that this register is different from the 'track and trace' records which are destroyed after three weeks.

Urban Outreach

Thank you for all the recent donations

**Next donation day Monday 14th September
10am – 2pm at St. Elizabeth's**

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)

Food can also be left in the Grub Tubs at each of our four churches when they are open.

Goods for Urban Outreach may also be left outside the garage door of *36 Lower Hill Drive, Heath Charnock* - or in the box by the front door

Current priority items: *toilet roll, tinned baked beans or tinned peas.*

Or donate money online on their website: www.urbanoutreach.co.uk/donate.

Used Ink Cartridges for Namibia

Please continue to support Namibia by saving your used ink cartridges for collection by the Namibia Group. **To date this year, we have raised £195.00!**

Ink cartridge collection boxes can be found in each of our team churches. For any further information please contact **Geoff Madeley** on geoff.madeley@hotmail.com or your local church Namibia Group Representative.

Prayers for the start of a new academic year

A prayer for pupils

God of love, we believe that you are the source of all wisdom, peace and true happiness. As we remember all who have just started back to school or are about to start, we pray that they begin this new year of learning with open minds and open hearts. May it be a year full of promise for each one of them and for all who will guide and teach them as they continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love for God and one another. When they feel nervous, may they be filled with God's peace, when they are distracted, may the light of God's wisdom give them focus and when they feel tired, may God's Holy Spirit fill them with energy. May their minds always be open to learning. May their friends always build them up and may they be a friend who supports and encourages. May they always be aware of God's loving presence in every moment of every day and may they bring that loving presence to everyone you meet. Amen. (Adapted from <https://www.kandle.ie/>)

A prayer for all those who work in schools

Father God, we pray for all those who work in schools, that it may be a fruitful year, one during which they enjoy the friendship and support of colleagues. May your Holy Spirit be with them to sustain and strengthen them. may they see in all those they meet in school, adults and children, the many and varied gifts and talents with which you have blessed them. In the name of Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for families readjusting to routine

Father God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, we thank you for the children you give into our care. Please be with all those families who are preparing to return to school. May daily routines fall into place; may worries be replaced with peace; may they know your presence at the heart of all they do; may they know your strength when things seem difficult; and may they reflect your love in the world. In the name of your precious son Jesus Christ, Amen.

A prayer for those starting higher education

Heavenly father, we pray for students starting higher education, some of whom will be leaving home for the first time. We pray for

Strength - that God gives them the strength to do what they need to do each day.

Courage - that they will be brave as they face the challenges that are before them.

Peace - that their hearts will be calm and peaceful as they go through their day and in their sleep at night.

Provision - asking God to provide for all that they need - for stamina, spirit, and finances - for each day.

Direction - that they will be led to embrace what is good and right.

Protection - that God keeps them safe in this increasingly unsafe world and protects them from harm and wickedness.

Joy - that God fills them with the kind of joy that can only come from knowing you

Compassion - that they will show compassion on those in need and who have less than they do.

Justice - to give them a sense of justice to stand up for what is right and to defend the weak.

Wisdom - that they will grow in knowledge and understanding.

Hope - to give them the hope that comes from above - the kind that far exceeds what we have in the here and now.

NIGHT of PRAYER for BOLTON

Friday 18th Sept 6-11pm

Bolton Parish Church, Silverwell St, Bolton BL1 1PS

Calling the churches of Bolton to unite in intercessory prayer for God's blessing on our town and beyond.

SESSION TIME	PRAYER FOCUS
6PM	HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
7PM	BUSINESS & POLITICS
8PM	YOUNG PEOPLE & EDUCATION
9PM	ARTS & MEDIA
10PM	THE CHURCH
11PM	BLESSING & CLOSE

Churches from across Bolton will lead the various prayer sessions through the night.

ALL WELCOME

Come for just one or more of the prayer sessions! Pre-booking not required but masks are.

Search Passion Bolton for YouTube Live Streaming

Bolton 2030    @passion_Bolton

For information contact TKCBolton@gmail.com

Today's Collect & Readings

A Collect (*Prayer for the Day*) & **Lectionary Readings**

from *The New International Version (NIV)*

A Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 12:1-14 *'I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you'*

(*God gives instructions for the first Passover, pointing forward to the death of Jesus*)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

¹²'On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴'This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.

Psalms 149 *Let Israel rejoice in their Maker'*

¹ Praise the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

⁴ For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honour
and sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,

⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,
⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them –
this is the glory of all his faithful people.
Praise the Lord.

Romans 13:8-14 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

(Paul challenges his readers to keep loving despite the spiritual darkness around)

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Matthew 18:15-20 'whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven'

(Jesus instructs his disciples about the difficult task of rescuing those who have gone astray)

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

Useful Contact Details

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Our team churches want to keep our prayer lists up to date & available during this time of crisis, so please send prayer requests (*having checked that those being prayed for are happy to have their names on these lists online, please!*) to:

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