



Team Newsletter

4th October 2020

Items in red either include new content or are particularly relevant to this week

Service times this Sunday

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 (Holy Communion)

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

07710 563678 or 07751348344 (for Rivington) **and 01204 692265** (for St.Elizabeth's).

Communion services are currently planned to take place about once a month at Rivington Church and St.Catherine's Church

Holy Trinity PCC and St.Elizabeth's PCC will consider again at their next PCC meetings in November whether to re-introduce communion services at those churches.

Ordination of Nicola Butterworth

Nicola was due to be ordained as Priest in June but the service was postponed due to the pandemic.

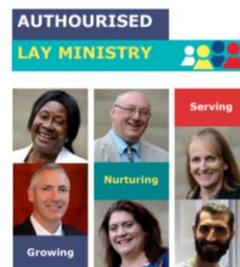
Her ordination service has been rescheduled **for Sunday 4th October, 2pm, at Bolton Parish Church.**

Although attendance in person is by invitation only due to the severe restriction on the number of people allowed, it is being livestreamed on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). Please pray for Nicola as she prepares, and join us online if you can.



Could God be leading you... to consider Authorised Lay Ministry?

A new ALM course is starting in January
For more information is available [click here](#), or contact one of the clergy.



Harvest Weekend



HARVEST WEEKEND

SATURDAY 10TH & SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

FOOD DONATION DROP OFF DAY AT EACH OF THE CHURCHES
SATURDAY BETWEEN 10AM - 2PM (OR AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES)
OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH A VIDEO ABOUT THE WORK OF URBAN
OUTREACH

SUNDAY SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 9.15 AM & 10.45AM
ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH 8.45AM & 10.00AM
ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH 10.30AM
RIVINGTON CHURCH 10.45AM

DONATIONS WILL BE GOING TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF URBAN
OUTREACH AND OUR LINK SCHOOLS IN NAMIBIA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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**Saturday 10th October
10am - 2pm**

Food donation drop off at each of our four churches, plus an opportunity to watch a video about the work of Urban Outreach

Sunday 11th October

Sunday Harvest Services in each of our four churches (usual times)

Food donations (non-perishable food please) will go to Urban Outreach. Financial Donations will go to support our link schools in Namibia (largely for food and books).

Urban Outreach Thank you for all the recent donations

**Next donation day Saturday 10th October
10am – 2pm at all four churches**

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)

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

Current priority items: *tinned fruit, tinned custard, noodle/rice ready meals.*

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

Because of increasing demands **Urban Outreach are in urgent need of more volunteer delivery drivers** for their LWP (Local Welfare Provision) and Storehouse food deliveries:

- Must have own vehicle and vehicle insurance.
- Two people required to go out on each delivery must be from the same bubble.
- Delivery days are Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday (possibly Wednesdays in the near future). Usually 1-2 hours.
- Deliveries are to be collected from the Food Hub between 10-12pm on the delivery day.

Contact Sam Bagley on 07974109007 or at samuel.bagley@urbanoutreach.co.uk

Online Services and daily encouragement

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

www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZdGhjVJVE3PPjBmxbaGAw

Each day we continue to post video reflections.

Currently we are examining the Acts of the Apostles and learning how God grew the church from a little over a hundred believers in Jerusalem to many thousands across many countries.



Annual Parish Meetings and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These meetings were due to take place in April but were postponed because of the lockdown. In order to reduce the risk of virus infection, they will take place via Zoom on midweek evenings:

Rivington - Monday 5th October, 7pm

Holy Trinity - Tuesday 13th October, 7.30pm

St.Elizabeth's - Monday 19th October, 7.30pm

St.Catherine's - Wednesday 21st October, 7.30pm

The **Annual Parish Meeting** of each church (in which Church Wardens are elected) is open to those on the church electoral roll of the parish or resident in that parish.

This is followed immediately by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (in which Parochial Church Council members, and Deanery Synod representatives are elected) which is open to those who are on the church electoral roll of that parish and to clergy connected to that parish.

The relevant Zoom codes will be emailed to those who on our church weekly newsletter email distribution lists, in the email to which the weekly newsletter is attached, at the weekend before the relevant APCM. If you are not on our email lists, please contact one of the clergy for access details. If you don't have internet access, it is possible to join the meeting (audio only) via any telephone.

To nominate someone to stand as a Churchwarden, PCC member or Deanery Synod member please contact the relevant PCC secretary in advance (or clergy if unsure who to contact). If you wish to raise an item that is not normally on the Agenda, please discuss the matter with the chair of the meeting in advance (David Pritchard for Holy Trinity, and Michael Behrend for Rivington, St.Catherine's and St.Elizabeth's)

Do you have GDPR experience/skills?



We are hoping to set up a new joint database of church membership across our four churches in order to improve communication. We are looking for someone with good knowledge of the General Data Protection Regulation to advise and assist us in order that we ensure we remain fully compliant with the latest rules. If you can help, please contact Michael on 01204 697162 or by [email](mailto:).

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

It is also be on each of our church websites [Holy Trinity](http://HolyTrinity.org), [St. Catherines](http://St.Catherines.org), [St. Elizabeth's](http://St.Elizabeth's.org), [Rivington](http://Rivington.org).

Margaret Broadfoot will be pleased to receive any contributions for the next edition. Email to mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

BELOW THE PIKE

Youth Ministry Update



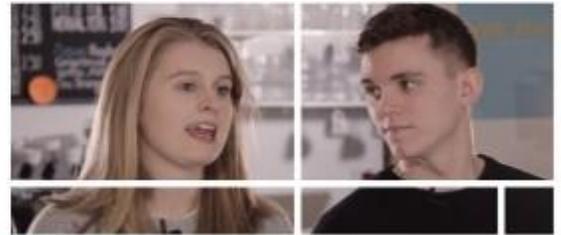
The latest report from Gemma Garcete, the team Youth Minister, is attached to this newsletter. You will see from the report that Gemma is commencing maternity leave on 9th November. She is expecting her third child in December. After consultation with the team churches, the management group for the Youth Ministry decided at its meeting on 28th September how it proposed to cover the role during the maternity leave. This will be through work from the team clergy and the appointment of a part-time post. This post will be for 15 hours a week. Details of the post, including how to apply, will be in the team newsletter later this month.

Climate and the Environment Conference

Bolton2030    @passion_Bolton

CLIMATE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Facts and a call to action for High Schools and Churches in Bolton hosted by Kristen Rigby & Ben Allen



13TH OCT, 2020 7PM

Venue: Bridge Church, BL2 1JX. EMAIL to book: david.wyke@outlook.com for FREE ticket or ZOOM link or catch up video link

- Our recommended approach to this issue from a Christian perspective
- Why this is an issue we all need to act on today
- Why all our faith groups and churches should get behind this issue now
- What we can do to make a difference
- Why young people view this as a major issue to them today (The Conference will be hosted by young people).
- What resources you could use to project this message across to your members and how you could move this forward
- How you can set up a small group in your church and/or community to show tangible progress in this area
- How your church may enhance their you outreach and mission with Young People and Mission

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



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](#)

Beer and chat

Beer & Chat was held once a month in a local pub but we haven't been able to do that since March. We normally meet weekly on Wednesdays via zoom as a way to catch up with people. It normally starts at 7.30pm until about 9.30pm but you can drop in and leave when you want. We talk about all sorts of topics. Beer isn't compulsory; tea, juice, wine, gin whatever is your choice. If you would like to join us please email [Gill Smart](#) for the Zoom code. We are a friendly and chatty bunch.



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 October 7th

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

Admission to Communion before Confirmation for young people in school year 6 and above

Back in March we were planning on starting some sessions to prepare the young people for admission to communion which was postponed.

We are aware that there isn't much going on in church for the young people of this age at the moment, so this will also give us a chance to connect with them and have some fun alongside these preparation sessions. We are now planning to do this via Zoom. This will run for five sessions beginning on Sunday 27th September and will be alternating weeks for an hour on a Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm. Those who are wanting to be admitted to receive communion will be expected to attend each session.

As yet we don't have a date planned when the young people will be admitted to communion, but this will be during the main morning services.

Please note that this is not the same as confirmation which we normally offer to those in school year 10 and above.

For further information or to book onto the course please contact Rev Nicola Butterworth on 07706979393 or Gemma Garcete (Youth Minister) on 07450 714711

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**.

Science and Faith

Are science and religion at war? Many people today believe they are in conflict. BioLogos exists to show that you don't have to choose between modern science and biblical faith. Watch the [video](#) (4 minutes) to learn more...



Dr Francis Collins, the founder of BioLogos is an American physician-geneticist who discovered the genes associated with a number of diseases and led the Human Genome Project. He is currently director of the American National Institutes of Health.

He is a committed Christian. Find out more of what he is doing in the fight against the Coronavirus in this [video](#) (6.5 minutes).

For a more a light-hearted [video](#), (2.5 minutes) watch the theologian N.T. Wright and Francis Collins sing heir re-written rendition of The Beatles' "Yesterday" that they have titled "Genesis!"



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.



Recording Attendance for School Admissions

Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer of the Church of England, in consultation with the DfE and Office of Schools' Adjudicator (OSA) along with all Diocesan Directors of Education have issued advice that **attendance at church worship should not be recorded until after Covid 19 restrictions have fully ceased**. This is because we are not yet in a position where all churches can open fully for worship. We will therefore, for the time being, **not** be recording attendance for the purpose of school admissions.

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

Today's Collect & Readings

A Collect (prayer) for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lectionary Readings from *The New International Version (NIV)*

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 *'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt' God gives ten commandments to the people he loves and has rescued.*

And God spoke all these words:

² 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ 'You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below

⁷ 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work,

¹² 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ 'You shall not murder.

¹⁴ 'You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ 'You shall not steal.

¹⁶ 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷ 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.'

²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

Psalm 19

'The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever'

God reveals himself through his amazing creation but also through the scriptures.

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice^[a] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Philippians 3:4b-14 'But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss'

Paul explains what motivates him to keep going.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46 'the kingdom of God will be ... given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Jesus further challenges the religious and respectable of his day and predicts his death.

³³ 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ 'The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.

³⁸ 'But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ 'Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

⁴¹ 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?

⁴³ 'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Useful Contact Details

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Prayer List Contacts

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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