



Team Newsletter

8th November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday

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

Due to the current government restrictions we are not able to hold public worship in our buildings, but we are able to open them for private prayer.

For the first time, this Sunday we are offering **live public worship via Zoom** as well as a recorded service on our Facebook pages and *YouTube channel*.

Private Prayer times this Sunday



9.15am - 10.15am at Holy Trinity

9am - 10am at St.Elizabeth's

10.45am - 11.45am at Rivington

10.30am - 11.30am at St.Catherine's



Zoom Services for Remembrance Sunday



These will be short services including a bible reading, short sermon, prayers and an act of remembrance, and will be followed by the opportunity for coffee and a chat.



Those without internet technology can dial in on any phone

10.30am for those with links to Holy Trinity

10.30am for those with links to St.Elizabeth's

1.30pm for those with links to Rivington

1.30pm for those with links to St.Catherine's

You don't have to join the service for your own church!

Feel free to join any church.

The Zoom codes will be sent out by email to those on our email distribution lists.

Or contact Michael *by email* or on 01204 697162 for details of how to join.

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.

This month's reflections are based Psalms



Thank you for all your donations to Urban Outreach

Next Donation day Monday 9th November at St. Elizabeth's Church 11am – 1pm

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

Or donate money online on their [website](#).

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



Christmas Dinner on Jesus

This year we will be collecting **170g boxes of stuffing and 750g or 1kg Tetra Pak cartons of custard.** We are aiming to collect 650 cartons of custard and 1300 packets of stuffing. They can be brought any Sunday morning, or brought to one of the Urban Outreach donation days, or to St.Elizabeth's vicarage.



Urban Outreach have produced this new [video](#) about Christmas Dinner on Jesus



It costs us £2 per box to collect, pack, store, transport and distribute each Shoebox and in a time of ever increasing costs your contributions would be very welcome. Please don't put any donations inside the boxes.

Send a smile.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Imagine a year without presents! For most of us in the UK this is almost unheard of. For some in the poorer parts of the world the gift of a shoebox is a dream come true, or an answer to a prayer. This is why we deliver shoeboxes throughout the year, not just at Christmas. It is quite likely to be the only gift they will receive that year.

International Aid Trust

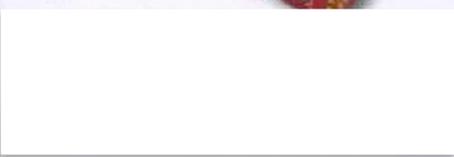
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This year we are again supporting the International Aid Trust shoebox appeal.

If you are able to compile a box, please bring your filled shoebox to St.Catherine's or St.Elizabeth's on any Sunday (at times when open for Private Prayer) up to and including November 15th, or to 15 Medway Drive on Saturday 21st November 11am - 1pm, or to Holy Trinity on any Sunday (9.15am-10.15am) until November 29th.

Donations to cover the cost of transport can be made on the [International Aid Trust website](http://www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk)

**JOIN IN THE FUN -
FILL A BOX OR TWO**



- TOILETRIES** | No medicines, vitamins, tablets, matches or perishables
- FOOD & SWEETS** | No chocolate, tinned meats or fish
- TOYS** | Small toys, games and cuddly toys welcome
- CLOTHES** | Socks, T-Shirts, hats, scarves, gloves and underwear
- STATIONERY** | If sending scissors to children, please ensure that they are the round-ended safety type

EACH YEAR IN EXCESS OF 100,000 GIFT AID SHOE BOXES ARE DESPATCHED FROM OUR WAREHOUSE AND SENT INTO EASTERN EUROPE, AFRICA AND ASIA

Cut out and stick this on your box

<input type="checkbox"/>	AGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	GIRL
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT FEMALE
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADULT MALE
<input type="checkbox"/>	BOY



Family Faith Football

Join us on [YouTube BWFCFF](#) at 5pm on Friday 13 November for our online all age event exploring "legacy" ahead of the game Bolton vs Salford City.

Namibia Gift Cards for Christmas

Namibia Gift Cards for Christmas are still available.

Contact Margaret Broadfoot at mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com or phone 01204 690283 for details.

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



It is on each of our church websites:

[Holy Trinity](#), [St. Catherines](#), [St. Elizabeth's](#), [Rivington](#).

We urgently need photos, items, articles etc for double December/January colour issue! Email to mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

Memorial Day

All our Team Churches will be open on Saturday 5th December between 10.00am and 3.00pm for our Team Memorial Open Day, as we are not able to hold our usual Annual Memorial Service.

Whilst those recently bereaved will receive an invitation, anyone is welcome to come into church to remember a loved one and light a candle.



There will be quiet music, a rolling display on the screen with the name of loved ones and prayers. Someone will be available to pray with you if you wish. In order to comply with Covid safety regulations face coverings must be worn in church and we ask you to contact Susan Kerr on 01204 692760 or by email on susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com by 1st December to let us know that you are planning to attend.

Guidelines for Attending Private Prayer:

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.

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 this Sunday will be preceded by a live Zoom service (see page 1)



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. **Please note that the Zoom code for Holy Trinity has changed.**

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

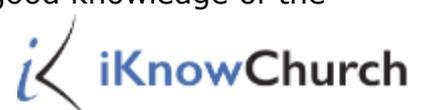
'Prayer and Share' is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. It is a time to pray and share fellowship with one another and all are welcome. The zoom details are sent out via email with the newsletter distribution. The group always looks forward to welcoming new members. Why not try joining us? There is no pressure to speak your prayers as many of us do this quietly from our hearts.

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.



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:).



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 [Gill Smart](#) or [Graham Smith](#).

Eco Church North West: Pilgrimage to net zero

Online / 24 November: 1pm

In this webinar we'll set the scene for our shared journey to net zero, explore Eco Church with A Rocha's Andy Atkins, hear good news stories from rural and urban parishes and join together as a North West wide network. Bishop Mark Ashcroft will conclude our event by launching our Pilgrimage to Net Zero leading up to our in-person conference in spring 2021.

Please register via Eventbrite by [clicking here](#).



Lend a Hand Horwich Facebook page

This is a local community Facebook page for anyone wanting help or for anyone wanting to volunteer to help people during this very worrying time.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/619635591927560/permalink/778261056065012/>



Today's Collect & Readings

A Collect (prayer) for the third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lectionary Readings from The New International Version (NIV)

Amos 5:18-24 'let justice roll on like a river'

In the 8th century BC, Amos warns the northern kingdom of Israel about their hypocrisy

¹⁸ Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!

Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light.

¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,

as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.

²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light –
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

²¹ 'I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.

²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.

²³ Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Psalm 70 'You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.'

For the director of music. Of David. A petition.

¹ Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

² May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

³ May those who say to me, 'Aha! Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

⁴ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say, 'The LORD is great!'

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 'we will be with the Lord for ever.'

Paul reminds the Christians in Thessalonica of the hope we have, despite death.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour'

Jesus tells his disciples a parable to encourage them keep spiritually awake.

'At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

⁷ 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

⁹ "'No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

¹⁰ 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"

¹² 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you."

¹³ 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

John 15: 9-17 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. '

Jesus is speaking to his disciples shortly before his own death

⁹ 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

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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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