



Team Newsletter

10th January 2021

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



It is with sadness and heavy hearts that at a joint meeting of our four Parochial Church Councils it was unanimously agreed that we should suspend public worship in our four church buildings until 15th February. This is because of the increased threat from the Coronavirus, to ensure the health and safety of all involved, and ensure that we don't place further burden on the NHS by risking transmission of the virus. This decision will be reviewed on 10th February.

However, we warmly invite you to join us online for our live Zoom services, or our Sunday recorded service on Facebook and YouTube. Those without internet technology can dial in on any phone to listen to the Zoom services.

Team Zoom Services this Sunday

9.15am (in the style/tradition of Holy Trinity Church)

10.00am (in the style/tradition of St. Elizabeth's Church)

10.30am (in the style/tradition of St. Catherine's Church)

10.45am (in the style/tradition of Rivington Church)



Feel free to join any service and to stay for a chat afterwards if you wish – The Zoom codes will be emailed to those our weekly newsletter mailing lists.

Or contact *Michael* or *Nicola* for the Zoom codes.

Sunday Recorded Service

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

www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZdGhjVJVE3PPjBmxbAaAw

Wednesday Online Reflections

Every Wednesday we will also be posting (on *YouTube* and Facebook) a short video reflection based on the previous Sunday's Old Testament Passage.



Monday Prayers

We meet over Zoom for a time of prayer on Mondays at 7.30pm. It's a small group who pray for our congregations and further afield. The Zoom code will be emailed to those on our weekly newsletter mailing lists. Or contact [Rev Gill](#) for more information.



A suggestion for personal devotions:

Why not download and try the free app: **Lectio 365**

Lectio 365 is a daily devotional resource that helps you pray the bible every day.

Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, and produced in partnership with CWR, this resource helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer and shape your life.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEAR with Pete Greig, Carla Harding, Phil Togwell, Jill Weber and international guest writers.

For Android devices go to [Google Play Store](#)

For Apple devices go to the [App Store](#)

Prayer makes so much difference and while some people struggle to pray aloud in front of larger groups of people they find praying with someone easier.

Why not use some time during this current lockdown to pray with two other people.

If you would like some help in finding others to pray with please contact Rev Nicola on 07706979393 or email n.butterworth@outlook.com



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Update on School Admission Policies

Most church school admission policies now include wording similar to the statement below:

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, **the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for worship.***

Q. Will families in our churches be at a disadvantage in applications to Canon Slade School if our churches are closed while some other churches in the Bolton area are still open?

A. Canon Slade have released for consultation *draft admission proposals* for Admission from September 2022 onwards. These proposals suggest that it is the intention of the school only to award points during periods when 'churches are fully open', so it seems unlikely that points will be awarded to **anyone** at this time. The draft application form for September 2022 includes:

Due to COVID 19 restrictions for the year 2019-2020 (Year 4) we will award points for the period 01 September 2019 - 17 March 2020 only, to a maximum of 22 points.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions for the year 2020-2021 (Year 5) we will award points for the period 01 March 2021 - 31 August 2021 only, to a maximum of 22 points.*

**Dates when points are awarded for Church attendance and maximum number of points available in any year will vary depending on dates Churches are fully open.*

The logo for Urban Outreach, featuring the word 'URBAN' in a stylized, outlined font above the word 'OUTREACH' in a solid, bold font.

Food Donation Day
Monday January 18th 2021
***11am - 1pm ***
St Elizabeth's Church
Cedar Ave, Horwich BL6 6HT

For more information or to drop off at a
different time please contact
Rev Nicola Butterworth: 07706979393

**Thank you for all your
donations to Urban
Outreach**

**Next Donation day Monday 18th
January**
at St. Elizabeth's Church 11am – 1pm

Or donate money to Urban Outreach via
their [website](#).

WELCOME TO MESSY CHURCH 2021!!

We will be live on ZOOM at 4pm on **Saturday 23rd January**
(postponed from 16th January).

We are sure you'll want to join in the fun as we explore our
theme of *Resolutions = Hope* through crafts, activities, talking
and fun!!

We will be posting activities on the website in the days leading
up to the event so that you can have a go.

And how about bringing your efforts along to show us (but only if you want to!!).

To join us contact Jane on: janesimon2023@gmail.com



'Below the Pike' magazine

Wanted: Items, articles, photos, celebrations, poems, how we spent Christmas/New Year etc, for the February edition of Below the Pike. Please email to mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com, deadline January 20th.

 **BELOW THE PIKE**

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](#), [Graham Smith](#), or [Kristen Allen](#)

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.



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.



Easyfundraising

If you are doing Shopping online or even booking holidays for next year a few extra clicks will ensure that the charity of your choice receives a small percentage or the purchase price **at no cost to you!** Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity fundraising site. It's simple to use, and it's free.

Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and the shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase our retailers will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you". There are over 3,300 retailers to choose from.

The donation per purchase will generally be between 0.5% and 10%. Some retailers - including insurance and broadband providers - will pay a flat fee which can be in the £100s.

Shop with over 3,300 retailers including:



How can easyfundraising help your church (or whatever other good cause you would like to support)? Using easyfundraising means that they will have a steady stream of donations coming throughout the year. Once signed up, you will raise a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising - whether you're buying an appliance, buying car insurance, booking a holiday or even switching energy provider.

[Click here to find out more. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)

Collects & Readings

Collect (prayer) for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Genesis 1:1-5 God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalms 29 'May the Lord give strength to his people!'

The Voice of God in a Great Storm

A Psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Acts 19:1-7 'the Holy Spirit came upon them'

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11 'he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild

honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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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