



Team Newsletter

24th January 2021

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

Our church buildings are currently closed for church services. This will be reviewed on 14th 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 (recommended for those with links to Holy Trinity)

10.00am (recommended for those with links to St.Elizabeth's)

10.45am (recommended for those with links to **St.Catherine's and Rivington**)

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

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

Next Sunday 31st January

We are holding a single joint service on Zoom at 10.15am, and will be welcoming our Archdeacon, Jean Burgess as our guest speaker.

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/UCsZdGhjVJVE3PPjBmxbaGAW

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.

Please pray for those in our team who are currently training to be Authorised Lay Ministers:

Toby Harley (based at St.Elizabeth's) – Worship & Liturgy elective
Andrew Ferrier (based at St.Elizabeth's) - Community & Social Outreach elective
Jill Harley (based at St. Elizabeth's) – taking a further elective in Prayer & Spirituality
Pam Smith (based at St. Catherine's) – Pastoral Outreach & Listening elective
Eileen Jepson (based at St.Catherine's) – Prayer & Spirituality elective
Sarah Ashworth (based at Rivington) – Worship & Liturgy elective

They have just started their core leadership module and will be moving on to their electives in April.

All nine of the Ministry Training Electives offered on the ALM course are now also open as stand-alone courses to any lay people wanting to develop their calling and gifting to Christian ministry and service. [Click here to find out more](#), or contact one of the clergy. Sign up by 7th March.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is Wednesday, 27th January. At 10am Bolton will be standing together with the rest of Greater Manchester by joining in with the Greater Manchester Holocaust Memorial Day Service which is being live streamed.

Everyone is welcome to attend. You don't need to register or book a place for the service as it can be watched live at 10am till 11-15am via:

The Mayor of Greater Manchester's Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/mayorofgm>
or

YouTube using the link: <https://youtu.be/Kcgh2okJ4Mw>

or searching 'Greater Manchester Holocaust' Service on YouTube.

More information and activities about Holocaust Memorial Day can be found on the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website: www.hmd.org.uk including how to register for the UK Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony at 7pm on the same day.



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](#)



Thank you for all your donations to Urban Outreach

Next Donation day Monday 1st February

at St. Elizabeth's Church 11am – 1pm

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

Can you help deliver food parcels from the Humanitarian Food Hub at the old Staples store on Trinity Retail Park to an increasing number of families and people who need

food? Couples are wanted with cars and satnavs. Ring Urban Outreach on 01204 385848 or **Email** info@urbanoutreach.co.uk to offer help.

WELCOME TO MESSY CHURCH 2021!!

We will be live on ZOOM at 4pm on **Saturday 23rd 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



Church Youth

The **CYFA** Youth Group (*Year 9 upwards*) is meeting online using **Zoom** for fortnightly 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/)

School Admission Policies

Most church school admission policies now include wording similar to:

*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.***

Canon Slade School have said:

"We will not be asking churches to record the attendance of children and young people at worship services for the purposes of supporting future applications to Canon Slade School until all churches are fully open."

Collects & Readings

Collect (prayer) for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Genesis 14:17-20 'Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine.'

The writer tells us of a king and priest called Melchizedek. The New Testament suggests Melchizedek foreshadows to the kingly and priestly role of Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.'

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalms 128 'this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord'

A song of ascents.

¹ Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him.

² You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots round your table.

⁴ Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord.

⁵ May the Lord bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ May you live to see your children's children – peace be on Israel.

Revelation 19:6-10 'our Lord God Almighty reigns'

John has a vision which speaks of God's sovereign power, his humble self-sacrificial love (the 'Lamb') and his amazing commitment to his people ('the bride')

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

'Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.'

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

⁹ Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' And he added, 'These are the true words of God.'

¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.'

John 2:1-11 'the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory'

This early miracle of Jesus is a picture of the difference Jesus can make in our lives.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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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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