



Team Newsletter

7th March 2021

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

Our church buildings are currently closed for church services.
On 7th March and 14th March, services will be online only.

On 21st March we will be having services in Holy Trinity and St.Elizabeth's Churches (as well as a Zoom service and Facebook/YouTube service).

On 28th March we will be having services in St.Catherine's and Rivington Churches (as well as a Zoom service and Facebook/YouTube Service)

On Easter Sunday (4th April) we will be having services in all four churches (as well as a Zoom evening service and Facebook/YouTube service)

More details (including how to book in for a service) will be published nearer the time.

We warmly invite you to join us online for our live Zoom services, or for 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)

10.30am (recommended for those with links to St.Catherine's)

10.45am (recommended for those with links to Rivington)

Feel free to join any service, whatever church you may have links to, 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.



Weekly Lent Saturday Morning Matins Services 10.30am on Zoom

The Zoom code will be emailed to those on our
weekly newsletter mailing lists.
Or contact *Michael* or *Nicola*



Join us each Saturday morning on Zoom
throughout Lent as we pause and pray
together.

10.30am 20th February - 3rd April

Please get in touch with Rev Nicola
n.butterworth@outlook.com for the Zoom joining details

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.



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God's Story
Our Story

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If you have a smartphone or tablet computer, why not download the excellent free app from the Church of England? It gives you short daily reflection to read or listen to during Lent.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Thank you for all your donations to Urban Outreach

Next Donation day Monday 15th March

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.



Food Donation Day
Monday March 15th 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

Team Rector

The closing date for applications was 1st March. Please pray for God's wisdom for all those involved in the selection process.

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. Contact [Rev Gill](#) for Zoom code or more information.

Some daily prayer suggestions for Lent

During Lent we are posting daily prayers on our church Facebook pages. For your convenience this week's prayers are also printed below

Sunday 7th March: Third Sunday of Lent – Collect for the Day

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 8th March: Teaching and Support Staff

Loving God, we ask you will be with our schools during this time of uncertainty, we ask you will bring peace and calm to each classroom and office in school. We ask for you to be with the teachers and support staff, as they prepare their lessons for children in front of them and children on a screen. We ask that you will give wisdom to headteachers and senior leaders as they make decisions for their schools and we pray you will give them wisdom as they seek to find creative ways to deliver the curriculum. Amen.

Tuesday 9th March: Emmaus Bolton

Emmaus Bolton offers a home, family and work to formerly homeless people, in a residential community setting. People can live and work, sharing a life together, but retaining their own dignity and independence. At Emmaus, everyone is accepted for who they are now, not judged on what they might have been in the past.

Almighty God, we pray for those who are working and residing at Emmaus Bolton. We commend them to you asking for: strength to work as an integral part of the community; positive lifestyle choices; a sense of belonging and peace and the ability to live alongside others. May the social enterprise keep generating the revenue which keeps the community self-sustainable. We praise you for those who donate, those who work for good and those who continue to support this vital charity. In your name we pray. Amen.

Wednesday 10th March: Restaurants

Restaurants come in all shapes and sizes. At present they can only offer takeaway meals. The majority of the staff have been laid off. Many of those laid off are young people who have been hit hard by the closure of the hospitality sector. Young people who are going to struggle to find new employment.

Father we pray for all the staff of restaurants that have been forced to close. Many will not reopen as the last year has just made it uneconomic to carry on. Surround those with your love who are finding life a great struggle without the wage coming in and bills to pay. There are thousands of sector workers who face an uncertain future if they have no job in the future. Be with them Lord and we pray that there will be jobs to go back to. Amen

Thursday 11th March: Businesses and the demands of parents' home schooling

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will support businesses in finding ways to enable staff to meet demands on them when they have children who need home schooling. Give them patience and the ability to help in whatever ways they are able. Lord we ask that businesses are able to identify ways they can be flexible to support their staff needs and to allow working from home where appropriate. Amen.

Friday 12th March: Hospitals – the physical, mental and spiritual health of the front-line staff

Thank you for those staff in our hospitals who are working so hard to support those who are very ill. We pray that you would give them strength when they are tired. Please protect their physical, mental and spiritual health at this time of intense pressure. May they know your peace and hope, and give them good times of rest to 'recharge their batteries'.

Saturday 13th March: Zac's Youth Bar (Sycamore Project)

The Sycamore Project was registered as a charity in 1995 wanting to show the love of God in action by serving their community. In 1999 a former pub in Farnworth was acquired, refurbished and in 2000 opened as "Zac's Youth Bar", an alcohol-free venue for young people. This building is still used today as the main location for activities and staff offices. Over the 18 years since the launch of Zac's, the activities have expanded with a second centre opening in 2012 in Kearsley/Prestolee and with activities also taking place in other centres across Bolton, including Little Lever and Tonge Fold. As well as centre-based activities, schools work emerged as another important strand of the charity, with support being offered to several schools across Bolton, in a variety of ways (e.g. lunchtime clubs, pupil mentoring support, and targeted issues-based work). Zac's (and The Sycamore Project) has always put the needs of the young people at the heart of all it does, and so its projects are always

evolving. In 2017, with mental health concerns emerging as a major issue for the young people in the community, a new "Young Persons Listening Service" and "Healthy Minds" peer support group was set up as part of a new "Thrive alliance" working in partnership with other Bolton based charities and with funding from Bolton CCG.

Eternal God, you love young people and are interested in their hearts and lives. Your word declares, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1Timothy 4:12). We pray that those accessing services at Zac's may feel the love and care that you have for them and be a light in the world for you. We pray for those who support them as they adjust to working in a different way to continue offering support. Research shows that video and telephone support can be more tiring emotionally and mentally as they work harder to compensate for the lack of non-verbal information. Please empower them to carry on doing such a wonderful ministry in the community. In your name we pray. Amen.

Please pray for our link parishes in Namibia:

Please pray for the family of Mr. Jesaja Shigwedha - Chairperson of the School Board at Onangholo School, Okathitu who has died from Coronavirus.

There is concern that virus numbers are on the increase in Namibia and many people have lost their jobs due to the pandemic which is causing severe hardship. The country has only been able to order enough vaccination for 10% of the population. The vaccines should have been received in January but to date they have not yet been received by the country.

Additionally, despite it being the rainy season Okathitu and Ruacana have had little rain and the crops which have been planted have died. Please pray for rain so that there can be a good harvest this year to ease the already difficult situation which the pandemic is causing.



The Horwich and Rivington Namibia committee recently sent £5,700 to pay for 50 meals per child (lasting 10 school weeks) for children in our link schools. Each school meal (a type of porridge) costs about 12p. Further donations are welcome so as to be able to provide further meals. Donations can be made via Holy Trinity Horwich bank account no. 10050551, sort code 16-21-32, with reference NAMIBIA FOOD

Lusia Shipiki (Principal at Tjihozu School) writes:

Thank you very much my good people, this will definitely be a huge relief to our learners. I guarantee you each and every cent will be spent on feeding the Namibian child. The receipt and proof will be sent as soon as the purchase is done. As usual I will provide you with pictures. I can't wait to give this good news to the parents and guardians, they will be happy as this has taken a huge barden from their shoulders. And for us educators we cannot thank you enough, teaching and learning will go smoothly and absenteeism is curbed to a certain degree. We are thankful to you all for your continuous support. May the Almighty God multiply your blessings.

Beer and chat

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.



Church Youth

The **CYFA** Youth Group (*Year 9 upwards*) is meeting online using **Zoom** for relaxed, fun, fortnightly meetings on Thursdays. If you're interested in joining these online youth events, then please get in touch with [Gill Smart](#), [Graham Smith](#), or [Kristen Allen](#)

The Horwich and Rivington team

If you'd like to join us contact:
youthminister.kristen@gmail.com

the **prayer** course

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For people aged 14 - 18 who want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

WEDNESDAYS
7:30 - 9:00 PM
Once a fortnight
starting on 24.02.21

zoom



Deeper

'Deeper' is a new group for 14 - 18 year olds who want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

We are doing 'The Prayer Course' ran by Pete Greig and 24/7 Prayer.

We meet fortnightly on Zoom, Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00pm

The next one is on the 10th of March.

Message [Kristen Allen](#) for more details

The March edition of 'Below the Pike' magazine is available online.



It has been sent out by email to those on our mailing lists and is also available to download from each of our church websites:

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

Items, articles etc for April issue can be emailed to mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

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."

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.



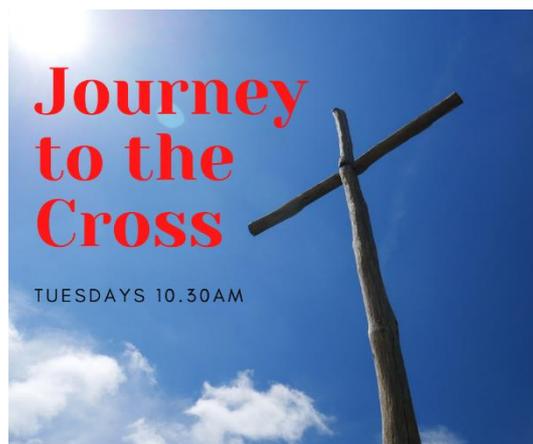
Messy Church

We hope you LOVED the February Messy Church and are looking forward to the March session! Our theme will be Easter and we will have lots of crafts, puzzles and activities for you, your family and friends to take part in and hopefully share.

The Easter session will be on Saturday 27th March at 4pm on Zoom. Please contact Jane at janesimon2023@gmail.com for joining us instructions. We look forward to seeing you!!!!



Churches Together Lent Courses – Two to choose from:



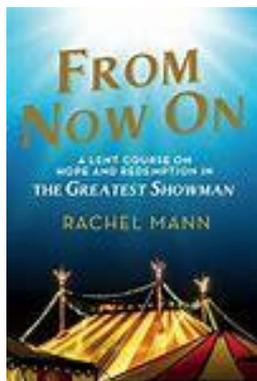
'Journey to the Cross' – Tuesdays 10.30am

9th Mar: A Journey that ... Spoke Out
16th Mar: A Journey that ... Experienced Anguish
23rd Mar: A Journey that ... Forgave



Each week comprises of a passage about journeying with Jesus and a Bible passage, a story from people in the Middle East, an activity (that can be done via zoom), a prayer and ideas about what we could do in the future. Email Linda Gillett on pothead20uk@yahoo.co.uk for Zoom details

'From Now On' – Mondays 11am -12.30pm or 7.45pm - 9.15pm



This Lent Course is based on the hugely popular film 'The Greatest Showman'. The 2018 Golden Globe-nominated movie starring Hugh Jackman, about the founder and stars of the Barnum & Bailey Circus is ideal for Lenten study of Christian themes of hope, redemption and new life. The five-week course offers discussion points, biblical reflections and prayers based on short excerpts from the film. Everyone is invited; yourself, your friends, family and neighbours. Let's fill the virtual circus tent! There also will be opportunity for discussion in small groups using the Zoom 'breakout room' facility.



Mondays during Lent

You can still sign up even if you can't attend every session.

Please sign up with your name and the start time of your preferred session (11am or 7.45pm) by contacting Chris Holmes on laypastorchrist@gmail.com or 01204 460514. You will then be sent the Meeting ID and passcode. Those without the internet can dial into the meeting by telephone.

The remaining themes are:

- (3) 'Rewrite the stars', asks what forms of resistance can be placed in the way of salvation;
 - (4) 'Never Enough', questions the temptations of false fulfilment that can lead us to betrayal;
 - (5) 'The Greatest Show', shows how redemption is found when we discover 'the circus is our home'.
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This Week's Prayer and Readings

The Third Sunday of Lent

(Readings from The New International Version)

Collect (This week's prayer)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 20:1-17 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt'

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. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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.'

Psalms 19:1-14 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

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 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.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 'but we preach Christ crucified'

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22 'the temple he had spoken of was his body.'

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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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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