

DEAF COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

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DEAF CHURCHES

Bolton Deaf Society, Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 2AX usually meets the first Tuesday of the month, 12pm. www.boltondeafsociety.co.uk

Leigh Deaf Club, Leigh Masonic Hall, Ellesmere Street, Leigh WN7 4AX. Meets four times a year – usually around Holy Week, June/July, October and December. www.leighdeafclub.co.uk

DEAF CLUBS

Cathy also regularly visits

Manchester Deaf Centre, Crawford House, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9GH

www.manchesterdeafcentre.com

Oldham Deaf Club, 156 Park Road, Oldham OL4 1SH

<https://www.facebook.com/Deafsocialcluboldham/>

Tameside Deaf Association, 225 Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6LX

BSL INTERPRETED SERVICES

St Matthew's Stretford, Chapel Lane, Stretford, Manchester M32 9AX. Four times a year there is a BSL/hearing partnership church which is where BSL users and the church community work together to deliver a service that is BSL accessible.

www.stretfordstmatthews.com

ONLINE BSL SERVICES

Every Sunday there is an online BSL Worship service which can be followed on either Facebook or YouTube. There are also other BSL songs, reflections (every day in Lent) plus information on BSL interpreted services:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BSLChurchWorship/>

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMo0_lugBjEMuL00tzGRdDw/featured

There is now a Facebook group for BSL services in Manchester Diocese:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bslinmanchesterdiocese/>

Cathy regularly visits All Saint's Hospital in Oldham and the John Denmark Unit in Prestwich.

INTERPRETERS IN CHURCH

If there is a Deaf person who is a close family relative and asks for an interpreter in church for a wedding, funeral or baptism in the Church of England, it is the church's responsibility to find and book an interpreter. The Diocese of Manchester will cover the costs of the interpreter.

USEFUL LINKS

Christian signs www.christianbsl.com or www.bslsignbank.ucl.ac.uk

Christian Sign Language Interpreters www.signsofgod.org.uk

BSL Bible daily devotions www.bsldailydevotions.co.uk

BSL Bible (at the moment only a few chapters of Mark) www.bslbible.org.uk

BSL points of view

Limping Chicken www.limpingchicken.com

BSL zone www.bslzone.co.uk

Grove Booklet (p126) – The Church and the Deaf Community: A Liberation Perspective from a Linguistic – Cultural Minority by Revd Bob Shrine