

## 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, 12.30pm. [www.boltondeafsociety.co.uk](http://www.boltondeafsociety.co.uk)

Communic8te Bury, 8 Tenterden Street, Bury BL9 0EG usually meets the second Wednesday of the month. [www.communic8tebury.co.uk](http://www.communic8tebury.co.uk)

Leigh Deaf Club, Leigh Masonic Hall, Ellesmere Street, Leigh WN7 4AX. Meets four times a year. Check dates at [www.leighdeafclub.co.uk](http://www.leighdeafclub.co.uk)

Manchester Deaf Centre, Crawford House, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9GH usually meets the second Monday of the month, 12.30pm  
[www.manchesterdeafcentre.com](http://www.manchesterdeafcentre.com)

### DEAF CLUBS

Cathy also regularly visits Oldham Deaf Club, 165 Park Road, Oldham OL4 1SH. Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Deafsocialcluboldham/>

There is a deaf club in Ashton – Tameside Deaf Association, 225 Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6LX.

### BSL INTERPRETED SERVICES

Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester M3 1SX. First Sunday of the month, 10.30am [www.manchestercathedral.org](http://www.manchestercathedral.org)

Open Table (a safe sacred space for LGBTQIA+ people), St Paul's Blackley, Victoria Avenue, Manchester M9 6RA. Second Sunday of the month 6pm, service starts at 6.30pm [www.blackleycoofe.org](http://www.blackleycoofe.org)

St Matthew's Stretford, Chapel Lane, Stretford, Manchester M32 9AX. Fourth Sunday of the month at 10.30am. [www.stretfordstmatthews.com](http://www.stretfordstmatthews.com)

Deaf café church – usually second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm Bolton Deaf Society, Bark Street, Bolton BL1 2AX

### CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Cathy regularly visits Cygnet Hospital in Bury, All Saint's Hospital in Oldham and the John Denmark Unit in Prestwich. Please contact her if you know anyone Deaf in these places or in hospital or prison who would appreciate a visit.

## **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.

This is a useful guide on interpreters in church: [www.tombsl/usinganinterpreter-in-church](http://www.tombsl/usinganinterpreter-in-church)

## **USEFUL LINKS**

BSL Bible daily devotions [www.bsldailydevotions.co.uk](http://www.bsldailydevotions.co.uk)

BSL Bible (at the moment only a few chapters of Mark) [www.bslbible.org.uk](http://www.bslbible.org.uk)

Christian signs [www.signbsl.com](http://www.signbsl.com) or [www.bslsignbank.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.bslsignbank.ucl.ac.uk)

Christian Sign Language Interpreters [www.signsofgod.org.uk](http://www.signsofgod.org.uk)

BSL points of view

Limping Chicken [www.limpingchicken.com](http://www.limpingchicken.com)

BSL zone [www.bslzone.co.uk](http://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