



BELOW THE PIKE

March 2026

THE MAGAZINE OF THE HORWICH & RIVINGTON TEAM CHURCHES

Price 90p

IN THIS ISSUE

Page 2: Our churches; Bishop Matthew; Below the Pike; Alive & Free **Page 3:** Monthly Musing; Thank you **Page 4:** New Role for Revd Nicola Gillard and sponsorship needed!; Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Page 5: WDP 2026; Admission to Communion; My Wellbeing Journey **Page 6:** APCMs 2026; Dementia Music Café; Help! I can't Hear You; Christian Aid Quiz **Page 7:** Christmas at St Elizabeth's; Songs of Praise; He Just Wanted a Decent Book

Page 8: From the Registers; Easter Services **Page 9:** In our churches and community **Page 10:** Congratulations; Big Plastic Count **Page 11:** Warm Spaces; Food Banks **Page 12:** Directory

NEXT ISSUE:

APRIL 2026

DEADLINE: 15th MARCH

Publication date:

MARCH 29th

We welcome contributions from you—articles, poems, photos, humour (clean!), reminisces etc - it is your magazine! Details of who to contact are on page two.

Churches Together In Horwich and Rivington

Lent Meetings Leading to Easter 2026

Prayer Course

Based on Pete Greig's book, 'God on Mute'.

Monday 23rd February at Holy Trinity

Engaging the silence

Tuesday 3rd March at St. Mary's

Maundy Thursday: How?

Wednesday 11th March – at The Bridge

Good Friday: Why?

Thursday 19th March at Horwich Evangelical Church

Easter Saturday: Where?

Friday 27th March at St John's

Easter Sunday: When?

All meetings start at 7.30pm All welcome



OUR CHURCHES

If you have any concerns for yourself or anyone else please contact:

**Holy Trinity and Rivington: Revd Nicola Butterworth on
07706979393**

St Catherine's:

Revd Nicola Butterworth on 07706979393

St Elizabeth's:

Revd Gill Smart on 01204 468271

**Due to occasional necessary changes to our service
format, please check our churches on the
A CHURCH NEAR YOU website for up to date information.**

To access our churches' Web pages please go to:

**www.achurchnearyou.com/16052 for Holy Trinity; [16053](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/16053)
for St Elizabeth's; [16054](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/16054) for St Catherine's and [16056](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/16056) for
Rivington**



BISHOP MATTHEW

NOTICES

Check out Bishop
Matthew's column every
other Saturday in the
BOLTON NEWS

[https://
www.theboltonnews.co.uk
/news](https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news)

"There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back." — Elizabeth Hyndman

BELOW THE PIKE

Below the Pike is published by the Team Council of the Anglican Churches of Horwich and Rivington. Its aim is to link the Team Churches with each other and the wider community of Horwich. The contents are not exclusively religious, but encompass any matters of Christian or local interest or concern. Anyone who would like to make a contribution—article, photo, review, anecdote or event through the Editorial Team is most welcome. **Please be aware that articles do not necessarily reflect the thoughts of the Editor or Editorial Team, who are:**

Editor: Margaret Broadfoot: 01204 690283 or email: mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

Nicola Butterworth (Team Rector) 07706 979393; Cynthia Percy: 01204 695737; Caroline Wakefield: 07812 994516; Gill Smart 01204 468271; Carolynn Higson 01204 695450



1st Sunday of the Month—6.30pm for 7pm, (refreshments from 6.30pm)

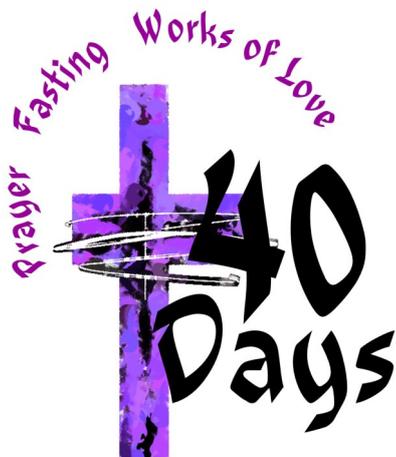
St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue, BL6 6EU

March 1st—speaker Gill Smart; theme Knowing or Doing (James 2)

ALL WELCOME!

**MONTHLY MUSINGS
FOR
LENT**

**This month is about—
“LENT”
VARIOUS SOURCES**



We've all heard of Lent which starts with Ash Wednesday (February 18th this year) when we receive the 'Imposition of ashes', a cross made from the ashes of the previous year's palm crosses as a sign of our humanity and need for repentance. It continues for 40 days to end on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. But do we really understand what it's about? Is it just giving up chocolate or wine or having fasting days? Well it can include that but it has much deeper levels to it. Firstly it's not a duty—many people think it is because it's in the church calendar. The word "Lent" comes from the word "lecten" which is Anglo-Saxon meaning "spring" and refers to the lengthening of days.

As N.T. Wright says 'Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault finding or finger pointing but

because He wants us to know the joy of being 'cleaned out', ready for all the good things He now has in store'.

Two other meaningful sentences I have found helpful are: "Lent is not something we do for God, it is something we do *with* God" and "Lent is not about what you lose, but about what you make room for."

Yes, we can and should make self sacrifices to symbolise the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for us and to be generous in helping others in need - financially, giving our time or by donating food etc. He suffered so much for us.

However, it is mainly a time of thoughtfulness, looking into ourselves and asking for forgiveness and spiritual renewal. And we can do this through prayer—a very basic, simple prayer is "What do You want Lent to be about for *me* this year, God? What do you want *ME* to be about for *YOU* this Lent, God?". *Anon*

Other prayers that you may find helpful 'Lord, lead us into the purging desert that through reflection and prayer we may leave behind the things that tie our spirits down and learn again to be your pilgrim people. Through fasting from the frenzied feeding of false desires, through study of your Word, meditation and acts of service, restore the clearness of our seeing and free us to share your generous love with all'. (* *Celtic Prayers for Life Today* by Ray Simpson)

If you are uncertain or self conscious of praying—don't be! God loves it when you talk to Him and share your worries, hopes, failures and successes and it doesn't necessarily mean kneeling by your bed, (though that can help focus the mind). Prayers can be said while pegging out the washing, commuting to work, gardening etc—He is always listening, He loves you for wanting to strengthen your faith and seek the joy of eternal life through the sacrifice of his son Jesus. He doesn't expect perfection—speak from the heart and in the simplest of terms—and of course there is always the Lord's Prayer which covers everything!

Revd Libby writes: I would like to thank all those who contributed to my generous gift when I left the parishes here in Horwich & Rivington. I'm delighted to have been accepted onto the upcoming CPAS Arrow Leadership Programme which starts in March, and I am using the gift towards it. As ever, I'd love you to pray for me -

With much love and gratitude, Libby x

Our best wishes and prayers are with you Libby

"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING; NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?" –

ISAIAH 43:19

Revd Nicola Gillard writes "I am delighted to share that the new year of 2026 also brought a new role for me at Urban Outreach Bolton as Chief Operations Officer. Reflecting back, I noted to myself that I have been journeying with the charity for 28 years! As a young person in my 20's I originally volunteered on the STAY project supporting vulnerable young people by providing respite accommodation in my home. Years later in 2014, I joined the charity as an employee on the Children and Families' Team and in 2019 became the Team Leader in this area. God has blessed me with both a call to ordained ministry within the Church of England, but also with an ongoing passion and commitment to community and social justice.



Psalms 85 tells us of some of God's beautiful attributes, 'Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.' Jesus Christ came to reconcile the world to God and our response to be Christ-like involves compassion and unity. I consider it a privilege to be able to support our town of Bolton and the ongoing needs emerging from within.

On a foolish note, I am once again sleeping outside by taking part in the Bolton Wanderers in the Community Sleepout on **Friday 27th February** to raise money and an awareness for projects that support the people of Bolton that are at risk of and experiencing homelessness. Please consider donating to our team using this link:

[Bolton Wanderers Community Trust: Team Urban Outreach's Fundraiser for The Sleepout 2026.](#)" Nicola Gillard

Ed's note: Congratulations Nicola on your well deserved promotion and for not only doing two jobs you are taking on The Big Sleepout! We are praying for you in your new role as well as stamina to manage everything you do and for a warm night for the Sleepout!

EVEN THOUGH THE DATE HAS PASSED—PLEASE EVERYONE, PUT YOUR NAMES DOWN TO SPONSOR NICOLA!

VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

A group of 12 people took the train from Wigan just after 7am arriving at Euston station at 9:15am. It takes about 20 minutes using the underground system to reach the Houses of Parliament, but we took a taxi as we had a blind person in the group. We had to queue outside in the rain to pass through security. I had to place everything in a tray including belts and coats! Then I was frisked by a policeman.



Phil Brickell, our MP, met us inside a very cold Westminster Hall. He explained the significance of the Hall, before taking us around the buildings. I was very impressed by the wide-ranging knowledge of the door keepers. Their role is to maintain order and security within the chambers, galleries, and committee rooms. They are responsible for the physical security of the House of Commons where police officers are barred from entry.

We saw where various Heads of State have spoken to both Houses, also where the late Queen's coffin lay in state. We visited the House of Lords chamber and saw the ornate King's throne. We stood in committee room 14 where the previous day the American Speaker Mike Johnson, had spoken to some of the MPs and Lords. It is also the place where both main parties have their weekly meetings.

We missed the robed Speaker and his procession walking through the lobby into the Commons. Nor did we see any TV cameras and journalists. However, we did see Lord Blunkett and his guide dog Barley making their way to the Lords.

After lunch in the Jubilee Room, we sat in the Commons gallery listening to Ed Miliband speaking about the Warm Home scheme and later a Minister spoke about the Water bill.

It was a most interesting and informative day out. Our MP is happy to show groups of up to 12 around on a Wednesday, but anyone can visit Parliament on any day and ask to see their MP. Of course he may not be available. The best solution is to contact the office in Winter Hey Lane or phone 01204 958436 to arrange a visit. *David Hawes*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER **2026**

Has been prepared by an
ecumenical group of
Christian women from
Nigeria



The theme is:

I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME (Matthew 11 vs 28—30) **On FRIDAY MARCH 6th at 2pm**

We will be welcomed into **RIVINGTON CHURCH, Horrobin Lane, Rivington BL6 7SE**

Please be aware parking is at a premium and car share if possible.

The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

The Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness.



ADMISSION TO COMMUNION PREPARATION

This year's preparation session for Admission to Communion for children from across our four churches who are in school Year 5 or higher will be on **Saturday 14th March 2026 10am-1pm at Holy Trinity**. Children will be admitted in their own church in the weeks which follow.

Any child who has been baptized and is in school years Year 5 upwards can come and join us to discover more about what Holy Communion means. We invite children to think about whether they would like to be admitted to receive Communion; it is their choice. It will mean that when they come to any Communion service, they can receive bread and wine.

This is a decision we are encouraging our young people to think about. Although we are running the preparation for this as a team, the Admission to Communion service will be in the church they usually attend as part of the usual Sunday service. Just to give us an idea of who will be coming please can you contact Rev Nicola Butterworth. We will need to ask you to sign a form on behalf of your child.

For any further information please contact Revd Nicola Butterworth via email n.butterworth@outlook.com

'MY WELLBEING JOURNEY'

*Explore aspects of your well-being that you maybe hoping to maintain, improve and understand a little bit more at **New Chapel United Reformed Church, New Chapel Lane, Horwich, BL6 6QN***

Wednesdays 11am—12noon—feel free to join us any Wednesday

HORWICH AND RIVINGTON TEAM CHURCHES

APCMS 2026

OUR CHURCH APCMS (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS OR AGMS) ARE HELD ANNUALLY AND ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THAT IT IS A TIME FOR YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS, SAY SOMETHING AND HELP ELECT CHURCH OFFICIALS FOR 2026/27. THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT YOU ATTEND:

HOLY TRINITY MARCH 22nd between the 9.15 and 11am services

RIVINGTON 29th MARCH after 11am service

ST ELIZABETH'S 19th APRIL after 9.30am service

ST CATHERINE'S 26th APRIL before 11am service

FREE DEMENTIA MUSIC CAFÉ

EVERY THURSDAY 1.30—3pm (term time)

AT THE BOLTON WANDERERS TOUGHSHEET

STADIUM, BOLTON BL6 6JW

Free to attend

- Make new friends
- improve wellbeing and mood
- Helps people with dementia to communicate and express themselves

For more information and to book, phone 07704 594585 or visit boltondsg@gmail.com

Provided by Bolton Dementia Support Group and Music in Mind

HELP! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!



St Catherine's Church is in great need of an updated audio-visual system so that everyone can see the screen and hear everything that is said/ sung/ played. It will cost £7,100, so please, if you are able to make a donation, no matter how small, these are the details you need:

ACCOUNT: RBS: St Catherines Church, Sort Code: **16-12-53**, Account number: **19257931**.
St Catherine's Church Christmas Appeal

THANK YOU to everyone who

supported the St Catherine's Christian

Aid Coffee Morning either by

volunteering, baking cakes, donating

jewellery or attending. A total of

£781.20 was raised, including £460

from the donated jewellery which will

help Christian Aid to support those

suffering around the world

DO YOU LOVE A QUIZ? IF SO, DO JOIN US FOR OUR

QUIZ NIGHT ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH AT

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID.

IN ADDITION TO THE QUIZ, THERE IS PIE AND PEAS, A RAFFLE,

AND SOME SONGS FROM KADENZA, A LOCAL CHOIR.

DOORS OPEN AT 7pm.

TICKETS £8 FOR ADULTS, £5 FOR CHILDREN.

Tickets obtainable from Miranda Williams (Holy Trinity), Pam Smith (St Catherine's), Sylvia Smith (St Elizabeth's)



CHRISTMAS FUN AT ST ELIZABETH'S!

So what if it is March—it's still nice to remember the good times at Christmas!



Seniors Christmas Tea

At the beginning of December, we had about 50 people in Church sitting at decorated tables. A good time was had by all. There was plenty of food, drink and entertainment. We had songs from the 60s and 70s that everyone knew and joined in. There was a quiz with some questions that made everyone think. It was a great

day and thanks to all who helped on the day and made cakes in advance.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service was on 21 December and was enjoyed by all. We had nine readings and Carols with music played by the Blackrod and Adlington Brass Band. The music from a brass band made it a very special evening.



Decorating the Tree

Of course we cannot have Christmas without the tree. We got children and adults to decorate the tree ready for the big occasion. We needed the adults because the children could not reach the top of the tree!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Some years ago, in the 1980s, my cousin Gordon, his wife Margaret and their 2 daughters, Gillian and Linda featured on the BBC's Songs of Praise programme.

The family lived in Barrow in Furness in Cumbria, and in those days the programme was introduced by Geoffrey Wheeler. Gillian and Linda both suffered from the rare crippling and life limiting disease, Friedrich's Ataxia, and when the programme was recorded, they were both permanently in wheelchairs. Even so, the family learned not only to come to terms with the disease but how to make the most of life. Indeed, the girls probably travelled more than most able-bodied youngsters and were deeply involved in the local United Reformed Church.

At the end of the interview, Geoffrey Wheeler asked the girls to choose a hymn, and the one they chose was 'Oh Jesus I have Promised.' When they were asked why they chose that hymn, they replied, "Because I have promised to serve Him!" As is so often the case, it wasn't what they said, but the way that they said it, as in, "Well, isn't it obvious why we've chosen that hymn?" *Cynthia Percy*

HE JUST WANTED A DECENT BOOK TO READ.....

If you are like me and enjoy a good read (to the extent of, when I was a child, reading the HP Sauce bottle label!), you might appreciate this story often printed in Penguin books: "Not too much to ask is it? In 1935 Allen Lane, Managing Director of Bodley Head books stood on a platform at Exeter station looking for something good to read on his journey back to London after visiting his friend Agatha Christie.

His choice was limited to popular magazines and poor quality paperbacks, (the majority of people couldn't afford hardbacks). Lane's disappointment at the range of books generally available led him to found a company. "We believed in the existence in this country of a vast reading public for intelligent books at a low price and staked everything on it" Sir Allen Lane 1902—1970, founder of Penguin Books. Penguin was launched, kickstarting a paperback revolution that would sweep the world. The iconic logo, which was originally sketched at London Zoo, can be found everywhere—libraries, book shops, charity shops, on bookshelves, on coffee or bedside tables. Thank you to that astute reader/business man!

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS & THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome to the family of the Church:

1st February Benjamin Lever
1st February William Lever



FUNERALS

We offer love and sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Paul Mosscrop	6th January
Jean Naylor	13th January
Benjamin Ainscough	14th January
Geoffrey Seddon	16th January
Jacqueline Waddington	19th January
Lily Leaf	22nd January
David Hawkins	27th January
William Sullivan	6th February
Iris Short	9th February



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN OUR TEAM CHURCHES PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

DATE	HOLY TRINITY	ST ELIZABETH'S	ST CATHERINE'S	RIVINGTON
PALM SUNDAY 29/03/26	9.15am Informal Worship 11am Holy Communion with Healing	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
MAUNDY THURSDAY 02/04/26	7.30pm Holy Communion	7pm Passover meal with Holy Communion (booking required)		
GOOD FRIDAY 03/04/26	10am All Age Worship 2pm Reflection	10am Reflection	2pm Reflection	10am Reflection
HOLY SATURDAY				7.30pm Easter Vigil
EASTER DAY	10am United Service Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 7pm Alive+ Free	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion

GROUPS AND SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES



Horwich Parish Wiggle Tots: Mondays 9–11am (term time), Horwich Parish Hall, Church Street. Sessions include refreshments, free play, creative activities, Storytelling with Wiggle the Bible Bookworm. Free of charge. Email Sue for further information: suzeerayner@yahoo.co.uk



Time 4 Twos! Fridays 10.30am (term time), Children aged between 2 and 5 years are invited together with their parents/ carers, so please pass the word around and keep an eye on the Time 4 Two's . [Time For Twos | Bolton | Facebook](#)



FAMILY FUN AT MESSY CHURCH—29th March @ St Catherine's 3:30pm suitable for all ages: crafts, talk, songs, free food. Held at St Catherine's Church, Richmond Street. Any queries check out St Catherine's Facebook page. www.facebook.com/stcatherineschurchhorwich.



INSPIRE For those in school years 5 to 9 - now at St Catherine's Church, Richmond Street, on Wednesdays (term time) 7pm to 8.15pm. For more information contact Graham Smith (tel. 01204 699875).



OPEN DOOR Usually 2nd Thursday of the month. All welcome in the **Narthex at Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm**. £5.00 per evening including refreshments. A variety of speakers and outings throughout the year so please come along. Next meeting **March 5th. Date changed for elections.** Speaker: Barbara Kennedy Subject – Project Linus.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY

Horwich Library—Jones Street. Lending Library—books, DVDs etc; Help with using computers; Knit and Knatter Group; Quiz afternoon and lots more—pop along to see what's available.

The Repair Café—Got something you think can't be fixed? Try the Repair Café—third Saturday of the month 1.30-3.30pm, at Brazley Community Centre, Cedar Avenue, horwichrepaircafe@gmail.com Free but donations welcome to help with overheads.

HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE,
BEAUMONT ROAD, Tel: 01204 668157
Something for everyone—classes; exercise groups; writing; toddler groups; support groups; arts and crafts etc

Saturday 18th April 7.00pm

Organstoppers

Plays



Sing along to all the classics
Dress in 70s fashions: optional!

Alan Beedie, organ

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Church Street,
Horwich BL6 6AA

Adults £5, children free

Wine and soft drinks available from 6.30pm!

All proceeds to the Tower Appeal

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND CONGRATULATIONS:



*BELATED February birthday greetings to Gloria Farrell;
Dorothy Hesketh; Pauline Walsh and Revd Michael Williams.
Happy March birthdays to: Maureen Ball; Cynthia Percy;
Amanda Balaam; David Hawes; Brian Nicholson*

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 2026 9th—15th MARCH

Something for us all—get the young people in your family involved!

The Big Plastic Count invites us for one week, to count how many pieces of plastic we use in a week—the results are quite frightening given the information below

PLASTIC IMPACTS OUR CLIMATE AND OUR COMMUNITIES

The Big Plastic Count has shown that most of our plastic isn't actually recycled. The majority is burned in the UK.

Burning plastic waste is a big problem – it speeds up the climate crisis and pollutes the air. The sites that burn plastic are also ten times more likely to be in areas hit hardest by inequality.

This harms the health and wellbeing of the communities that live there. That means more air pollution, higher health risks, and less say over what happens in the places we call home.

WHAT IS A FAIR FUTURE?

The Big Plastic Count imagines a fair future where everyone can take action on the plastics crisis, plus the wider problems it's linked to, like pollution and climate change. It's a future that's open to everyone, where people have the tools, confidence, and opportunity to make change.

A fair future means clean air, safe communities, and less plastic in our lives. It means that people left out of the conversation are leading it. It means making space for them to shape decisions, create solutions, and get the people in power to act.

THE REAL COSTS OF PLASTIC ARE NOT SHARED EQUALLY

The oil and gas industry is driving up plastic production and locking us into decades of damage. These companies are making huge profits from plastic. And they are pressuring politicians to protect those profits, even when it harms people.

But this damage doesn't affect everyone equally. It often harms those already facing unfairness and exclusion. If we don't fix the system, the same patterns of inequality will keep repeating. That's why this project centres the voices and experiences of those most affected. That way, the solutions we work towards will benefit everyone.

To Register for the count and get information about what does and doesn't qualify go to:

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/> If you don't have access to the internet please ask someone who does to download the information and the sheets for you to fill in.

Use your instinct and judgement to categorise your plastic – you'll probably get it right! What aren't we counting? We are only interested in counting plastic packaging waste, so you don't need to include plasters, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or period products. We are also excluding milk/juice cartons (TetraPak), Pringles tubes, and coffee cups, as they are made of a mix of materials. We recognise that some plastic products are essential for Disabled people, or people with medical conditions. That's why we aren't counting plastic used for healthcare reasons, like plastic straws or medication blister packs.

Smile time: In Jamaica a slice of apple pie costs £2.50. In Barbados a slice of apple pie costs £3.50. These are the 'pie rates' of the Caribbean!

Hammer—an instrument for smashing the thumb!

**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT**

**LOOKING FOR A FRIENDLY CHAT, WARM FOOD, COMPANIONSHIP? COME ALONG TO ONE OF
OUR WARM SPACES**

DAY	VENUE
Mon	Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright Street 12pm – 1.45pm Waiting list 07835-749496
	Talking Tables, Chill at the Cowshed 10.30 – 11.30am Just turn up!
	KD Over 50s Lads Club, Community Centre, Beaumont Road 2– 4pm £3 subs Just turn up!
Tues	Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road 12 – 2pm Lunch and entertainment. Small charge. 01204 668157
	Talking Tables, Blanco Lounge, Middlebrook 10.30—11.30 am You purchase what you want while you sit and chat Just turn up!
	Horwich URC, New Chapel Lane 10.30am—12.30pm Brews, soup, roll, biscuits and games,
4th Tues	Rivington Church, Hall, Horrobin Lane 11am Faith and Fellowship
Wed	Food and Friendship, St Elizabeth’s Church Hall ,Cedar Avenue 11am – 1pm 07967 585670
	The Bridge, Rock Street 9.30am – 11.30am Warm welcome and a cuppa 01204 361704
	St Mary’s Church, Chorley New Road Luncheon Club—waiting list 01204 468209
	St John’s Methodist Church, Victoria Road 10.30am – 12.30pm 07581 181862
	Lend-a-Hand, The Bridge Inn, Church Street 10am 07939 500591
Thurs	Warm Welcome, Horwich Parish Church (Holy Trinity), Church St. 11am – 1.30pm . 01204 690283
	Talkin’ Tables, Brewed Coffee, Lee Lane 11.00am to 12pm Just turn up!
2nd & 4th Thurs Over 50’s Club, Horwich Community Centre, 12.30—2.30pm 0800 804 4343	

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



FOOD COLLECTION FOR URBAN OUTREACH

**The day for the Food Collection has changed to Wednesday at
St Elizabeth’s 11.00am-1.00pm**

March Weds 11th and 25th

April Weds 15th and 29th

May Weds 13th and 27th

June Weds 10th and 24th

**Food can be left in the Grub Tubs in the churches if you are
unable to bring the donations to St Elizabeth’s**

- A simple act of sharing food can have a profound impact on someone’s life.
- Food donation fosters a sense of community and togetherness, creating bonds that transcend differences.
- When we give from the heart, the act of food donation becomes a gesture of love.
- No act of kindness, including donating food, is ever too small to make a difference.
- Food donation is a powerful reminder that we are all interconnected in this journey of life.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Church Street, Horwich BL6 6AA:

SUNDAY SERVICES:

4th Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday: 9.15am Informal Worship

(occasional United Services at 10am)

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays: 11am Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 11am Morning Prayer

5th Sunday: 11am Holy Communion with Healing

Weekdays: Every Wednesday at 9.30am a said service of Holy Communion

RIVINGTON PARISH CHURCH Horrobin Lane, Rivington, BL6 7SE:

SUNDAY SERVICES:

1st Sunday: 11am Family Service

2nd, 3rd. 4th Sunday: 11am Holy Communion (with occasional service of Morning Prayer)

5th Sunday : Holy Communion (BCP)

Weekdays: 4th Tuesday of the month: 11am in the Church Hall

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, Richmond Street, Horwich, BL6 5QT:

SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 11am

1st Sunday: Sunday Worship with Communion

2nd Sunday: Informal Worship

3rd Sunday: Sunday Worship with Communion

4th Sunday : Morning Prayer

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH, Cedar Avenue, Horwich, BL6 6EU:

SUNDAY SERVICES:

1st Sunday: 8.30am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am All Age Worship (occasionally communion)

7pm Alive & Free (1st Sunday of month)

2nd , and 4th Sunday: 9.30am Holy Communion (occasional service of Morning Worship)

3rd Sunday: 9.30am All Age Worship

For information about groups and sessions for babies, toddlers and young people, please refer to the relevant pages in the magazine.

With many thanks to The Print Quarter for their excellent service & the quality and printing of this magazine

THE MINISTERIAL TEAM

Team Rector: Nicola Butterworth

07706 979393

Email: n.butterworth@outlook.com

Team Vicar: Vacancy

Minister in Secular Employment :

Nicola Gillard

01204 227648

Email: nicola.gillard2020@gmail.com

Associates: Peter Harley

01204 694611

Email: revpdh@hotmail.com

Caroline Tracey

01204 692303

Email: caroline.tracey@gmail.com

Gill Smart

01204 468271

Email: revgillsmart@gmail.com

Honorary:

Michael Williams

01204 667162

Readers:

David Hawes

01204 693727

Dr Ron Knott

07719 274700

THE TEAM CHURCHES:

Holy Trinity

Church Wardens:

Grenville Hartley

01204 279365

Treasurer: Lesley Greenhalgh

01204 693973

Secretary: Susan Kerr

07740 464810

Rivington

Church Wardens: Peter Holden 01257 433919

Secretary:

St. Catherine's

Church Wardens: Kath Jackson 01204 770958

Treasurer: Joshua Dayavaran

Secretary: Pam Smith

01204 699875

St. Elizabeth's

Church Wardens: Sharon Sharrocks

07854 130010

Graham Smith

07505 760859

Treasurer: Richard Skidmore

01204 693415

Secretary: Lynne Croston

BAPTISMS: Initial enquiries for baptisms to

Emma Shawcross:

horwichandrivingtonbaptisms@gmail.com

WEDDINGS: Initial enquiries for weddings to

Rev. Peter Harley at 01204 694611 or email:

revpdh@hotmail.com