



BELOW THE PIKE

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As we say goodbye to Time 4 Twos (see article page 12) here is a selection of some of the things they got up to over the years! (more inside)





Clockwise from left: Time 4 2s Forest School; playtime and Nativity. And below right the Ukelele Band who played at St Catherine's afternoon tea.



Ascension Day evening approaching Rivington Church



6th Horwich Scouts who worked to support Urban Outreach with food parcels, menu planning, making temporary shelters and after that they delivered 600 Christian Aid envelopes! Well done!

WELCOME TO OUR DOUBLE COLOUR ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE—YOUR MAGAZINE!

OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR A LOVELY SUMMER WHATEVER YOU MAY BE DOING—AT HOME, AWAY, WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS OR PERHAPS ON YOUR OWN—HOWEVER, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE—OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND AND THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TALK TO, HAVE A COFFEE WITH AFTER THE SERVICE, OR YOU COULD EVEN ARRANGE TO MEET UP? BUT ABOVE ALL—KEEP SAFE AND STAY WELL.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING AND WHERE YOU'VE BEEN—PERHAPS AN INTERESTING DAY OUT OR VISITING A NEW COUNTRY—PLEASE DROP US A LINE OR CONTACT YOUR REP—DETAILS ON PAGE 4.

YOUR PHOTOS, SUCCESSES, CELEBRATIONS AND ARTICLES PLEASE!

AND WHEN WE RETURN WE WILL BE WELCOMING
REVD STUART SAMUELS TO OUR UNITED BENEFICE AS HE IS
LICENSED AT ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH
ON SUNDAY 6th SEPT

at 7pm BY THE BISHOP OF BOLTON.

Please come along and meet Stuart and his family and help them to feel welcome and at home—we have waited a long time for this moment!

MOTHER TERESA'S ANYWAY POEM



“People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.”

Inscribed on the wall of Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta.

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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)

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:**

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

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

July 5th— continuing our series on James. Speaker: Paul Hardingham

August 2nd—Guess What? Speaker: Peter Harley

ALL WELCOME!

MANY A TRUE WORD!

No doubt you will have laughed at the cartoon on the right!

However, please don't turn the page—stick with us!

Sadly, our churches (along with many others) are struggling financially and, more so, from a lack of volunteers. The majority of existing volunteers in our churches who do a variety of tasks, including— flower arranging, cleaning, gardening, serving refreshments, organising events, welcoming, wardening, helping with children, and so much more are in the upper age bracket— 60+, 70s, 80s and even 90s. There are very few volunteers coming up in their 30s, 40s and 50s which poses a question—when all the current volunteers have passed on what will happen—will our churches die with them?. Hard talking but possibly true. There are a few younger generations who help and we are grateful BUT they are just a few!



We are all busy, and have responsibilities, and that includes our older volunteers—but they still manage to find time to do what they do. Some tasks ,like refreshments, cleaning etc involve just a couple of hours or less every few weeks, some are a bigger commitment but still manageable in most cases, possibly sharing with someone else?

There is something really worthwhile doing something for the church—plus you get to know more people, you are setting an example to the younger generation, you find out more about your church and most of all you are doing your duty to God. Please give it some serious thought and if you want to know more there are plenty of people willing to chat to you about what you are interested in! Don't be like the shortsighted guy in the cartoon?

NEED MORE PERSUADING? Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer. **Allen Klein**

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. **Winston Churchill**

Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. **Anon**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026

Many thanks for your generous giving during Christian Aid Week. The team churches plus Horwich parish school, raised £1255.04 for Christian Aid. We are very grateful to the Scouts who delivered a large number of envelopes. The money raised this year will particularly help communities in Nairobi, Kenya, to access urban farming training, tools and seeds so that they can grow nutritious food and build brighter futures. Families are transforming small city spaces into thriving gardens growing food to eat, sell and share. It's wonderful that people have come together in solidarity with our global neighbours facing poverty and injustice to remember them not only in our prayers but in our pockets too!

Miranda Williams on behalf of the Horwich and Rivington Christian Aid Committee

NAMIBIA GARDEN PARTY

David and Rev. Caroline Tracey would like to thank everyone who supported the Namibia Garden Party which took place at their home on Saturday 13th June. A fantastic amount of £1371.00 was raised to further the work in Northern Namibia to support the communities of Okathitu and Ruacana. Visit the Mopane Tree Charity's website for further information about its work: <https://themopanetree.co.uk/>

**MONTHLY MUSING
FOR
JULY/AUGUST**

**This month is about—
THANK YOU WILLIAM!**

"If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy who drives the plough to know more of the scriptures than you do."

*William Tyndale
(1494-1536)*

2026 is the 500th anniversary (quincentenary) of the full translation of the New Testament from Greek into English, thanks to William Tyndale.

William pioneered the translation of the Bible making it accessible to many more people, using a clear style which became the foundation of further English translations e.g. the King James Bible in 1611.

Born in Gloucestershire he was ordained a priest after studying at Oxford and became tutor to the children of a wealthy family in Gloucestershire. It was about then that Martin Luther's 'heretical' writings came to prominence and in 1521, a public burning of them adjacent to St Paul's Cathedral by Cardinal Wolsey.

William's own thinking began to move away from the traditional church and towards thinking that the Scriptures should be available to everyone, not just the select few in this country who knew Latin, the language in which it was read in churches. Making statements like the one above brought him into conflict with local churchmen so he moved away to London in 1523.

However, he got no support there either! The church actively discouraged translations for 'ordinary people' to read in case it started them questioning what the church taught! This made William realise his only hope of an English translation would be in Europe and receiving a small amount of financial backing from some sympathetic merchants he travelled to Europe hoping to realise his dream.

It was while he was in Cologne in 1525 that he completed the task of translating the New Testament into English. He managed to get printing started, however, once again he was under threat and had to flee, ending up in Worms. Fortunately he saved the printed part and took it with him (it is known as 'the Cologne Fragment') containing 22 chapters of St Matthew's Gospel. Finally, in Worms he managed to get the whole of the English version of the New Testament published.

The next 'chapter' in the story was of smuggling copies into England in 1526. The 'ordinary people' at last could read the New Testament in their own language. That is, until, echoing what happened to Luther's writings, the Bishop of London ordered the collection of as many copies as possible and burned them outside St Paul's Cathedral*.

But, this didn't stop William! He learned Hebrew—the Old Testament language and translated the first five books of the Bible (otherwise known as the Pentateuch). This made him one of the most significant people in what is now known as the Reformation.

He eventually settled in with an English family in Antwerp continuing his translation of the Old Testament until he was arrested and incarcerated (there is an abiding mystery over the reasons for this) until 18 months later he was taken out, strangled and burned in the autumn of 1536.

A horrible and unjust end for a man of great faith and determination to whom we should all be thankful.

*(Compiled from a variety of sources) *The library at St Paul's Cathedral has one of only 3 originals left.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES (see also Page 7)

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, to book, phone

07704 594585 or visit boltondsg@gmail.com

Provided by Bolton Dementia Support Group and Music in Mind

You're invited to
**St. Catherine's
Summer
FAIR!**
A fun day for all the family!

Fun Stalls
Games & Tombola
Great Raffle Prizes!

**Saturday
11th July 2026
11 am to 3 pm**

St. Catherine's Church,
Richmond Street,
Horwich

Delicious Food & Drinks
Children's Activities
And much more!

FUN STALLS
DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINKS
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
GAMES, TOMBOLA & GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

Come along - everyone welcome!

Faith • Fellowship • Community

Smile Time: A 6 year old boy went to work with his dad on 'take your child to work day'. As they were walking around the lad burst into tears. Everyone immediately made a fuss of him asking what was wrong. He sobbed 'Dad, where are all the clowns you said you worked with?' Anon.

Due to our failure to find holiday cover for our organist our next hymn tune will also be 'Chopsticks'!

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist!

I know someone who is addicted to brake fluid—he says he can stop anytime!

HORWICH HEALING ROOMS

Horwich Healing Rooms were thrilled to reopen in The Crown Pub Horwich after a break for the full refurbishment of the premises!

The place looks splendid and felt very welcoming as we came back together to pray for anyone and everyone who wishes to receive a loving, healing word from Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. You may have physical, emotional, relational or spiritual needs. You do not need to know God but our desire is that you will encounter Him as we stand alongside you.

**Our opening times are Mondays
11am - 1 pm and
Thursdays 6 -8pm every week except Bank
Holidays.**

**We will close after the session Thursday
30th July 8pm for our August break.
We will restart on Monday 7th September
for the Autumn.**



EAGLEY BRASS BAND COMES UP TRUMP(ET)S!

Established since 1850 (a few years younger than Holy Trinity Church!) and in receipt of the King's Award 2025 the band very kindly supported Holy Trinity's Tower financial appeal with a concert on Saturday June 13th. Although the work on the tower is complete there are still bills to the tune (pun intended!) of £73,000 still to be paid.

The church was packed and as always Eagley played a wide variety of music from classical, religious, modern to traditional brass band tunes—something to please everyone. Combined with a raffle and refreshments over £1500 was made on the night.

Huge thank you to all the band and their soon to retire musical director, Chris Wormald, the hard working Holy Trinity Social Committee and all the generous people who attended, for making this such a successful event.



150 YEARS OF THE MOTHERS' UNION

Mary Sumner (1828-1921) was the founder of the Mothers' Union, a global Anglican organisation that supports mothers and families, advocating for social justice and community support.

Mary Elizabeth Heywood was born on December 31, 1828, in Swinton, Lancashire. She was the third of four children in a family that valued education and faith. Very talented, she spoke three languages and sang well. After moving to Herefordshire, her mother held mothers' meetings, which likely inspired Mary in her later endeavours. In 1848, she married George Henry Sumner, an Anglican cleric, and they had three children: Margaret, Louise, and George.

In 1876, after experiencing the challenges of motherhood herself, Mary Sumner organised the first meeting of the Mothers' Union in her home in Old Alresford, Hampshire. Her vision was to create a support network for mothers of all social

classes, which was quite radical for the time.

The initial meeting was nerve-wracking for her, but she eventually found her voice and began to lead these gatherings. Under her leadership, the Mothers' Union expanded rapidly. By 1892, it had grown to 60,000 members across 28 dioceses, and by the turn of the century, membership reached 169,000. The organization became a powerful voice for women, addressing issues such as family welfare and moral education.

Mary Sumner's work was not just about support; she also campaigned for social issues, including raising the age of marriage for girls and advocating against child labour. Her belief in the importance of motherhood and family life was central to her mission.

Mary Sumner passed away on **August 11, 1921**, and her funeral was attended by **4,000 women**, reflecting her profound impact on society. Today, the Mothers' Union operates in over **80 countries**, continuing her legacy of empowering women and advocating for social justice. *Cont overleaf.....*



MOTHERS' UNION CONT: THE OFFICIAL MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER:

“Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.”



IT'S PAYBACK TIME—IN A NICE WAY! If you haven't made it yet please go along to Emmaus on Fletcher Street in the old T.A.Barracks. It's an Aladdin's Cave of a charity 'shop', they recondition white goods, have a mini garden centre, a huge furniture store and a big shop that sells everything, a separate book shop and a fantastic café with delicious homemade food. This last year they saved 290 tonnes of items from landfill! All of the people who live and work there have had problem pasts but have turned their lives around learning skills, and help run the place. They can stay or they can move on once they have shown they can manage. Two of the residents decided to give back to the charity—using two of their reconditioned bikes (yes, they do that as well!) to do the Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride on 12th July. (*photo on cover*) they have done well over 300 miles practising **please sponsor them at:**

www.justgiving.com/page/robandeddiearefundraising

Rob who spent three years sleeping rough says “I am safe, supported and healthy here and I have a goal and a plan ready for when I leave. The sponsorship money will help keep Emmaus going and help people here who were once homeless”. We wish them well and a safe ride.



THE CENTRE OPENS MON—FRI 2—4pm and SAT 10am to 12.30pm
off Beaumont Road, Horwich. email: kathleen.arkwright@ntlworld.com

ring: **General Enquiries:** 01204 847797; **Membership:** 07789 367677 **Family History:** 07784 737660

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND GUEST SPEAKERS (free to members, £2 for visitors)

14th July: M. Watson / S. Westhead - Our Legendary Local Running Clubs

11th August : Frank Pleszak - Manchester Aviation Heritage

EXHIBITION: JUNE TO AUGUST 2026—RIVINGTON PIKE

HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE



Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich, BL6 7BG Tel: 01204 668157

www.horwich.gov.uk/community_centre.html **SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES!**

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU ON 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 9.30am TO 12pm. NO

APPOINTMENT NEEDED

HORWICH LIBRARY, JONES STREET

(PHONE 01204 332347 FOR MORE INFORMATION)



Something on every weekday to suit all ages—pop in and have a look and while you are at it, choose a book!!



HORWICH REPAIR CAFÉ

HELD THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

at Brazley Community Centre,

Cedar Avenue from 1.30 to 3.30pm.



-Don't throw it away—Whatever is broken —take it along to be repaired, they love a challenge and you can enjoy a cup of tea while you wait. Repairs are free but donations towards overheads very welcome.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS & THANKSGIVINGS *We welcome to the family of the Church:*

17th May Jude Christopher Hitchen
24th May Teddy David Titherley
31st May Freya Maureen Brown
14th June George Stewart
14th June Jacques Stewart
14th June Louis Stewart



FUNERALS

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

27th May Jack Boyle
1st June Geraldine Cooke
10th June June Taylor
18th June Allan Holden



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ARCHDEACON



We are pleased to share the news that the Revd Canon Simon Cook has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton.

Simon succeeds the Ven Dr Rachel Mann, who will retire at the end of July after many years of faithful ministry in our diocese. Simon brings significant experience of parish leadership and collaborative ministry, having served as Area Dean of Bolton alongside his recent work supporting the archdeaconries as Acting Assistant Archdeacon.

Accepting this new role, Simon said: "I am humbled and delighted that Bishop David has invited me to become the next Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton in succession to Rachel, following careful discernment and a robust interview process. I dare to believe that God has called me into this role for this exciting new season in our diocese, as we begin to pray and work together to deliver our new vision and strategy for the glory of God and for the increase of his Kingdom.

"I have loved serving as Area Dean of Bolton for the past five years and will miss many aspects of that ministry, but I am thrilled that I will continue to serve the deaneries of Bolton, Bury and Rossendale, and Salford and Leigh in this new role. I look forward to meeting many new, and reconnecting with familiar, friends and coworkers for Christ in the coming months.

"I am very conscious that Rachel's shoes are big ones to fill and that I will have much to learn, so I would ask for your patience and your prayers as I prepare to leave my current role and take up this new post. At the same time, we continue to hold Rachel in prayer as she prepares for retirement, with deep thanksgiving for all she has given us through her ministry as Archdeacon. Above all, may this time of transition be marked by anticipation and excitement for what God is going to do in the Archdeaconry of Salford and Bolton in the years ahead."

On the day of the announcement, Bishop David said: "I am delighted to appoint Simon as the next Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton. He has already demonstrated strong leadership as Area Dean, walking alongside parishes across Bolton with wisdom and generosity of spirit. We look forward to welcoming him to the Bishop's Leadership Team as he takes on this new role".

PLEASE NOTE—

Horwich Parish Wiggle Tots; INSPIRE and Messy Church do not meet during the School holidays. Look out for restarting information in September magazine.

Have you ever been to Messy Church? It's great fun. We have Messy Church at **St Catherine's Church, Richmond St**, during the school term on two Sunday afternoons. It's a fun time for Children of primary school age and their parents or grandparents. Younger children can join us as well.

We have crafts based on the Bible Reading. After the crafts we all go into church for a story, often with songs and a prayer. Then we finish with our tea, Everything is free! We meet at 3.30 on the Sunday afternoon for two hours of fun.



Our next meeting is on Sunday 12 July at 3.30 at St Catherine's.

We are looking for some more helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev Gill



OPEN DOOR

Usually the 2nd Thursday of the month. All welcome. Held in the Narthex at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Horwich. 7.30pm start, £5.00 per evening including refreshments. We have a variety of speakers and outings throughout the year so please come along. Our next two meetings are: **July 9th: Social Evening: Beetle Drive** and **August 13th 'Going Wild in Lockdown' by Brian Smith**

TOBY HARLEY'S FAITH JOURNEY UPDATE

"It was lovely to welcome Toby back to St. Elizabeth's briefly & hear an update on his progress at the end of his first year at Trinity College, Bristol. Peter's sermon on Jesus sending out the disciples gave an opportunity to discuss Toby's calling. He has thoroughly enjoyed his first year, the community feel of the college, the lectures & his current weekly church placement at Christchurch, Bristol, which he will continue for another year. Other placements have included working alongside a Prison Chaplain and he is currently enjoying 4 weeks at Bristol Cathedral, sharing in daily worship, prayers & meeting the visitors."

Photos on cover Toby offering daily afternoon prayers from the pulpit at Bristol Cathedral and Toby acting as thurifer for the Corpus Christie service at Bristol Cathedral. (a thurifer carries incense in a thurible during worship services. The Cathedral uses it for specific services). Our thoughts and prayers are with you Toby.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIOR TEA AND PENTECOST SUNDAY

it was our Seniors' Tea on June 9th and we were entertained by UkesLikeUs, a ukulele band. The music was great, lots of tunes we could sing along to and some dad jokes too! They were raising funds for Sam's Gift, a charity, whose mission is to bring moments of comfort, joy, and connection to teenagers, young adults, and families navigating the challenges of cancer diagnosis and end-of-life care.

Through their handmade journey boxes, they aim to provide solace, inspiration, and support during difficult times, ensuring that no one faces these journeys alone.

Including the band, we had 60 people there! At one point we thought we were going to run out of tables and food, but as always, the Lord provided. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and tidy up afterwards. *(photos on cover)*



PENTECOST SUNDAY: showing the activities the children (and adults) had done on Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is one of my favourite festivals, full of hope and colour and it looks like everyone had lots of fun. *Pam Smith*

ALSO: *St Catherine's Church is in great need of an updated audio-visual system 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 Appeal*

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TIME FOR TWOS (T42S)

It is with deep regret and broken hearts, 14 years of happy memories and changed lives that we say goodbye to Time for Twos. Jo Blakely was there at the beginning and writes:

“I had only lived in Horwich for around a year and didn’t know anyone apart from family. So when my partner returned to work after two weeks of paternity leave, I felt quite alone and overwhelmed at home with my new baby in the summer of 2012.

My mum spotted an advert in the newspaper for a new baby group. I decided to be brave and go along, even though I didn’t know anyone. I was warmly welcomed by the lovely Brenda, her daughter Rachel, the volunteers, and other new mums who, like me, were feeling a little lost and in shock with their newborns. It was wonderful to make new friends in the area and to receive help and advice from the volunteers. Brenda, with her many years of experience as a midwife, always had reassuring words and stories to put our minds at ease whenever we had worries about our babies’ health or the little challenges we faced. My daughter Ellie and I looked forward to the “Time for You” group at the end of each week. As it grew in popularity, it expanded into two groups: one for newborns to age two, and “Time for Twos” for children aged two to four.

I was sad when it was time for Ellie to start school in 2016. When I told Brenda how much I would miss the group, she asked if I’d like to volunteer and run crafting for the little ones and that’s how I’ve spent my Friday mornings for the past ten years!

Over the years, I’ve seen many mums and little ones come and go, as well as a change of venue from St Elizabeth’s to St Catherine’s after lockdown. It’s always emotional saying goodbye each July as the older children leave for school.

It will be a huge loss to Horwich when the group comes to an end. But I will always treasure the many happy memories—crafting sessions, trips to Smithills Farm, bear hunts, nativities, Santa visits, and “Zoom, Zoom, Zoom” under the parachute.” *Jo Blakeley (photos on the covers)*

Lyn writes: Jo’s words (above) capture what we were about and the impact it had on parents and little ones. Since coming to St Catherine’s, each year we have had a solid core of parents, grandparents and two childminders, and their little ones attending, which soon became like an extended family. It has been a real joy and privilege to see the children growing in confidence and learning to share, encourage and have fun together exploring the vast array of activities that Brenda and Rachel had devised to prepare them for the next stages of their development.

Heartfelt thanks are due to Brenda for initiating the project, getting the Lottery funding and all her hard work, her wisdom and loving care for every person who came through the doors of St Catherine’s and St Elizabeth’s - and to Brenda’s daughter whose passion for Early Years Education further supported the vision - and to Rachel Jepson who led our Forest School sessions - and also to all the hardworking volunteers through the years. By the Grace of God we’ve made a difference. May God richly bless us all - especially all our little friends. *Jo, Eileen, Yvonne, Kay & Joe, Carolyn, Brenda F, Kath M, Linda, Rachel MD, Lyn*

And Happy Birthday for your 80th in July Brenda!



NOT QUITE LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHLLANTYSILIOGOGOCH - MORE LIKE RHOSLLANNERCHRUGOG (AKA RHOS)!

On May 24th, Pentecost Sunday, I was cat sitting for my son, who lives in Coventry and watched the morning service on BBC1, which came from a church in Wrexham, North Wales. During the service, the leader mentioned the Welsh Religious Revival of 1904 and said it had a particularly strong impact in the mining village of Rhosllannerchrugog (aka Rhos) near Wrexham.

Well, my mum’s grandma came from Rhos and I have never before heard the village mentioned on the TV or radio. Mum never mentioned the religious revival to me, even though she had a lifelong connection with the church. I looked this religious revival up on Google and discovered that historians describe Rhos as one of the major centres of the revival in North Wales, beginning November 1904 at Peniel Chapel, Rhos.

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 Men's Club, Community Centre, Beaumont Road 2– 4pm 1st session free there- after £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	1st Thursday in month, light lunch from 11am—1.30pm Warm Welcome, Horwich Parish Church (Holy Trinity), Church St. 01204 690283 <u>Thursdays in between</u> —Coffee Morning 10.30am—12.30pm
	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 is now on a **Wednesday** at

St Elizabeth's 11.00am-1.00pm on July 8th and 22nd

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

SUPPORT NEEDED! We have two amazing local charities that need as much support as possible, physical and financial. Urban Outreach support families and individuals who are struggling financially by providing food banks, food parcels, Christmas Dinner on Jesus and free lunches for children during the summer holidays. To find out more—tel:01204385848 admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk.

And we have International Aid Trust (IAT) based in Chorley (and shop on Lee Lane Horwich) supporting the people of Ukraine in many ways—to find out how you can help tel: 01772 611000 or email office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk

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: First Wednesday of the month 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.

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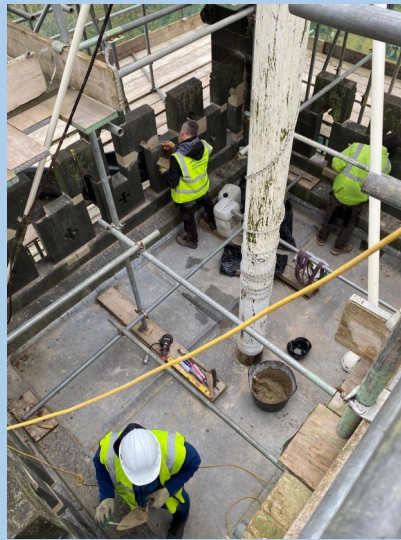
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WEDDINGS: Initial enquiries for weddings to

Revd. Peter Harley at 01204 694611 or email:

revpdh@hotmail.com



The work on the Holy Trinity's Tower is now complete and the scaffolding is down allowing us to see the repainted and gilded clock and the new, clean stonework against the nearly 200 year old blackened stone.

It will take a lot longer for the new stone to take on the darkened hue given we no longer have mill chimneys and coal fires! On the right is Horwich Inner Wheel members presenting Rvd Nicola Butterworth with their very generous donation to our Tower Appeal (we still need approx. £73,000 even though the work is complete!).



Revd Nicola Gillard completed the Big Sleep Out 2026 on a very cold night in February and survived! They were raising funds for Bolton Wanderers in the Community and Urban Outreach Bolton



World Day of Prayer 2026, written by the Women of Nigeria, the ecumenical service was held at the recently refurbished New Chapel URC.



Rob and Eddie setting off on a practise run for their sponsored cycle ride in aid of Emmaus— please sponsor them: www.justgiving.com/page/robandeddiearefundraising



CIVIC SUNDAY 2026

WAS HELD ON JUNE 14th.

Cllr Kevin McKeown was installed as Horwich Town Mayor 2026—27 with Irene, his wife, as Mayoress. They are pictured left with Team Rector Revd Nicola Butterworth. We wish them both well and look forward to seeing them at events throughout the year. Cllr Stephen Rock is Deputy Mayor with his wife Sharon as Deputy Mayoress.

Below left: Toby Harley (see article page 11) offering daily afternoon prayers from the pulpit at Bristol Cathedral. Below right: Toby acting as thurifer for the Corpus Christie service at Bristol Cathedral. (a thurifer carries incense in a thurible during worship services. The Cathedral use it for specific services)

