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THE LICENSING OF OUR NEW TEAM VICAR, REVd STUART SAMUELS ON SEPTEMBER 6th 2026



St Elizabeth's Church hosted many parishioners and representatives of our Horwich and Rivington Benefice, Stuart's previous parish, dignitaries, Diocesan representatives and the Bishop of Bolton, welcoming Stuart to be our Team Vicar and to officially license him in that role. Refreshments had been served, it was a lovely summery evening and lots of smiles abounded! There were several documents to be signed, declarations to be made, speeches by the Mayor of Horwich, Churches Together in Horwich and others. And then it was official! We pray for Stuart and his young family for a happy, fulfilling, spirit-filled life and ministry with us here in Horwich and Rivington now and in the future. Please be patient with him! He has a lot to take in, learn, remember, as well as finding his way around!

(Ed's note: Please see paragraph on page 9 regarding a special bell ringing on Sept 6th for Stuart)



HARVEST SUNDAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th IN ALL OF OUR CHURCHES.

Please ensure all items are well in date—always needed—tinned, dried, packet foods, UHT Milk; baby foods etc which will be given to Urban Outreach to help families struggling in these difficult times. Financial offerings also welcome. Thank you.

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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

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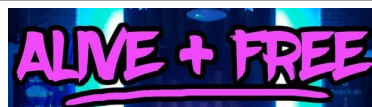
BELOW THE PIKE

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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ED'S NOTE: You may remember in the June edition I 'handed in my notice' and that I'd be stepping down as editor in May 2027. To date no one has come forward—there is still time for a chat and demonstration about what's involved?



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

St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue, BL6 6EU ALL WELCOME!

October 4th - Where is God when people suffer? Speaker: Paul Berry

November 1st - How do you plant a church? Speaker: Josh Openshaw

**MONTHLY MUSING
FOR
OCTOBER**

**This month is about—MY LAY READER LIFE
By
Reader Emeritus David Hawes**

You may well be asking “What is a Lay Reader?”. Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) are lay people licensed by the Diocesan Bishop to lead, preach, teach, and enable others. They are lay theologians who are engaged with their communities and the culture around them and are called to teach the faith, enable mission in the everyday, and lead in church and society. As people admitted to the office of Reader, their ministry is voluntary and nationally accredited. They do this both inside and outside the existing Church.

Readers were first used in the 19th Century, when there was a massive increase in the population of England. In response, the Victorians built lots of churches and then had to work out how to respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people who flocked to them, as well as their expectations for well-led services. Part of the answer was to licence a group of lay people to work with the clergy. They were called “Readers” because one of their more obvious jobs was to read out loud Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, so that congregations could join in.

DAVID’S STORY: I was brought up in a Christian family and came to a personal relationship with Jesus when I went to university in Leeds. While in the Christian Union I helped to take services in the local Methodist churches.

I was challenged by God to dedicate two years of my life to serve abroad with the Church Missionary Society. So after university I went to Mombasa, Kenya as a teacher at the Christian Industrial Centre. The students spent half the day learning English, Mathematics and Science and the other half learning a trade. The trades were painting, metalwork, bricklaying and roofing. I became a Reader in the Mombasa diocese on 26th November 1968, leading services and/or preaching mainly for the ex-patriot community.

On returning to Britain Helen and I married, and a year later in July 1971 moved to Horwich.

I was asked by CMS to speak at a rally in Liverpool and later invited to a local church where I met Rev Denis Gatenby prior to his coming to Horwich.

My first talk in Holy Trinity was on 1st September 1974. The earliest Reader’s licence I still have is dated 18th September 1976.

I regularly took services across the Horwich Anglican churches during Denis’s tenure and on one Pentecost Sunday at Trinity I gathered four people from the congregation to greet the congregation in different languages.

On another occasion taking a service at St Elizabeth’s I removed my “garb” to show my walking gear and relating my three peaks of Yorkshire trip of the previous week on the Christian walk of faith.

Along with Peter and Jenny Dagnall, Helen and I ran the youth group and Pathfinders until the ladies started their families. We enjoyed the young people’s company on day trips and summer camps.

When the Trinity Mission no longer had a Church Captain I was asked to provide spiritual support as well as leading services. When the Mission closed I joined Lee Lane and did the same there. Then when it closed I returned to Holy Trinity church.

It has been a privilege to serve the Horwich churches and even after all these years, to see some of the young folk become firm in their faith.

My licence to preach expires at the end of October and as I am 80 I will not be renewing it.

Ed’s note: We thank David for all his service and his willingness to step in and help wherever he sees a need, I’m sure he will still be visible round and about! Photo right: David receiving his certificate of Reader Emeritus at a service in Holy Trinity on 18th September 2016 with Keith Revell, Officer for Readers Emeritus, and Reader Emeritus, Michael Wyatt.



FORTATHON—A new fundraiser is inviting people to support a good cause by doing something they love. Fortathon, launched by Fortalice, gives participants the freedom to choose any challenge they wish, from reading, dancing, walking, or another activity they enjoy. Fortathon is all about making fundraising accessible and enjoyable for everyone. There is no single way to participate. Whether you read a book, complete a walk, swim laps, run a race, or dance at our Zumbathon, every effort helps make a positive impact. The event runs from October 12 to 16, and individuals, schools, community groups, and businesses are encouraged to get involved. Participants can set personal goals, invite friends and family to join in, and raise funds to help the charity continue its essential work. Registration details and more information are available at fortalice.org.uk and for sponsorship opportunities or to register, contact fundraising@fortalice.co.uk

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change

Please don't turn away—yes, these days it is a very commonly used phrase— ‘It's affecting their mental health' or it'll have an affect on their mental health and so on and so forth —and yes, it will!
 It's how you deal with whatever it is affecting your or someone else's mental health—ignore it till it reaches crisis point?, shut it away to worry about it on your own?
 The theme for 2026 World Mental Health Day is focussed on PWLE—that is People with Lived Experience, not just what we think it's about or what we might have read somewhere, these are people who have lived/ are living with mental health problems who can influence treatment, care, support etc because they have been there. On this World Mental Health Day, let us move from listening to action – and build mental health systems with PWLE, not merely for them.

What can we do if we think someone is struggling? There is no need for special skills, psychiatric training, or knowledge of talking therapies. Helping a person in distress is fairly simple and most of us do it every day. It requires us to keep calm, not be judgemental, and listen actively to hear what the person is saying. Poor mental health is something which touches one in four of us. Oh, and try not to forget this means everyone from children to people more mature in years and poor mental health is not influenced by large bank balances nor small ones for that matter.

You can do something to help by starting a meaningful conversation. On its own that will provide good support and it is easy enough to do. Find somewhere quiet and uninterrupted, get a cup of tea each, **focus on the person**, and begin. It might feel a bit strange at first but questions like 'how are you feeling at the moment' and 'is there anything I can do to help' will get you going. There is Samaritans who offer a listening service 24/7 on 116 123; for emergency help phone 111 and ask for mental health support. If you feel it is a crisis ring 999 or get to A&E immediately. There are charities in Bolton which can provide further help and support for people experiencing mental health problems (see below). You can call Mhist, the mental health independent support team on 01024 527200 or BAND on 01204 380643.

Partially adapted from the website and an article in a previous BtP by Melvin Bradley of MHIST

Safe Haven Bolton Counselling & mental health 58 Lee Ln, Bolton Open · Closes 17:00 · 01204 916042  Website  Directions	Mhist - Mental Health Independent Sup... Counselling & mental health Bolton Open · Closes 16:30 · 01204 527200  Website  Directions
Bolton Cares Health & medical Thicketford Road, Bolton Open · Closes 16:30 · 01204 331111  Website  Directions	Bentley House Counselling & mental health Bolton Open · Closes 17:00 · 01204 483003  Website  Directions

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES



Saturday 3rd October 2026
10:30am – 1:30pm | Manchester Cathedral

FREE ENTRY!

Celebrate sustainability with music, stalls, crafts and refreshments



BABY BABBLE AND BOND

**FREE fun and interactive
group session for families
with babies 0-12 months.**

**Bolton
Family Hubs**



Songs, sensory play and topic chats with our Family Hub Practitioners.

Horwich Health and Well Being Hub, Victoria Road,
Bolton, BL6 5PY

Fridays

9:30am-10:30am

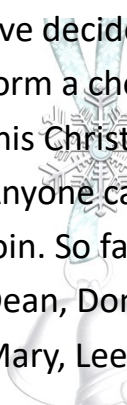
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1pm-2pm

No booking required, just turn up.

Term Time Only - Please see Family Hub Guide for details.

I've decided to
form a choir
this Christmas.
Anyone can
join. So far it's
Dean, Don,
Mary, Lee and
I!



THE NUMBER ROW BRAIN TEASER

The numbers one through 10,
below, are listed in an order.
What is the rule that causes
them to be in this order?

8 5 4 9 1 7 6 10 3 2

(answer on page 6)

THE BEATLES COMPLETE WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

**October 10th at THE
VICTORIA HALL BOLTON**

7.30pm

Tickets £20.00

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Rotary



ROTARY CLUB OF HORWICH PRESENT THE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2026

Applications open Sept 1st closing date November 1st. **Open to 19 years or under at 31st August 2027 who live, or attend school or college in the BL6 postcode area. Please note we also welcome applications from those with Special Needs. Enter through online form—<https://form.jotform.com/252443148496362>**

The awards including significant financial sums to recognise achievement and support development of individual talent in sport, music, dance, drama and other fields of interest, to be used for provision of coaching, tuition or equipment in their chosen pursuit.

Brainteaser answer
(page 5)

Answer: The numbers are ordered alphabetically, based on their English spelling: eight, five, four, nine, one, seven, six, ten, three, two.



St Catherine's Church



invites you and your friends to

AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday 7th October 2 - 4 pm
Company, conversation, & food

Please ring Kath Jackson on 770598 (or mobile 07823 478002)
or Pam Smith on 699875 (or mobile 07968 337045)
by Friday 2nd October to book your place.
Please tell us if you have any special dietary requirements.

This is a social event not a fundraising event, and is free of any charge

THE MOPANE TREE CHARITY— NAMIBIA VISIT REPORT

Deborah, Shaun and Michele invite you to share their photos and videos of our recent trip to Namibia, along with a talk about our future ideas and projects. This will be at 4 pm on the 4th October at Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright Street, including a pastie and peas, cake afternoon tea. We've so much to tell you and can't wait to share our news.



2pm
Free, no
need to
book

**Dementia
Friendly
Cinema**

October 17 th	Casablanca
November 14 th	Calamity Jane
December 12 th	Mary Poppins

**Bolton Central Library
Lecture Theatre**

THE CENTRE OPENS MON—FRI 2—4pm and SAT 10am to 12.30pm off Beaumont Road, Horwich.

email: kathleen.arkwright@ntlworld.com or ring: **General Enquiries: 01204 847797**

Membership: 07789 367677 Family History: 07784 737660

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

13th October Steve Drinkwater - The Western Front Way Challenge

EXHIBITION September—November: 20 Years of Horwich Heritage

WE HAVE MOVED!! HORWICH REPAIR CAFÉ

HELD THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

NOW at Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich

from 12—2pm

-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.



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! CRAFTS;**

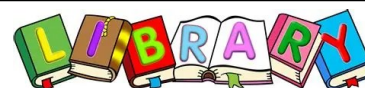
ARTS; UPHOLSTERY; EXERCISE; TODDLERS AND TINIES; YOUNG PEOPLE; LUNCHEON CLUB;

OVER 50s CLUB; WRITING AND LOADS MORE!

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)



NOT JUST BOOKS AND COMPUTERS—THERE'S CANASTA, KNITTING, COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY AND LOTS MORE— SO POP IN AND HAVE A LOOK AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE PICK A BOOK!

BOLTON SILVER SCREENINGS FREE CINEMA AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, LE MANS CRESCENT

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

14th October: Conclave

- **A MILLION ACTS OF HOPE 2026** Research from Cambridge University found that **we're nearly twice as likely to share negative news as positive.** And on Facebook, we post about bad news 98% more than good. It's no wonder the world can start to feel like a darker place than it actually is. But we know something the algorithm doesn't. **Back in May, communities across the UK showed up for each other in the most extraordinary ways.** And many of those same people are still at it now. **So when your hope feels like it's got nowhere to go, here are just a few of the moments worth remembering:** In one local parish, someone displayed the word "welcome" in all 75 languages spoken in the surrounding area. ❤️ In Bradford, neighbours sat together at a Community Cultural Breakfast - people who might otherwise never have met, sharing traditional foods and life stories across the same table.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS & THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome to the family of the Church:

30th August Lorenzo Matthew Smalley
30th August Emily Grace Eve Binney
6th September Sara Karimi



FUNERALS

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

4th September John Bailey
8th September Jennifer Dagnall



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation usually takes place **2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church** – open to all those wanting their babies or children baptised, this is also open to adults who would like to be baptised.

The next one will be on **Tuesday 13th October**

ANNUAL TEAM MEMORIAL SERVICE



The Annual Team Memorial Service will be held this year on **Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm at Holy Trinity Church** to remember those who have gone before us in life and faith. The Venerable Simon Cook, Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton will preach at this service.

In addition, **Holy Trinity Church will be open from 2.00pm until 4.00 pm on the same day, Sunday 1st November**, for any who prefer to come into church for a quiet period of reflection, remembering those they have loved and lost. There will be quiet music playing, prayer prompts on the screen and, if you wish, an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

If you are planning to attend, please can you let us know so that the name of your loved one can be read out during the service and included on the power point presentation in the afternoon. It would be helpful if you can tell us how many there will be in your party if coming to the 6.30pm service. Please contact Susan Kerr by phone 077404 64810, or email: susanlaviniakerr@gmail.com.

Please respond by 27th October and include the name of your loved one so that their name can be displayed on the screen and read out at the service.

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



MESSY CHURCH is at St Catherine's Church, Richmond St, twice during the school term on a Sunday afternoon **at 3.30pm**. It's a fun time for Children of primary school age and their parents or grandparents. Younger children can join us as well. we finish the afternoon with our tea, everything is free! **Next session 4th October**



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

October 8th "The Repair Café" Speakers: Marie and Donna

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by: 1. Alastair C H Stacy; 2. Barbara D Murray; 3.
Susan M Darby;
4. Laura Cope; 5. Andy Cope; 6. Melissa Villiers; 7.
Keith M Taylor; 8. Morgan T Snape (C)

**Rung at Holy Trinity, Horwich on 6th
September 2026 to celebrate the
installation of Rev Stuart Samuels as Team
Vicar in Horwich and Rivington.**



ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

Looking even further ahead! 25th April 2027

A date for next year's diaries! We will be celebrating **60 years** of our church building! Suggestions as to how best celebrate are more than welcome. Speak to clergy, churchwardens or any PCC member.

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SARA'S STORY



The first time I encountered the cross was when I was about ten years old, even though I knew nothing about Christianity. My aunt was watching a foreign film, and in the film, a girl went into a church and prayed. When the girl touched her cross, something in my heart made me wish that I

could have a cross too. I told my aunt that I wanted one. She told me not to tell anyone, because people might think I had become an unbeliever.

At that time, I never researched Christianity and I did not even understand why I felt such a strong desire to have a cross. But that little spark remained in my heart. Years later, when my mother wanted to buy me jewellery, I saw a necklace in a jewellery shop with an angel whose wings were open and hands were held together as if she were praying. At that moment, I remembered the cross I had wanted as a child and asked my mother to buy it for me. From that day on, I kept that necklace with me as a symbol of the cross. Whenever I was sad, anxious, or afraid, I would touch my necklace, sometimes kiss it, and say: "God, please help me." Years later, because of the violent events and protests in Iran and the danger I was facing, I was forced to leave my country and, with the help of my brother, come to England. When I arrived, I was alone and anxious in a foreign country, and I did not know anyone. At the hotel, I met a girl named Saba. She always saw me sitting alone, and one day she asked me to come to church with her. She told me we have so much kind people there and that I could meet many new people. When I walked into the church for the first time, I will never forget that moment. I was completely overwhelmed, my heart was beating fast, and I was amazed and confused. Everyone was welcoming me, and I could not even speak. The first Bible verse I saw at church was: "So God created mankind in his own image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." — Genesis 1:27. This verse made me think about all the injustices women face in Iran. It was very meaningful to me that the first thing I saw in the Bible was about the equal value and dignity of men and women before God.

After that, I continued going to church. I helped with cleaning and other things, spent time with people, and found peace in the prayers and worship songs. On my first day, they gave me a Bible, and Saba would read it to me at night. Among the things I was learning from the Bible, the idea of having faith as small as a mustard seed really interested me. Saba told me, "Ask and pray, and have faith that it will be given to you." So I prayed with the faith I had, asking to be healed from depression and to be free from it. In Iran, I suffered from depression for five years, and this continued until I came to England. After I arrived, a conversation with a doctor about my medication and what I was told upset me so much that when I returned to the hotel, I cried a lot. I held my angel necklace in my hand and talked to God. I told Him that I did not want this life and that all I wanted was to have a normal and happy life like everyone else. I told Him that now that I'm here because I had no choice, don't leave me alone and please help me. That night, I could not sleep. I was crying quietly, and to take my mind off things, I was looking at clothes on an online shopping app on my phone. It was something I used to do for entertainment during that time. Among the pictures of the clothes, I suddenly saw these words: "I am always with you" And underneath was a cross. I cried even more. At that moment, I felt that I was not alone, and I said: "I will do it." On Sunday, I went to church and told our pastor: "I want to become a Christian." He prayed the prayer of repentance with me, and from that day on, I decided to continue my life with Christ. After my family found out about my faith, they rejected me. My father told me that I was a disgrace to the family and even threatened to kill me. This was very painful for me, but I decided not to deny my faith. *Continued overleaf*



SARA'S STORY CONTINUED: When I look back today at everything that has happened to me, I feel that all of it has been part of a path that Jesus Christ had prepared for me. I feel that He saw me and guided me step by step along this path, even at a time when I did not yet know Him. Now, when I look back, many of the things that happened to me have a different meaning. I believe that I did not walk this path for no reason, and with faith in Christ, I am certain that this journey will have a good ending.”

Sara was baptised at Holy Trinity on 6th September 2026. Please join us as we pray for a good outcome for Sara and Saba as they await the decision about their futures. We also pray for all people in countries where they can be persecuted for their faith and have to worship in secret.

Our prayer for you: “I will give you peace when you are anxious. I will stand beside you when you feel alone. I will be your strength when you have nothing left. I will help you through every challenge you face. I will steady you when life feels unsteady. I will not abandon you for I am faithful. You can depend on me, for I am your God” Zechariah 10:12 (adapted.)

**AUTUMN AND WINTER ARE APPROACHING SO WHY NOT COME ALONG FOR A FRIENDLY
CHAT, WARM FOOD, AND COMPANIONSHIP?**

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 thereafter £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, quiet time 01204 696424
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	From Thursday October 8th weekly lunch of soup, sandwich and cake. from 11am—1.30pm Warm Welcome, Horwich Parish Church (Holy Trinity), Church St. 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	

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: Holy Communion with Healing

Weekdays: 1st 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 and 4th Sunday: 11am Holy Communion BCP (with occasional service of Morning Prayer)

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

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

SUNDAY SERVICES all at 11.00am

1st Sunday – Morning Prayer

2nd Sunday – Holy Communion

3rd Sunday – Informal Worship

4th Sunday – Holy Communion

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

SUNDAY SERVICES:

1st Sunday: 8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

7pm Alive+Free

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

3rd Sunday: All Age Worship

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