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WELCOME TO YOUR MAGAZINE NEW YEAR! We hope that you will continue to read it and find it interesting, informative, inspiring and occasionally amusing!

The bad news is that the annual subscription is due this month, if you have your magazine delivered your distributor will advise you how to pay the £7.00 fee for the ten issues we produce.

BUT the good news is—there will be no price increase this year. There is a fractional increase by the printers but we are able to absorb that without increasing the price to you. Our thanks go to THE PRINT QUARTER for their support.

AND as always—it is YOUR magazine and we love receiving your contributions—photos, poems, articles, anecdotes, book, TV and film reviews, anniversaries, birthdays, awards etc. Please keep them coming. Contact details are at the bottom of page 2.



MORE GOOD NEWS!! HELLO FROM YOUR ORDINAND!

YOU MAY BE ASKING WHO AND WHAT IS AN ORDINAND?

I'm Libby, and will be completing the final part of my training for ordination here in the Horwich and Rivington team. An ordinand is someone who is preparing to be ordained, which for me will be the 30th June at Manchester Cathedral! I felt God's not so subtle call to be ordained whilst at an interview for my role as Chaplaincy Assistant at Canon Slade School, and then began the discernment process around 18 months later, after which I was recommended for training in August 2021.

This preparation and training has been over the last 3 years, I attend Emmanuel Theological College each Monday at Liverpool Cathedral, and then as I am training for full time ministry spend Sundays and two other days in a parish, learning about all aspects of ministry. I spent the first two years of this at St Andrew's, Radcliffe, and will now be here with Revd Nicola Butterworth supervising me for the rest of my training and then curacy, (which is a further 3 years of on the job learning!)

I am married to Paul, and our children Belle (14) and Will (10) are all looking forward to getting to know everyone in the coming months. Please feel free to chat to me about any questions regarding vocation and ministry, for me this journey started out years ago as an ALM in youth, and I still love being a part of the ALM community as a chaplain and core module tutor. I also love tea, and rarely wear anything on my feet other than sandals!

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ALIVE + FREE

Our monthly contemporary worship service at
St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue at 7pm.
First Sunday of the month

The theme for the next seven months:
God's Green book: 4th February—
Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

BISHOP MATTHEW NOTICES!

Our new Bishop of Bolton, Bishop Matthew, puts pen to paper in his bi-weekly Saturday column in The Bolton News. Google previous columns of **BISHOP MATTHEW NOTICES** at www.theboltonnews.co.uk

OUR CHURCHES

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St Catherine's: Rev. Michael Behrend on
01204 697162

St Elizabeth's: Rev. Gill Smart on 01204 468271

Due to occasional necessary changes to our service format, please check our fortnightly Team newsletters in our churches or on the **A Church Near You** website for up to date information. To access our fortnightly Team Newsletter online 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 Church.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION A said holy communion service is held on **Wednesdays at 9.30am** alternating between **St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue and Holy Trinity, Church Street.**

Please check the newsletter for which church on what date.

Please note that there may be changes to this service at St Elizabeth's due to projected building work. Up to date information will be in the newsletter.

TUESDAY PRAYERS



We are a small group who meet over Zoom on **Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 1st Tuesday of the month)** to pray for mainly local and personal issues but also include national and international issues when needed. For more information or if you would like to join us contact Rev Gill at revgillsmart@gmail.com



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 concern. Anyone who would like to make such a contribution, through the Editorial Team, is most welcome (details below). ***Please be aware that the articles printed do not necessarily reflect the thoughts of the Editor or Editorial Team who are:*** Editor - Margaret Broadfoot 01204 690283 or email: mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

We welcome Les Duckworth as the rep for Holy Trinity 11am services, please contact him with any news etc Nicola Butterworth (Team Rector) 07706 979393; Michael Behrend (Team Vicar) 01204 697162; David Griffiths 01204 469621; Ian Winnard 01204 694005; Les Duckworth 01204 696799

**MONTHLY MUSING
FOR FEBRUARY**

**GOD'S AMAZING GRACE
BY
REVD DAVID GRIFFITHS**



You'd need a heart of stone not to be touched by the extraordinary story of Nicholas Winton as told in the film 'One Life' released at the beginning of January that our family watched in the Lake District. It's a story of wartime Europe and post-war memory, and also of a noble and inspired man who believed that if something is not impossible then there must be a way to do it. In it Winton, in the months leading up to World War Two, rescued 669 children in Prague in spite of having to cope with frequent British bureaucracy. Families that had fled from Germany and Austria, lived in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food and under the threat of the coming Nazi invasion. It was a race against time before the borders were closed. If you haven't seen the film, it would be good to see it before or during Lent which starts on the 14th of February, Ash Wednesday, when many of us will receive the traditional imposition of ashes, (*see page 5*) and we will continue to pray and commit ourselves to work as Jesus taught us for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

A previous Archbishop, William Temple, said "The church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members." This famous saying gives Christians serious food for thought at any time and place but especially during Lent, symbolising the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert preparing him for his ministry of proclaiming God's kingdom of faith, hope, and love which led to his crucifixion and subsequent resurrection. Lent is treated in the Christian calendar as a period for reflection, a time for abstinence, prayer, giving, kindness and love, which the evidence of science shows is also good for our health.

Starting at 7.30pm (see below) on Monday 19th February at Holy Trinity, and continuing weekly through Lent, the Churches across Horwich and Rivington will be reflecting on five marks of Christ's call to mission - to go out in different ways into our communities to share his love and kindness by telling, teaching, tending, transforming, and treasuring the creation, sustaining it and renewing the life of the earth.

May you and yours have a peaceful and joyful Lent as we prepare to celebrate Easter with its message of God's amazing grace and love, and his triumph over the darkness and destructiveness of evil.

Churches Together in Horwich and Rivington
Lent Meetings 2024

'As the Father sent me, so I send you'

A Lent Course based on the 'Five Marks of Mission'

Monday 19th February at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street - 'TELL: proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom'

Tuesday 27th February at St Mary's Church, Chorley New Road - 'TEACH: teach, baptize and nurture new believers'

Wednesday 6th March at Bridge Horwich, Rock Street - 'TEND: respond to human need by loving service'

Thursday 14th March at Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright Street - 'TRANSFORM: transform unjust structures of society and pursue peace and reconciliation'

Friday 22nd March at St. Catherine's Church, Richmond Street - 'TREASURE: strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS & THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome to the family of the church:

15 th October 2023	Isaac Joseph John Towner
26 th November 2023	Jessica Rae Grindley
3 rd December 2023	George Thomas Ottley
7 th January 2024	Charlie Kiernan
14 th January 2024	Harvey Elias Hackin



FUNERALS

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

31 st October 2023	Barbara Kelly
15 th November 2023	Yvonne Riley
17 th November 2023	Stephen Gillard
20 th November 2023	Stephen Berry
29 th November 2023	Petra Williams
30 th November 2023	Kathleen Bolton
1 st December 2023	Sally Smart
5 th December 2023	Brian Mather



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 1st 2024

The Theme for 2024 is "THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS BORN FOR US"

The Horwich and Rivington Churches Together World Day of Prayer will be held at New Chapel Lane at 2pm. All welcome. (please note that due to potential building work the venue may change, please check newsletters and publicity nearer the time).

As a Christian women's prayer movement, (please note, the services are put together by women but **everyone** is welcome to attend the service) we join with our siblings of all faiths, especially Jews and Muslims. We caution against the use of gender-based violence, all too common in times of war. We call for the protection of all children, noting that half of the 2.2 million inhabitants of Gaza are under the age of 18.

We long for the dawn of a new day for the peoples of Israel and Palestine. We believe that God is always at work, and always moving us towards love, justice and peace. We pray with all of our siblings in Israel and Palestine for a just and lasting peace. We hope that our worldwide community, divided as it is, will recognize that we are all connected, and that we must all take responsibility for the circumstances in the Holy Land.

We must never give up on a commitment to peace, justice, and dignity for all the people living in the land. On March 1, 2024 the worldwide ecumenical community of women who celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer will engage in a worship service written by our sisters from WDP Palestine, under the theme "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-3. This programme calls us to bear with each other in love during troubled times. As often happens in the World Day of Prayer, a theme and writer committee that is chosen years ahead of time becomes timely and profoundly challenging in the year that it is celebrated.

The World Day of Prayer is not just one day, and especially in this time of extreme violence, we call for prayer now, and in the days to come. Sitting with the discomfort of this moment is essential as we listen to the cries of the world and the call of God.

In our World Day of Prayer movement, we are committed to sharing love among us as we pray together across great distances. May this season bring peace to the world, and love to every heart. May all who are suffering, especially our Palestinian and Israeli sisters, experience love being born even amidst the rubble.

CHRISTMAS 2023 REMEMBERED



A brave band of carol singers met outside Holy Trinity just before Christmas over 2 evenings, (one of which just happened to coincide with Storm Pia!) and went out in the rain but managed to collect £110 for Christian Aid. Well done!

A huge thank you to members from all four churches (and HPCS) for the collection of custard cartons to go in the Christmas Dinner on Jesus hampers. As you can see from the figures on the left a lot of individuals and families were able to enjoy Christmas Dinner thanks to your efforts. A huge thank you also for those volunteers who collected the custard, helped pack and then delivered the hampers.

And talking of Christmas Dinner, a huge thank you to St Elizabeth's and the team who worked very hard on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to provide a Christmas Day lunch fit for a king to local people who would have been on their own. A jolly

time was had by all and the guests were able to take home prizes and food enough for another meal.

THANK YOU from Horwich Rotary for all your donations to Santa on his sleigh! The amazing £11,000 raised will fund several community projects including the Youth Awards and Senior Citizens Party.

WHY ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ashes have great significance in Christianity. In the context of Ash Wednesday, believers visit their church or a dedicated Ash Wednesday ceremony and receive the ashes. The priest places ashes on the worshipper's foreheads in the shape of a cross and says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return."

The ashes symbolise both death and repentance; it is a period for repenting sins. The ashes show the worshipper belongs to Jesus Christ and is mourning for their sins as Jesus did when he gave his life on the cross. Wearing ashes on the forehead is a tradition of repentance that comes from the Old Testament but is still observed around the world every year. Ash Wednesday is a traditional event in the build-up to Easter and marks the beginning of Lent.

The 40-day period of Lent represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and resisted Satan, Ash Wednesday is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the season of Easter



ASH WEDNESDAY is 14th February 2024 and communion services will be 9.30am at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street and at 7.30pm at St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue.



Left: Rivington Leaf Sweep in the rain! That is dedication!

Right: St Catherine's School's Carol Service in Church



ARE YOU AGED 50 OR OVER AND LOOKING FOR SOME FUN AND FRIENDSHIP?

Then join the OVER 50'S CLUB today! We are a lively and welcoming group that meets twice a month at Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich, BL6 7BG.

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

You can enjoy interesting talks from our guest speakers, free day trips, meals, and craft activities. Plus, you can treat yourself to delicious cakes and unlimited drinks for only £2. No need to book, just come along and join the fun.



For more information: email Peter at: over50sclub@gmail.com or call us for free on **0800 804 4343**.

LOOKING FOR A WARM SPACE, COMPANIONSHIP, A HOT DRINK, LIGHT MEAL? LOOK NO FURTHER!

DAY	VENUE	TIME	INFO	CONTACT
Mon	Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright Street	12pm – 1.45pm	£3 for lunch, hot drink, entertainment. Waiting list	01204 468515
Mon	Talking Tables, Thyme Deli	10.30 – 11.30am	You purchase what you want while you sit and chat	Just turn up!
Tues	Horwich Community Centre, Beaumont Road	12 – 2pm	Lunch and entertainment. Small charge.	01204 668157
Tues	Horwich URC, New Chapel Lane	10.30am – 12.30pm	Brews, soup, roll, biscuits and games, quiet time	01204 696424
Wed	Rivington Church, Horrobin Lane	11am – 2pm	Peace and quiet, a space for prayer, a cuppa + chat.	
Wed	St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue	11am – 2pm	Brews, soup or sometimes stew, cakes, games & chat	07967 585670
Wed	The Bridge, Rock Street	9.30am – 11.30am	Warm welcome and a cuppa	01204 361704
Wed	St Mary's Church, Chorley New Road		Luncheon Club – waiting list	01204 468209
Wed	St John's Methodist Church, Victoria Road	10.30am – 12.30pm	"Cup 'n' Natter"	Tel: 07581 181862
Wed	The Crown, Chorley New Road	10am – 1pm	Hot drinks, cakes, & biscuits, games	07939 500591
Thurs	Horwich Parish Church (Holy Trinity), Church Street	11am – 1.30pm	Brews, biscuits, soup, sandwich and cake with chat and games available.	01204 690283

WORDS OF WISDOM: "Without the human community one single human being can't survive". *The Dalai Lama*

"We have enough people who can tell it like it is—now we need people who can tell it like it can be" *Robert Orbin*

"Whether you think you can or you can't, you are right!" *Henry Ford*

COMMUNITY NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



® **THE GREATER MANCHESTER FAIRTRADERS**

are planning a Celebration of
Fair Trade at **St Chad's Church,**
Rochdale on Saturday 16th

March where there will be speakers, a choir and
plenty of interesting stalls. St Chad's church is
an interesting church in itself to visit, one of the
oldest in the Diocese, full of fascinating history.
**LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE MARCH
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HORWICH HERITAGE

THE

CENTRE

OPENS MON—FRI 2—4pm and

SAT 10am to 12pm

off Beaumont Road, Horwich

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

**13th February—a Trio of Lancashire Gardens
by Elaine Taylor**

Exhibition: 27th January to 15th February—

66th Anniversary of the Winter Hill Air Crash

February to May—

The Centenary of Horwich Harriers

BOLTON COMMUNITY WINTER WALKS

**Held monthly on a Thursday all at 2pm - please arrive
by 1.45pm**

**15th February—Moss Bank Park area, meet outside
Moss Bank Park Cafe (refreshments served after)**

**29th February—Jumbles Reservoir, meet at Jumbles
Country Park, Bradshaw Rd, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 4JS**

For all walks please wrap up warmly, wear suitable
clothing and footwear for the weather conditions. Feel
free to bring along friends and family.

Any queries please contact Keith on **07500928573**



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; MORRIS DANCING; 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**

THE VICTORIA HALL

KNOWSLEY STREET, BOLTON

Monthly Lunchtime Concerts Saturdays:

**12pm lunch; 1pm concert. Tickets are £10.00 for
lunch and concert and £7.00 for concert only.**

February 17th Matthew Chadbond—Violin

March 2nd—Tutti Flutti

**Bolton Symphony Orchestra—9th March 7.30pm
£13 (under 19s free)**

"Czech Mate"

Dvorak Czech Suite

Martinu Sinfonietta La Jolla

Schubert Symphony No 6

21st March 7.30pm

Black Dyke Band

30th March—9th April

PANTO—Pinocchio

Phone booking: 01204 522569.

Website booking:

www.victoriaHallBolton.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS!

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO Steven Greenhalgh on his 70th, John Shawcross on his 40th, Freya Corlett, Gerald Hesford, Sylvia Norris and Marie Green. FEBRUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO Revd Michael Behrend, Lyn Mitchell and Lesley Greenhalgh who will celebrate her 70th



Special congratulations to John Shawcross who, as well as his recent 40th birthday, qualified to be a Head Teacher—still doing exams even in middle age! Very well done John, much deserved!

More special congratulations go to Marjorie Hayward of Talkin' Tables fame, who has received the 2198th 'Point of Light'* Award from Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, for her community work. Well done Marjorie and keep up the good work! *see <https://www.pointsoflight.gov.uk/about-points-of-light/>



Left is Arnold Pontefract, a stalwart of St Elizabeth's weekly Friendship and Food who made it through the ice and snow on 17th January to celebrate his 100th birthday! Well done and congratulations Arnold!

and right: Will Murray after being confirmed by Bishop Matthew of Bolton



WINNER, WINNER, FREE FISH AND CHIPS DINNER!

Caroline Tracey writes: "David and I won a raffle prize at St. Catherine's Christmas Market for a fish and chip dinner for 5 at the Blue Anchor in Horwich. They went the extra mile and provided us with a free lunch for 7. Sadly, in the photo right, you can't see Brenda Craston, she is hiding behind Ron Knott on the left of the photo. The food was amazing and the staff so friendly." Also in the photo—Peter and Vicky Holden with their grandson, and two members of the Blue Anchor staff.



GROUPS AND SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES

Horwich Parish Wiggle Tots



Monday mornings 9am – 11am (during 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 during term-time at

St Catherine's Church, Richmond Street

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](#)

INSPIRE

For those in school years 5 to 9 on Tuesdays at 5pm during term-time at St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue

For more information *contact Nicola Butterworth* (tel. 07706 979393) or *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**. £3.00 per evening including refreshments. A variety of speakers and outings throughout the year so please come along. Next meeting-

FEBRUARY 8th: "TALKIN' TABLES" BY MARJORIE HAYWARD (see the congratulations on Page 8!).

FEELING CRAFTY? CRAFT CLUB is held ON THE 1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE NARTHEX AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FROM 1.30pm to 3.30pm Please bring your crafts along—all welcome! A light lunch will be available from 12—1pm at Warm Welcome.



BEER AND CHAT We usually meet weekly on **Wednesdays** via zoom as a way to catch up with people. It normally starts at **7.30pm until about 9.30pm** but you can drop in and leave when you want. We talk about all sorts of topics. **Beer isn't compulsory; tea, juice, wine, gin whatever is your choice.** If you would like to join us please email Gill Smart revgillsmart@gmail.com for the Zoom code. We are a friendly and chatty bunch.

"Wise and witty Words: "No one ever ruined their eyesight by looking on the bright side" Anon

Small child to mother "Why are we here on earth, Mum?". Mum: "To help others" Child: "Why are the others here?". Anon

I was at lunch with a long-time friend and while we were chatting she leaned over and said " See those two old women over there? That'll be us in 10 years time!" I looked her in the eye and said "That's a mirror over there!"

FIRST WORK & FLIGHT ABROAD

Leave: 25th February 1965

Return: 25th October 1965

WHAT a grand time of the year this is to be off to somewhere like sunny Barranquilla, Colombia, on the Caribbean coast of South America, just north of the equator, where temperatures of over 80 deg. F are the rule of every day.

And that's precisely where 23-years-old Anglican Young People's Association member, Leslie Duckworth, 6 Ardley-rd., Horwich, is travelling at the moment. He left Ringway Airport, Manchester, yesterday, bound for Colombia via New York and Kingston, Jamaica.

But the trip will present fitter Leslie with a change rather than a rest. For along with his work colleague, Gordon Thomas, of Bolton, he will be helping to install a giant transparent cellulose film-casting machine (220ft long) for his employers, Dobson and Barlow, textile machinists, of Radcliffe.

A former Horwich Loco Works apprentice, Leslie will be working in the capacity of machinery supervisory erector. The parts for the machine have been transported in seven consignments, and Leslie will start work soon after his arrival at Barranquilla.

The job is expected to take about six to nine months.

Horwich Journal - Brian Smith

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—let the Repair Café sort it!

Whatever is broken - don't throw it away—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 hall rental, tea and coffee etc very welcome.



The article left was submitted by Les Duckworth and makes fascinating reading! However, he can't leave it at that—we need to know how he got on so far away and working with non-English speakers. Watch this space!

RIVINGTON NEWS

The church gardening team at their well earned Christmas lunch, below .left.

Below:: Mike Latham, Chair of Leigh RC kindly brought the Rugby Challenge Cup to our nativity . Our Leigh supporting Rector was rather pleased!

On the right are Joseph and a shepherd, love Joseph's magnificent beard!



GROWING OLDER—A PRAYER BY ST TERESA OF AQINAS

Growing Older

Lord, You know better than I myself

that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all;

but You know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people; and give, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen

Thank you to David and Brenda Griffiths for sharing this—and they note that St Teresa has been recognised as the first woman doctor of the Church.

QUIRKY OR LITTLE KNOWN

FACTS

- Every day contains: twenty-four hours, or 1,440 minutes, or, 56,400 seconds. Take away time we spend sleeping, working and eating that still leaves us a lot of time—do we use it well? Food for thought.
- Did you know: the average brain weighs 3lbs or 1,36 kilos but neurologists approximate that we have the ability to learn something new every second of every minute (*see above*) of every day for the next three hundred million years.
- We have 32 adult teeth, adults have 206 bones yet babies are born with 300 bones!
- And our bodies contain 200 different types of cells and on that subject: It takes 7 years for every cell in your body to regenerate, but just think—on that basis surely every 7 years you are a new person?!!



Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Ed.'s Note: apologies for the Americanisms but this was sent to me and I thought it would brighten up those grey, February days!

Notice in a country church bulletin " Due to the high cost of maintaining the church, it would be appreciated if parishioners would cut the grass around their own graves"

Money buys everything except love, personality, freedom and immortality.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES:

2nd and 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: Alternate Wednesdays of the month: 09.30am 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: Last Saturday of the month 10.30 a.m. Matins

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

SUNDAY SERVICES all at 10.45am

1st Sunday: Sunday Worship with Communion
2nd Sunday: Informal Worship
3rd Sunday: Sunday Worship
4th Sunday: Sunday Worship with Communion

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

SUNDAY SERVICES:

1st Sunday: 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Pulse
7pm Alive+Free
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays: 9.30am Holy Communion (occasional service of Morning Worship)

Weekdays: Alternate Wednesdays of the month: 09.30am Holy Communion

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