

OCTOBER 2025

"ENJOY THE MOMENT"

Matthew 6 v 33-34 - *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Hello, and welcome to our October Newsletter. October conjures up thoughts of the "curtain closing" on Summer, with the inevitability of colder weather, then Christmas looming on the horizon. October's "clocks back" with the dark nights sound the "death knell" to the nice Summer Evenings we enjoyed just a few weeks ago.

Media and Advertising make us think too far ahead, as the next season's festive and leisure related goods appear on our supermarket shelves well in advance – Easter Eggs in January, Barbecue Kits in April, Christmas themed confectionery in October, etc..

Advance Planning is good, as it lessens the probability of last minute panics – especially as we plan Christmas Celebrations and activities. Looking forward to future blessings is fine – God encourages us with reminders of wonderful times ahead with Him in Heaven. However, let's not live in the future – Enjoy today. Let's be thankful for today, and - in October's Harvest Sunday – thankful to God for His Year Round Provision.

There is a balance. We should consider Eternal Issues, and God's Perspective on things – yet recognise we're still living our earthly lives, and we need to serve others as such. Let's help others to find God, thus preparing themselves for the days ahead. As we read our Bibles, Pray and Fellowship, we connect with God's Eternal Perspective, then are encouraged to live out our daily lives in the "here and now". *"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1 v 21). Let's *"seek ye first the kingdom of God.."*, as encouraged in our Bible Verse.

How do we maintain this correct balance?

- Spend time with God, in Prayer and Bible Reading. We start with His Heavenly Perspective. Fellowship with others in church.
- Read the Bible's Admonitions for Living the Christian Life in our homes and places of work. Listen to the Holy Spirit, and be obedient to His promptings and challenges.
- Find your area of service within the church, and be committed to the church program. If you're "new" to Horwich Evangelical Church, just get to know people first, and be blessed. Then the Holy Spirit can guide you. It's better to "take your time", and know your calling in line with your gifts and passions, and the church's vision.
- You only have so much physical and emotional energy. With God's Wisdom, always maintain the right balance between work, home life and church.

I believe these principles and patterns help shape our daily practices, that we enjoy each day, are fulfilled God's way and bless others for His Glory.

Bless you, Robert **Please see the next page.**

Church Events for October 2025

Sunday Morning Services (10.30 am)

October 5th	Shaun Cooper (Jonah 3 'Mission resumed: a persistent God')
October 12th	Dave Bagley (Urban Outreach) – Harvest Service
October 19th	Ray Haughton (Jonah 4 'Lord, I don't understand!')
October 26th	David Collier
November 2nd	Stephen Gillham

Bible Study and Prayer meetings (Wednesdays)

October 1st	at Church at 11am
October 8th	on Zoom at 7pm
October 15th	at Church at 11am
October 22nd	on Zoom at 7pm
October 29th	at Church at 11am

Tuesday Fellowship – Tuesdays 2 pm

Tea 'N' Tots – Fridays 10 am

Points for Prayer

Praise and Thanks

- Give Thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness to us.

World Situations and Projects

- Pray for Christians around the world suffering for their faith.
- Pray for the Christian work we support:
 - Jim Barrie and Open Doors,
 - Paul Moores and the Wycliffe Bible Translators.
 - Mark Foster and The Slavic Gospel Association.
 - Shaun and Deb with Mopane Tree in Namibia,
 - Ian Harvey and Kimbilio in the Congo,
 - The House of Ants in Mozambique.
- Pray for an end to the fighting in Ukraine and the Middle East – also people there to find Jesus.

UK

- Pray for our King and Princess of Wales to acknowledge God, and His Son, Jesus.
- Pray for those in Financial Hardship.
- Pray for those engulfed in violence and hatred – that they would find Jesus.
 - Let the Church effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Wrongly Convicted Postmasters – that they may receive justice very soon.
- Pray for Urban Outreach.

Our Church

- Pray for the Elders as they seek to know God's will for the future.

Meeting – Monday, October 6th 2025 at 7pm

- Pray for those who are unwell, giving thanks for those who have improved health-wise.
 - Pray for our Projects: Tea 'N' Tots, Luncheon Club, Good Newspapers, Junior Church.
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