HORWICH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025

"BACK TO SCHOOL"

John 14 v 26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall <u>teach</u> you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Hello, and welcome to our September Newsletter. September for many, means "back to school/ college". Those of school age look forward to the new term, with thoughts of opportunities and adventure. Parents and carers see the "bigger picture", as they get school uniforms ready, and wonder how their child will cope with the next school year – it's a reminder that they're growing up.

In life, whether Teaching, Parenting or Care, there is the principle of <u>learning</u>, then passing on life's lessons to others (<u>teaching</u>). We never stop learning, so never stop seeking to bless others from what you have learned and received.

Some footballers become managers and coaches, successful businessmen employ apprentices, or instigate company training programmes, imparting their skills and experience to train others. Composers teach and inspire each other.

In the Christian Life, the same principle applies. We learn things from our Bibles, as enlightened by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by Men and Women of Faith. As we're encouraged, let's seek to bless others. 2 Timothy 2 v 1-2 "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

The Hebrews were admonished in Ch 5 v 12 that, "..ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again.."

Our lives should have a constant "throughput" of Learning and Receiving Blessings then – Teaching and Blessing others. Both are important. We have to be humble enough to depend on God and receive, listen and learn – because we can't give what we don't have. On the other hand, if we don't give out, we can become stagnant, and preoccupied with self. Let's have the right balance in life. This is different for each one of us – we all have unique circumstances.

So, in principle, what do we take in?

- Physical/ Material Blessings
- Spiritual Blessings
- Fellowship Blessings
- Food, Clothing, Shelter
- Presence of the Holy Spirit, Bible Teaching.
- Church, Encouragements

What do we give out?

- Physical/ Material Blessings
- Spiritual Blessings
- Fellowship Blessings
- Support Church/ Charities through Giving and Serving.
- Pray for Others, Share encouragements from the Bible.
- Encourage others, enquire after their well-being.

Have a Blessed September, Robert Please see the next page.

Church Events for September 2025

Sunday Morning Services (10.30 am)

September 7th Robert Forrester (Jonah 1:1-3 'Man on the run')

September 14th Eric Kent (Jonah 1:3-16 'Storm at sea')

September 21st Frank Iddon

September 28th Andrew Holt (Jonah 1:16-2:10 'Jonah: Alive or Dead?')

Bible Study and Prayer meetings (Wednesdays)

September 3rd at Church at 11am
September 10th on Zoom at 7pm
at Church at 11am
September 24th on Zoom at 7pm

Tea 'N' Tots resumes on Friday September 5th

Tuesday Fellowship resumes on Tuesday September 9th

Churches Together Praise and Worship at Holy Trinity Parish Church Sunday September 28th at 6.30pm

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, September 8th 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.
