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Dear Friends

As we enter the new year our diocese is encouraging us all to pray that 2025 will be a year of growth and renewal. Amen to that! Imagine seeing a year of growth and renewal in SJCB and what joy that would give us.

With that in mind I have chosen this verse to be our theme verse for 2025:
"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:6)

It is such a great saying because it reminds us of what we can (and should) do and of what we can't. We can plant or scatter seeds. Paul (the "I" of the verse above), as the world's great evangelist, was a great seed-scatterer. He travelled far and wide, preaching about Jesus wherever he went. But there are other ways of sowing seed, from acts of kindness and mercy done in the name of Jesus, to a phone call or a visit or a word about Jesus or faith dropped in to a conversation. With this in mind, do join a growth group for Lent—if you are not already in one—for our Lent series, 'Scattering seeds of hope.'

Then we can also water seeds. That was Apollos. He may well have been something of an evangelist too, but his great ministry was to nurture young believers and help to grow in their faith and their walk with Jesus. People today may likewise have that gift of getting alongside people and encouraging them as believers.

What we can't do is make people grow. God alone can do that. But of course the great implication of that is that there is a third thing we can do, and must do, which is to pray. Only God can open blind eyes, only God can soften hard hearts, only God can enlighten darkened minds, only God can give growth. So let's make a concerted effort to pray and to keep praying for growth and renewal throughout the coming year.

With love in Jesus Philip

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Diocesan prayer for 2025)

The unique role of a parent

By Ed Drew

I recently stayed with a Christian family. One child is still living at home, their other two are living independently. Their family's story includes sibling anger, late diagnosis neurodiversity, multiple school moves, and a particularly painful season with one of their teenagers.

It also includes amazing family memories, others in need who have been brought into their home, their enduring trust in Christ, and supportive churches. These are experienced and godly parents!

A unique role

I was struck again by the unique role of parents. No one else could have walked these roads with their children so consistently. Their church played a great part, as did local Christian friends and geographically distant family members, but the parents had a unique role.

They are the world experts on their own children, just as every parent is the world expert on theirs. No one else can identify so accurately the cause of today's anger and tomorrow's tears.

While we might daydream about some other Christian parent raising our child (for our sake as well as our child's!), we feel deep love for our child, we sense the journey we are on together and we hear the Bible's instructions that only a parent can fulfil (e.g. Ephesians 6:4).

Sobering statistics

The cold data is as clear as crystal. Our church, its staff and volunteers might have 50 hours a year to invest in my child, perhaps double that if there is a vibrant midweek programme. But, as a parent, I have thousands of hours a year. When my child has a crisis or a deep question, it generally blows into my kitchen, not into their Sunday School class. It happens while they are living with me. I am their doctor, their teacher, their moral guru, their chef and their bank. I feel inadequate in all of these roles.

Three-quarters of UK Christians say they came to faith before the age of 18. When 11–18-year-old Christians were asked what the key factors were in them coming to faith, their top answer (41%) was growing up in a Christian home – this was more significant than their youth group, their friends, and even the Bible.

And yet just 50% of children growing up in Christian homes keep their faith into adulthood. The most striking data for me is that, around the world, churchgoing teenagers do not expect to drop out of church when they leave home. They are often as surprised as their parents by their decision to stop. Are we raising our children to routinely attend church, or to be disciples of Jesus Christ? It is only when they leave their home church where they belong and feel loved, that they have to walk into a church where no one knows their name. Will they return next week? If they are only long-term church attenders, maybe not. If they are disciples of Jesus, probably yes.

Church-parent partnership

Parents have a unique role, for which they need to be equipped. Many parents don't know how to pray with their children, how to read the Bible with them, how to have faith conversations with them, or how to talk about the prickliest issues with them. Have we grasped that parents are the pastors of their families, who have not been trained for their vital task?

As a gift from God, our churches can serve exactly this purpose. We can train the parents while partnering with them to disciple their child. As with all discipleship it is going to involve sharing life, not just a routine or habit. Of those young adults from Christian homes who drop out, 88% say that no other adult from church invested in them during their secondary school years. We can change that.

Ed Drew is the Ministry Director of Faith in Kids (www.faithinkids.org) which exists to see confident parents and thriving churches raising children together to trust Jesus eternally.

This article first appeared in the January 2025 issue of the Christian newspaper, Evangelicals Now (www.e-n.org.uk) and is reprinted here with permission.

Philip adds: It was the last but one sentence of the article that most struck me. Do have a look at the website of EN and consider taking out a subscription. I find it well worth reading once a month.

GROWTH GROUPS IN ST JOHN'S AND CLAYTON BROOK

Bible prayer & fellowship are the focus of our growth groups which meet within our parish in different venues and at different times of the week. They cater for different age groups and for newcomers and people more familiar with the bible and their faith. We would love everyone to be a member of a growth group in order for each of us to build our relationships with each other and, most importantly, with Christ. Have a look at our current groups to see if one suits you and your needs, if not feel free to ask and we will try to find a way to help.

Here is a little bit about each group, in their own words:

CLAYTON BROOK GROUP—CONTACT KATHY BIGIO

Meets in Clayton Brook Church every Tuesday (term time) 1 to 2pm. We sing, pray & share study books looking at aspects in the bible and liturgy & importantly share friendships.

For more information contact Kathy.

CLAYTON BROOK MEN'S GROUP—CONTACT STUART CROSS

Meeting every Monday evening, a group for men who may be new to the area, or new to the Christian faith, or just wanting to know more about Jesus and the Bible. An occasional film night, and social/games evenings help us get to know and support each other.

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM GROUP—CONTACT DAVID BARLOW

What a perfect way to grow your faith and understanding of the Bible than joining a growth group. Our group comprises individuals, all different, but all looking for the same things, with hope and faith, and through God's love and guidance, recognising a better world where our God in Jesus rules. Our growth group meets on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm for 1 hour, via zoom, and whilst we take God's word seriously there is also a lot of laughter. So if you want fun, fellowship and to learn more about Jesus we look forward to seeing you.

TUESDAY MORNING ZOOM GROUP—CONTACT SUSAN PARKINSON

Susan - meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 for roughly an hour on Zoom so suitable for those who may struggle to get to a particular venue. A friendly relaxed space where we work through study books about different aspects of the Bible and end with prayer.

New members welcome - please contact Susan.

TUESDAY EVENING IN-PERSON GROUP—CONTACT JAMIE DIXON

A mixed group of men and women from St John's meeting at 397 Preston Road on Tuesdays (term time) at 7:30-9:00pm. We have a relaxed style where we start with a brew and biscuits, followed by bible study using study guides and close with prayer. For more information contact Jamie.

TUESDAY EVENING VICARAGE GROUP—CONTACT PHILIP VENABLES 01257 515141

We are a small group and would love to welcome in more members. We meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 and always finish by 9 at the latest. We look at the Bible together with a reasonably light touch (people are tired in the evening!) and share news and views and always pray for one another. Contact Philip.

Why are people constantly searching for lasting peace and contentment yet never fully satisfied? Many people express this particularly when a New Year approaches. The Bible says this happens for a very good reason: We are incomplete without God. If we leave Him out of our lives, we have an empty place in our souls, a yearning deep inside us that only God can satisfy. So, start the New Year off with a sure thing - God's promise to give you a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). - *Billy Graham*

WARM WELCOME

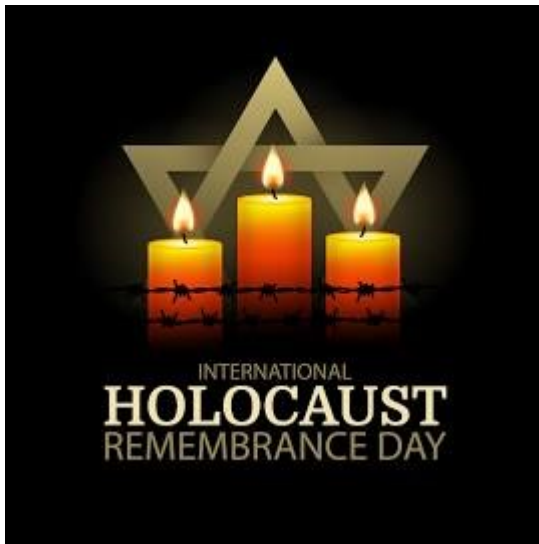
We ended the year with our traditional Christmas lunch with turkey and all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and mince pies. We would like to thank Asda for their generous donation of mince pies for our meal. Here are some of the highlights

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, give gifts and join together with family and friends but some for some people it can be a bitter, sweet experience especially if you have lost a loved one over the past year. After Christmas the days in January can feel long, cold and empty so if you feel like this we would love to see you at Warm Welcome. We open again on the 6th January after our Christmas break at Clayton Brook church from 11am -2pm. So if you would like companionship, fellowship and some tasty home cooked food come and join us. We have a team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers and a friendly group of regulars. Don't stay in by yourself come and meet the gang, you will be made very welcome as our name implies.



The Warm Welcome Team wish you a happy and blessed New Year. We hope to see you soon.





Holocaust Memorial Day ‘particularly significant’ in 2025 Monday 27 January

The UK Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) Ceremony brings together the civic, faith and political leadership of the country, alongside survivors of the Holocaust and more recent genocides.

HMD 2025 will be a particularly significant year, as it will mark 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and 30 years since the genocide in Bosnia.

More than 1.1 million people were murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau, over 90% of whom were Jewish. An estimated 100,000 people were killed during the conflict in Bosnia Between 1992 and 1995.

Left out in the cold

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services each week, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister’s visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember’s flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead and dark. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The two men sat on in reflective silence.

A little while later, just before the minister was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, “Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday.”



Please remember the LOVE FUND

The Love Fund consists of donations of money from members of both our churches. This can be used for anyone in our church or parish who is in need of help. If you are in financial need for whatever purpose: shopping, bills, essentials etc then get in touch with Philip and he will be happy to help you. tel: 01257 515141 email: info@stjohnsandclaytonbrook.uk

The Suffering Church - Being a Christian

As we enter the New Year it is good to be reminded of countries where following Jesus remains difficult and give thanks to God for all the blessings that we enjoy here in Britain. This month we will look at five more countries where openly celebrating Our Lord Jesus can be very difficult, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan. And perhaps as we enter a new year, we should ask God for greater unity amongst His Church in the United Kingdom to proclaim His Son Jesus with the freedom we enjoy. Never forgetting that true unity is not found in doctrine, church structures or our limited understanding, true unity is found only in the person of the Lord Jesus and His presence in our hearts and lives, as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Oman

One of the smaller countries in the Arabian Peninsular with a population of 6.4 million and some 196,000 Christians, Oman has seen increasing violence against them which has seen the country rise to number 31 on the Open Doors World Watch List. Migrant Christians are tolerated but converts from Islam face considerable pressure from their community and family to recant their new faith. This can lead to physical, mental and emotional abuse, loss of work and family. **Please pray for Christian pastors to have wisdom and that converts will be strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Praise God for the relative freedom enjoyed by foreign Christians.**

Qatar

Whilst most visitors don't notice it Qatar remains a difficult place for converts from Islam. Most Christians are migrant workers who enjoy a degree of religious freedom, however sharing their faith with others is forbidden and will lead to prosecution and deportation if discovered by the authorities. It is this relative freedom that has Qatar higher on the World Watch List, at number 40, than Oman and Saudi Arabia (below). Sadly, many Christians live and work in poor conditions and their faith can add to their vulnerability. **Pray that Christians can continue to worship relatively freely, for strength for secret believers and that God will soften the hearts of the authorities to allow more people to follow Jesus openly. Praise God for the faithful in Qatar.**

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia may have been selected to host the 2034 World Cup, but it remains a very difficult country for Christians, especially the poorer expatriates who provide most of the manual and semi-skilled labour. There has been a general easing of restrictions over the past two years but there is a long way to go for true religious freedom, especially for converts from Islam. Perhaps not surprisingly as Saudi Arabia is home to Islam's holiest cities, Mecca and Medina. However, the small number of Saudi Christians is slowly increasing and they are becoming bolder at sharing their faith with others on line, but at great risk. That's why the country is at number 14 on the World Watch list. **Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless and encourage Christians and that their number will continue to grow and give thanks to God for the changes made by the government and the growth in His church.**

Sri Lanka

Although not on the World Watch list Sri Lanka can be very difficult for the 8% Christian population, although thanks be to God, 2023 saw a reduction in the targeting of Christians by extremists amongst Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims. Many Christians are very poor and face a continual challenge to survive and thrive. There are threats from the government to bring in laws which will effectively make evangelism illegal which has raised considerable concern amongst church leaders. **Pray for the strengthening of Christians and their pastors and that restrictive laws will not be passed. Praise God for the faithfulness of His church in Sri Lanka,**

Tajikistan

One of the countries that came out of the old Soviet Union, it declared Independence in September 1991. A population of 10.2 million has only an estimated 63,000 Christians and no religious activities beyond state run institutions are allowed. The majority of Christians belong to the Russian Orthodox church, which is tolerated by the regime. However registering new churches is almost impossible. Children are banned from attending religious activities, except funerals. Not surprisingly many Christians have left the country since independence. Tajikistan is number 46 on the World Watch List. **Please pray for guidance for Christian parents and hope found in Jesus, strengthening their faith through the Holy Spirit. Pray for all church leaders, and that many will return to the country in the future. Thank God for those Christians who have stayed to keep the light of Christ alive in the country. Pray that in all these countries the people who persecute followers of Jesus will come to realise that it is Jesus who is the Truth, the Life and the Way for themselves.**

A Prayer from Tearfund

“Let me be Your hands and feet among those in need of Your Divine providence. Not to be only a provider but to serve in what You have provided. Not to be seen but to cause those I serve to see You. Not to be commended, but to cause them to glorify You”

Jesus' followers in these countries remain faithful to Him in all circumstances and are helped in so many ways by the three organisations that our church supports, Barnabas Fund, Open Doors and Tearfund. We too can support them, contacting them on their websites www.opendoorsuk.org, www.tearfund.org or www.barnabasfund.org. [Your donations will make a real difference to lives of Christians across the world, sometime the difference between life and death.](#)

- David Barlow

Canon Paul Hardingham considers 2025:

At the start of the New Year

How can we spend more time talking and listening to God through reading the Bible and prayer?

How can we grow our love for our family and friends?

How can we make more impact at work, by demonstrating an attractive faith to colleagues?

When Joshua led God's people to the banks of the Jordan, ready to cross over into the Promised Land, he said: 'you have never been this way before' (Joshua 3:4). At the beginning of a New Year, when we don't know what the future holds, how can we grow in our relationship with God?

Keep our focus on God: The people were told to follow the Ark, symbolising God's presence, as they crossed the river. Let's keep our focus on God and His Word throughout this year and keep in step with where He is leading us.

Consecrate ourselves: Joshua said, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.' (3:5). God has exciting opportunities ahead for us in this coming year! Let us dedicate our lives afresh to Him, as we let go of known sin and keep our eyes open on seeing God at work in all of our lives.

Will 2025 be a good year for us? ***'In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.'*** - Abraham Lincoln

Something to make you think and smile (hopefully)

Understanding

The best way to be understood is to be understanding.

“Let me not be understood as to understand” Prayer of St Francis.

Uniqueness

“I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Your works are wonderful, I know full well”

Psalm 139 v 14

Unity

I wonder what a difference we would make to the people around us if we, God’s Church, emphasised what unites us rather than what divides us? **Anon**

Jesus Prayer for Unity (John 17:20 – 24)

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those, who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You Father, are in me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent me. The glory that You have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them, and You in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You have sent me and loved them even as You loved me”.

“When we talk about what we believe we divide, when we talk about who we believe in we unite”

E. Stanley Jones.

Christian unity is never found in doctrine, our limited understanding, church denominations and structures, its never found in the mind of man but in the heart of God. Unity for Christians is only ever found in the person of Jesus Christ and His presence in their hearts.

Weak things becoming united become strong.

Universe

Let's start by saying the Universe is big. When we look in any direction, the furthest visible regions of the Universe are estimated to be around **46 billion light years away**. That's a diameter of 540 sextillion (or 54 followed by 22 zeros) miles. But this is really just our best guess – nobody knows exactly how big the Universe really is. The universe contains some **50,000** large galaxies and 500,000 dwarf galaxies. The closest edge of this supercluster is 1.4 billion light years from Earth.

Undoubtedly the universe is big.....and yet our God is bigger.

“Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible – all things were created through Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together”. **Colossians 1:15 - 16**

Unselfishness

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him”. John 3: 16 & 17

Urgency

You know the feeling when you have a long list of things to get done, and an urge to make a start?

“I don’t have it !”



Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Christmas is over but Winter is still here. You can help give hot meals to families suffering cold nights. Living Waters food bank is low on everything at the moment. There is a food collection box in Clayton Brook church and in St John's. If you are in Chorley you can drop off donations at Living Waters church in Bolton Street, Tues and Fridays 10-12noon.

Or give a money donation on their website:
www.facebook.com/LWStorehouse,
 And most supermarkets have food bank trolleys.

Words the Lord Jesus Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20v35

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the job of packing up Christmas.

Reflecting Faith: taking down the Christmas tree decorations

Many churches keep their Christmas decorations - or at least their nativity scene - in place until Candlemas at the beginning of February, but most of us take our domestic ones down around Epiphany, on 6th January, when we recall the arrival of the Three Kings.

But how do we manage them for the rest of the year, after we have taken them down?

Our Christmas 'baubles' come in all colours, in matt and shiny, in all shapes and sizes. They can remind us of people, who also come in all shapes and sizes, colours and tones. Baubles are very fragile, like we are sometimes.

This year as you take down your decorations, have a good look at them and think about the care that you take to store them safely, so that they will not break.

How much more care do you take in looking after the people who make up your life? Your family, friends, neighbours, church, colleagues, local shop keepers, and so on?

It's quick and easy to pick up the decorations and just drop them in a box, but without some gentle care, will they be okay for next year?

It's too easy to pass folk by, and get on with what we are doing for ourselves, our own plans and goals; but aren't people worth more than that?

Who do we know that would greatly benefit if we gave them just a bit more time, a bit more consideration?

Praying about the Unknown Future:

“O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” Genesis 15:2-3.

This is the Bible’s first prayer. That doesn’t mean that no one before Abraham had prayed, but this is the first time we have a record of someone praying to God.

We learn as early as Genesis 4 that “men began to call on the name of the Lord” (v.26) but it does not explicitly say that they prayed. We can hardly believe that godly men like Enoch and Noah never prayed. Enoch ‘walked with God’ and in his long pilgrimage of three hundred years of fellowship with God (Gen. 5:22) he must have prayed many times.

Even before Abraham’s first prayer is mentioned we are told that God appeared to him, that he built an altar for sacrifice and worship and that he called on the name of the Lord (Gen. 12:7; 13:18). But now he faces a real crisis in his life.

When God first appeared to him, he had been promised that from his family a great nation would emerge (Gen. 12:1-3). Now many years later he still has no children and custom dictates that his chief servant, Eliezer, will inherit everything. Has God forgotten him? Were all those promises of being a father just make believe or self-delusion?

So he cried to God, “What will you give me?” It was a desperate prayer from a desperate heart. What was God doing? Why had He not kept His promises? Had He forgotten? Was He not able to do what He had promised? We have all been where Abraham was when he prayed that prayer. We want to believe but *why is nothing happening?*

Then God answered! “Your *own son* shall be your heir” (v.4). This wonderful answer was sealed with a dramatic illustration. God directed Abraham to look up into the night sky. “Number the stars if you can,” God said. “So shall your descendants be.” Abraham would one day have as many offspring as the stars in the sky! Impossible? Incredible? Far-fetched?

But it happened! The next chapter records the birth of his son Ishmael, and two chapters later we read of the birth of Isaac, the son of promise. And history, both biblical and secular, confirms that the illustration from the stars was no exaggeration!

So, the Bible’s first prayer helps us in several ways. First, when our hearts ache because of fear or doubt or uncertainty, take it to God in prayer. Second, God’s delays are not denials. Third, with Abraham who ‘believed the Lord’ (v.6), let us trust quietly in our sovereign and gracious God.



Pray with your shoes.....

Just for this month, when you put on your shoes each morning, ask God to be with you in the day ahead. Ask Him to walk ahead of you, to be by your side and close behind you, to surround you with His presence. For it is *His* day that we are walking into and not ours. Let His will be done, and not ours. Then, as you take your shoes off, see what you can thank God for from that day together.



Warm Welcome at Clayton Brook

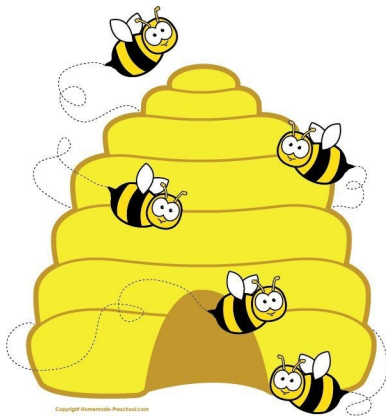
Every Monday 11 - 2pm
(sadly we're not open on Bank Holiday's)

Our menu includes:-

Soup and a choice of sandwiches with a variety of fillings
A selection of drinks (free refills) Cake and biscuits

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Contact Gill Wright



**Beehive mother and toddler group
meet on Monday mornings
at 10.45 to 12.15
Whittle le Woods Village Hall
Play, chat, stories, singing
There's room for everyone
See Christine Whiteside**

New Year 2025

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near,
We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.
The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.
Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
O let us trust and know just this –
Our times are in His hands.

By Megan Carter



"It's worth getting to church an hour early
to grab a pew by the electric socket."

Ten things God won't ask you when you die

God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the size of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.

God won't ask which diet you were on; He'll ask how many hungry people you helped to feed.

God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Him; He'll lovingly take you into His Kingdom, not leave you at the gates of Hell.



**Remember the Street Pastors
They will be out on the streets
during the New Year period**


If you would like to know more about Chorley Street Pastors, joining them, supporting them, praying for them, speak to Hetti or William in church, or contact:

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**“Prayer is the boiler room of the
Street Pastors patrols” - Louise Isaac**

Potholes existed in biblical times, where they were also seen as a nuisance. Even St Luke's vision of a blessed future included roads where: “Every valley shall be filled in... the crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. (Lk 3:5)






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