



# ST ANDREWS CHURCH OVER HULTON

WORSHIPPING GOD, TEACHING JESUS, NURTURING FAITH

## THE VOICE

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:29



Easter 2021

**ST ANDREWS  
WEEKLY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

10.45am: Family Service

(Booking Essential e-mail: [elainealmond22@gmail.com](mailto:elainealmond22@gmail.com) or by  
phone: 07757 099862)

6.30pm: Evening Service

(From Sunday 28th March)

**THURSDAY**

10am: Holy Communion

If you can't decide what to wear, wear a smile - it goes with anything!

## Easter 2021

What do you see when you look at the cross? This is the introductory question in our Lent Book 'The Glory of the Cross' by Tim Chester that many of us have been reading through Lent.



On one hand; as Jesus cries out "It is finished", bowed his head and gave up his Spirit (John 20:30) the cross seems like one of the darkest moments in history. For those who were there, such as Jesus' mother Mary and Jesus' closest friends, it was an excruciatingly painful moment. Jesus; a son, a friend and indeed a hoped for Saviour, was crucified and killed. Their hopes and dreams seemingly dashed. There is an element of despair and hopelessness as those who were there sense that this is the end.

Yet, the reality is that as Jesus cries out "It is finished", that the cross is actually the most glorious moment in history. Even in this dark low point of his death, Jesus has the power to bring hope and life out of despair, darkness and death. Jesus' death is not the end; but the heralding of an exciting new era in history where death is defeated, where we are freed from the clutches of sin, where we are able to begin a new life with Jesus our Lord and Saviour, and where we have hope of being in God's presence for eternity where nothing can separate us from the love of God.

The good news for us is that the Risen Jesus has the power to bring hope and new life out of despair and death today! Easter this year will be a poignant one as we reflect on a year dominated by Covid-19. Yet there are signs of hope and new life as things are improving; vaccines seem to be working and there is a clear roadmap out of lockdown. Yet it is Jesus who ultimately has the power to bring hope and new life to us all which is why Easter is such an important festival for us all.

As we celebrate the hope and new life that the Risen Jesus brings at Easter; we do hope you will be able to join in with our Easter celebrations this year. Whether you wish to worship with us in person or via our online services from your home, we look forward to celebrating the hope and life that Jesus brings to us all. There is a list of all our Easter services included in this edition of the Voice.

As Christians we are also called to share the hope and new life that is in Jesus with our wider community and I am very excited to announce that St Andrews is hosting 'The Great Over Hulton Easter Egg Hunt' between the 28<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Again details are included in this edition of the Voice and we hope you will enjoy spotting the eggs that will suddenly appear throughout Over Hulton!

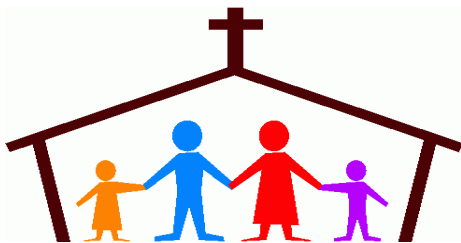
May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter

**Yours In Christ**

**Vinny**

## **Easter Services at St Andrews**

Come and celebrate Easter with us at St Andrews.  
Here is a list of our Easter services...



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm**

### **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

Join us in church as we remember Jesus' last supper with his friends.

This is a joint service with St Bedes so we will be joined by our friends from St Bedes.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10am**

### **Good Friday Meditation**

Join us in church as we reflect on what Jesus achieved for us on the cross.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10.45am**

### **Easter Sunday Family Communion**

Celebrate with us as we celebrate that Jesus is Alive!

We will be hearing from our new youth group (KTJC Group)

and we will be declaring the winner of the 'Great Over Hulton Easter Egg Hunt'.

Booking is essential for this service.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm**

### **Easter Sunday Evening Communion**

Celebrate with us as we continue to celebrate the good news that Jesus is Risen.

### **Bookings:**

Due to social distancing restrictions we do have a limited capacity at St Andrews Church to ensure everyone remains safe.

If you are planning to come to any of our Easter services, then we recommend that you do let us know you are coming and pre-book your place. Booking is essential at our Easter Sunday Morning Service.

To book your place then please contact Elaine Almond either by e-mail: [elainealmond22@gmail.com](mailto:elainealmond22@gmail.com) or by phone: 07757 099862

### **Online Easter Services**

As well as our in-person services, we are continuing with our online services during Easter.

Good Friday Online Service – Available from 10am on Good Friday

Easter Sunday Online Service – Available from 9am on Easter Sunday

Both services can be found on our YouTube Channel  
(search for St Bedes and St Andrews Church)



# THE GREAT OVER HULTON EASTER EGG HUNT



**SUNDAY 28TH MARCH - SATURDAY 3RD APRIL**

From Sunday 28th March Easter Egg signs will be appearing throughout Over Hulton and each egg will have a letter written on it. Can you use the map and find all the eggs to discover the secret code? All correct entries will go in a draw to win a Chocolate Easter Egg Hamper. Also everyone who enters and presents their sheet can receive a free Cadbury's Creme Egg on Easter Sunday.



Request your free Easter Egg Hunt  
Map and Instruction Sheet now by e-mailing:  
[info@standrewschurchoverhulton.co.uk](mailto:info@standrewschurchoverhulton.co.uk)



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# The Great Over Hulton Easter Egg Hunt

We are very excited to be launching 'The Great Over Hulton Easter Egg Hunt'

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Eggs with letters will be appearing all over Over Hulton.

Request your free instruction sheet and map and see if you can locate all the eggs.

If you manage to reveal the hidden message, then contact us at St Andrews and we will enter you in our prize draw to win an Easter Egg Hamper!

Also if you bring your completed sheets to church on Easter Sunday, you will receive a free Cadbury's Crème Egg. (if the service is full and you are not able to join us in church, you can bring your sheets to church at 12pm and we will give you a Crème Egg then).



## Finding a Treat

Hippy hop, hippity hop.  
Will the Easter Bunny stop?  
Will he leave a treat behind,  
An Easter basket for me to find?

I'll look over here,  
I'll look over there,  
I'll look behind things,  
I'll look everywhere  
I'll look until I find my treat,

And then I'll sit right down and eat.

## St Andrew's School Update

Well here we are again – another lockdown then another full return to school.

Over eleven weeks ago, children went home for Christmas without knowing that they wouldn't be with their class mates for yet another 11 weeks. Provision and support was again provided at the start of Spring term for vulnerable children and children of key workers (with numbers much higher than last year) running alongside the virtual home learning for those children who weren't able to attend school.

Home learning involved the ability of our children to utilise the virtual platform Microsoft Teams to access their learning activities as well as two live sessions each day from the teachers who would support these lessons. We thank parents who supported home learning and the children have now returned and settled in quickly, as they did last September after their first lockdown. They never cease to amaze us with their resilience. In the run up to Easter we will work very hard to settle them all in to their routines of school life as quickly as possible and address any issues we come across as quickly as we can, with the resources we have. It is lovely to hear the hum of activity in a full school yet again. Another thank you to those in the church community who generously donated some IT equipment that was gratefully received by some of our families who were having difficulty in accessing their online learning activities.

We are next looking forward to the ability to reintroduce our usual cultural capital of trips, visits and visitors. Our before and after school clubs have started again with the children in KS1 and KS2 experiencing cricket, Ju Jitsu, athletics, football, fitness, hockey and rugby. We had two enjoyable days in the week of our full return when we celebrated World Maths Day with the theme 'Maths at the Movies' and World Book Day when we all had the chance to dress as a fictional book character as well as take part in a number of reading activities. There are some great pictures of these days on our Facebook page.

As always, the staff have been amazing in so many ways, as have our governors who have been incredibly helpful and supportive throughout. It continues to be a privilege to work alongside them. Manchester Diocese have always been there if help and advice have been needed, as well as our local cluster of schools. We have regularly communicated to share good practise and our experiences in an effort to try and 'get things right' whilst taking account of each school's individual circumstances. Yet again, I thank my colleagues across Westhoughton, Bolton and Diocese for their help too.

Could I also thank, on behalf of our school PTFA, the St Andrew's Church community for the generous contribution of £100. This is very much appreciated. Our next project is still in the consultation phase but we will let you know what it is when we decide.

I look forward to the next update, but until then, please keep us in your prayers for a return to normality as we all follow the roadmap out of lockdown in the run up to June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**God Bless**

**Simon Charnock (Head teacher)**

## **Brownie Update**

Hello Everyone

After a long time apart, the future of the 24th Bolton Brownies is looking much more hopeful.

It has been a year since the unit had its last meeting. We are now however, looking into the possible ways that we may be able to safely resume face to face meetings. With the lighter nights and spring weather, we are now able to consider having outdoor meetings. Initially, any meetings will need to be held in smaller groups but we hope that this will only be temporary with whole unit meetings following in the not too distant future. Of course, as safety will be our main priority, the reopening of the unit needs to be looked at in great detail before any final decisions can be made, with leaders ensuring that all Government rules and Girlguiding guidelines can be strictly adhered to.

The closure of the unit for a whole year has also put the 24th Bolton Brownies under financial pressure. The annual subscription payable to Girlguiding falls due each April, however, the closure has meant that the unit has not had any income in the year. The leaders have therefore been very concerned that if adequate funds were not found to cover the subscription, that the unit might have to permanently close.

The unit is delighted to share the news that it has been saved from closure by The Over Hulton Community Group who have offered us the financial support we need to get the unit through this difficult period. For this, the 24th Bolton Brownies (being not only the current leaders and Brownies but also the future girls to follow) would like to say a huge thank you for this generous and much needed support. It is wonderful to know that we are a valued group within the community and so again to everyone involved in supporting us, thank you.

**Brown Owl**



## Judas – Betrayer or Betrayed?

For my Easter contribution to The Voice I have been asked to write about Judas! Wow! I thought, what a joyful topic. I realised that I have some notes on Judas, but have never preached a sermon on him in over 45 years! So, a good time to redress the balance! I well remember a young man in one of my churches who was really 'dynamic'; I guess you might call him an entrepreneur. He was always up for the latest thing; he made a fair amount of money and he was always on the lookout for new ways of making more. He was not a bad person, but in the end, he 'outgrew' the church we attended and ended up nowhere, spiritually, but in the world's eyes, a very wealthy and successful person. Why do I say all this? Because the more I dug into Judas' life, the more I thought of him. Clearly they have a different ending, but the motivation was the same. Let's think about it. Judas was one of the twelve disciples (Mark 3:19), so he was appointed by Jesus to a place of responsibility. He was treated no differently from the rest of the disciples. He was the treasurer for the group (John 13:29), so he was trusted with the finances, though there were others who helped with the finance of the ministry as well, women particularly (Luke 8:3).

At this point let's remember that the gospels were written *after* Judas' betrayal and the rest of the disciples were not only appalled at what he had done, but also put in danger themselves, so it is little wonder that they mention his perfidy almost every time his name comes up. So what was going on?

The key to Judas's story is John 12:1-8; it is a famous story of Mary, whose brother Lazarus has just been restored to life by Jesus (John 11). She is absolutely overwhelmed by the miraculous healing that she brings some really costly ointment (John 12:3) and anoints Jesus' feet, wiping the feet with her hair. It is as though she is saying; this is the best thing I have and I give it willingly as the lowest slave, to you. No doubt everyone was scandalised by this, a similar event occurred in Mtt 26:6 and all the disciples rose up against the act (Mtt 26:8, 9). However in John's account of this incident Judas is picked out as the one who is most vocal. (John 12:4-6) The whole story revolves around the words 'help himself' (NIV) or 'take what was in it' (RSV). John calls him a 'Thief' (Greek KLEPTO -where we get the word kleptomaniac from). The word translated 'help himself', is actually the word for 'carrying a burden' and is used in John 19:17 of Jesus carrying his own cross. It was rather that the 'weight' or 'burden' of the finances were getting too much for Judas. If he had only been a thief, I think he would have taken the 30 pieces of silver (Mtt. 26:15) and left, but there was something much deeper going on.

I think, Judas himself felt betrayed by Jesus. Perhaps he was salting some of the finance away for himself, but that wasn't his motivation; I think it was two more important things, firstly that Jesus was not caring for the poor in the way he should. He came from a poor area and knew the poverty of ordinary people, yet He had meals with wealthy people like Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1); Jesus didn't care if people spent exorbitant amounts of money on Him and he had no concern for His own financial state.

More importantly though, Judas was betrayed by Jesus in His attitude to Himself; Jesus was making it clear that He was equal to God, raising Lazarus from the dead was the last straw; any good Jew would be scandalised by these statements. 'I am the Resurrection and the life' (John 11:25) who would say that? He just could not cope with this 'turn of events' and I think that is why he led the guards to Jesus on that fateful Thursday evening (John 18:3). However his attitude immediately altered. I wonder what changed Judas's mind, perhaps it was the gentle and yet regal way that Jesus went with the guards, or perhaps it was just the magnitude of his betrayal that played on his mind, such that he said, 'I have betrayed innocent blood' (Mtt 27:4). whatever it was Judas was full of 'remorse' (Mtt. 26:3); sadly this is not the normal word for repentance; so the weight on his conscience did not bring him to God, but caused him to commit suicide(Mtt. 27:5).

What does the story of Judas tell us? Most importantly that Jesus will not be put into our 'box'; He must change us rather than us changing Him. It tells us that putting anything, whether money or status or even care for others before Jesus will only lead to disaster, whether in this life or in the life to come. Sadly, Judas has become part of common parlance '*You're a right Judas!*' for all the wrong reasons. Let us get our priorities aligned with those of Jesus, or as I learned at Sunday school: if you want JOY in your life, then it's: **J**esus, **O**thers, **Y**ourself.

**Yours in Christ**

**Canon Tony Butterworth**



## **OPEN DOOR UPDATE**

We have been unable to have our Open Door meetings for over a year now and we have certainly missed everyone.

Easter will not be the same for us all again with no normal church services where we meet to celebrate our risen Lord, however thanks to the work of the wonderful scientists around the world there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.

Soon we will be able to get back to seeing each other again and we are hopeful that Open Door can resume its meetings.

As soon as we have information we will let everyone know but until then you are all in our prayers and we send you Easter greetings.

Keep safe and we hope to see you all soon.

**Love Alan and Carole**

## **Ladies Guild**

The Ladies' Guild does not anticipate closing permanently and hope to resume our meetings during the summer. We'll be pleased to see the return of our existing members. New members are most welcome to join our friendly group. The topics of our meetings are varied and refreshments are included.

**Heather Daniels**



## **KWEZ'S QUIZ NIGHT**

All are welcome to share fellowship and have fun together as we meet online for Kwez's Quiz Night. These are held on zoom on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 269 310 8542

For more information contact Kwez on 07855 522439

## From Darkness to Light

At this time of year we move from the darkness of Winter to the longer days of Spring, so this is the title I have given my contribution to the Voice. Not only reflecting the lighter evenings the earlier dawns and the spring flowers in our gardens, but also the Hope and Joy of Easter Sunday and the Resurrection. After this difficult year of shut downs we can hope that we may once again be able to visit the countryside, see friends and rejoice in returning to church. Yet we should not forget the things we experienced in this last difficult year. We remember in particular those who are no longer with us, our friends, family members, those in our community who we will miss. Their memory lives with us and we thank God for all they contributed to our life individually and as a church and community.

The words of psalm 23 seem so appropriate here, (taken from the Good News version of the Bible)

***“Even though I go through the deepest darkness I will not be afraid, Lord for you are with me your Shepherd’s rod and staffs protects me. “***

This has provided comfort and strength to us as we look forward to Easter. Yet we remember that first Jesus had to go through that darkness on his way to the cross, he went of his own free will to drink the cup of sorrow suffering and death, for us. His friends watching and witnessing suffered the desolation and despair of seeing his death wondering if this was all they could hope for.

Then came the joy of Easter Sunday the last verse of Psalm 23 comes alive as it does for us today. ***For Jesus has prepared a banquet for us , He welcomes us as an honoured guest and fills our cup to the brim , the bread and wine of our communion service .***

***Then we can know that surely his goodness and mercy will be with us all our lives and His home will be our house as long as we live***

So, as we are welcomed into the light of his presence and rejoice in his resurrection life for, we are Easter people I would like to end with some words from St David the patron saint of Wales.

St Davids last message to his flock was: ***Persevere in the Faith, Be joyful in the Lord and continue doing those little acts of love and service which bring in the Kingdom of our Lord and God.*** So may this coming year be one in which we too experience God’s presence and share the joyful Good News with others showing the way of light out of darkness.

**Reverend Julia Davies**

## KTJC UPDATE

Youth Zooms continue each Monday night. Keep Trusting Jesus Community (KTJC) has been looking at the topic of "Life's not fair!!" I'm sure you would agree! We looked at the things in our own lives we felt weren't fair. We were soon humbled to realise that "God's ways are not our ways" and we pledged to try to be a KTJC even when things didn't seem fair. Poppy's prayer sums up how we want to live out our faith. "Dear God, some things are not fair, but we have to be grateful. We are fortunate and we have to be grateful for everything. Amen"

We looked at Joseph's story in the Old Testament and how circumstances in his life weren't fair and how God helped him, but it took a LONG time before God's plan was revealed! Over Lent we have challenged ourselves to 40 days of Fairtrade after Jackie and Martin (managers of Justicia, Bolton's Fairtrade shop) inspired us about the benefits of Fairtrade. We were challenged by the verse in Isaiah 58:6 "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed...".

We have looked at climate change and single use plastic. We are learning that human actions have had devastating consequences on the planet. That's not fair!! We are learning about the things we can do help prevent even more devastation.

Over the next 3 weeks the young people of KTJC are taking the lead in our meetings. Our last week before Easter holidays (29th March) will be a Fairtrade bake over zoom!!

Thank you for your prayers. We appreciate each one. Please continue to pray for these wonderful young people and the youth work team that make KTJC fun, friendly and inspiring!

**Blessings,  
Emma**



## **OVER HULTON COMMUNITY GROUP**

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. I can honestly say that Lock Down has been a paradox for your Community Group. Rather than shutting down and being patient I don't think we have ever known a busier and more successful time. With no coach trips and events we have had to explore other avenues of raising revenue. Applying for grants and trying to attract sponsorship has been the way forward and after some initial disappointments we are now seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.

**CADDICK CONSTRUCTION**, a company building the latest warehouse on the Logistics North site. One of their managers saw an article in the Bolton News on us. We "met" up, they loved the projects we have been working on and donated an amazing £1,500. We have also received £350 from **Shell Oil** through a grant we applied for. These two will fund an Over Hulton tribute to NHS and Essential Staff public bench and two planters which we have permission to install on Manchester Road.

### **MBDA**

Just this week we received a call from a senior manager at MBDA on the Logistics North site and they are interested in backing us with the "Welcome Wall" which we hope to construct on Salford Road.

### **OUR SOCIAL MEDIA**

Since last March the number of "followers" for our Over Hulton Community Group Facebook page has risen by 150% - we are now up near the 2,600 mark. We update the site every day as new items (photographs, information, news) are submitted.. Just recently we have been running a series of "Bygone Over Hulton" photographs which have proved extremely popular - we all love a peek back at what it used to be like! If you have any old photographs or memorabilia please let us have copies (we will do the copies for you) - email to [j.bullen1@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.bullen1@ntlworld.com) or phone 01942 874719.

We have also started a Facebook page for the Country Park - "**Friends of Cutacre Country Park**". In just under six months the number of "followers" is in four figures. We have had some absolutely breathtaking photographs submitted of the wildlife and the views.

### **OHIO ("Over Hulton Information Outlet")**

This is a mobile phone Whatsapp. Its purpose is crime early detection, prevention and reporting. If you see something or someone suspicious you message in to your Whatsapp group and everyone gets alerted. Started in October 2019 as the brainchild of a retired police officer we now have over 900 Over Hulton subscribers. Our police officers are connected to the Whatsapp. We have just been able to celebrate a major success from the project. A resident spotted on their cctv two youths peering in vehicles in the early hours of the morning. In response to an alert on OHIO other residents checked their cctv and submitted footage. Our diligent police officers were able to compile a chronological "film" of where the two had transgressed. They also recognised and identified the two. In late February the offenders were up in court and sentenced on eight charges of vehicle interference - no defence as the evidence provided was unequivocal. Well done one and all. Details of how to join OHIO are on the "Over Hulton Community Group" Facebook page, in our email News Letters or phone 01942 874719.

## EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

We produce email News Letters and Bulletins on a regular basis. This contains more details than we are able to provide on our other social media outlets. To subscribe please email [j.bullen1@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.bullen1@ntlworld.com)

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**John Bullen**

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I spotted this poem last year but too late to include in last years Easter edition of The Voice, I think it is still has some relevance for this year so thought you might like to read it.

**Elaine**

### **Introduction by poet, Malcom Guite**

Like all of us, I have been drawn deeply into this strange Easter when so much of the outwardly familiar has been taken away, and yet the inwardly familiar, the great Easter story of Death and Resurrection, has suddenly been renewed and become more agonisingly close, more vividly relevant to our lives than ever. But, like so many, I am deeply distressed at not being able to gather in church this morning, and to receive communion in community, to meet Christ 'risen in bread, and revelling in wine', as I put it in a sonnet long ago. But this Easter he calls me to discern him in new ways and in different places. He is risen indeed, and if I cannot go to church then where am I to find him? That is the question my new poem seeks to address, and if it is a question you ask yourselves too, then I hope you will find this poem helpful.

### **Easter 2020**

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?  
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore  
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.  
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,  
And he is up and risen, long before,  
Alive, at large, and making his strong way  
Into the world he gave his life to save,  
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands  
Of priests this day, or music from the lips  
Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips  
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands  
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips  
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands  
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,  
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came  
And served us in a thousand names and faces  
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces  
Of that virus which was death to him:  
Good Friday happened in a thousand places  
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them  
That they might share his Easter in their need,  
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.



# Church of England is working towards zero carbon emission by 2030

The church of England has plans to reach zero carbon emission by 2030 and Manchester diocese has been working towards this aim and has already achieved bronze status. You can find out more on their website <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/>  
At St Andrews church we are looking to renew the ceiling in the body of the church with a well insulated ceiling and to provide low-cost LED lighting. We have also had LED lights donated and installed in the fellowship room by Mark Whitehead.

We all need to consider how we, as individuals and families, can help to look after the planet that God has given into our care.

I was surprised, and pleased recently to receive a report from our energy supplier. When we moved into our house, we selected Bulb energy as our supplier as they use renewable energy. They recently sent us a report based on our use for the last 12 months.

The aim of this company sending me the report is to get me to recommend the company to others. That is not my primary aim in sharing the information as there may be other companies doing the same thing. If anyone does want to switch, I will donate any money received to St Andrews.

## Bulb Energy Report for Glynn Heywood

By using Bulb's 100% renewable electricity, you're lowering your personal carbon emissions by 676 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year compared to a typical home in the UK. That's the weight of 39 zebra duikers (small antelope)



■ 676 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e

And by using our 100% carbon neutral gas you're further reducing your carbon footprint by 2,208 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year compared to the average UK home.

Which is the weight of 10 Pygmy Hippos, native to the Gola rainforest.



■ **2,208 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e**

Compared to the average UK home, you're lowering your total emissions by 2,884 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year.



It would take 1,442 trees to absorb that.

Each friend you bring over will reduce their emissions by about 2,884 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e each year. And we'll give you each £50 if they bring their electricity and gas over to Bulb, or £25 if they just switch electricity to Bulb.

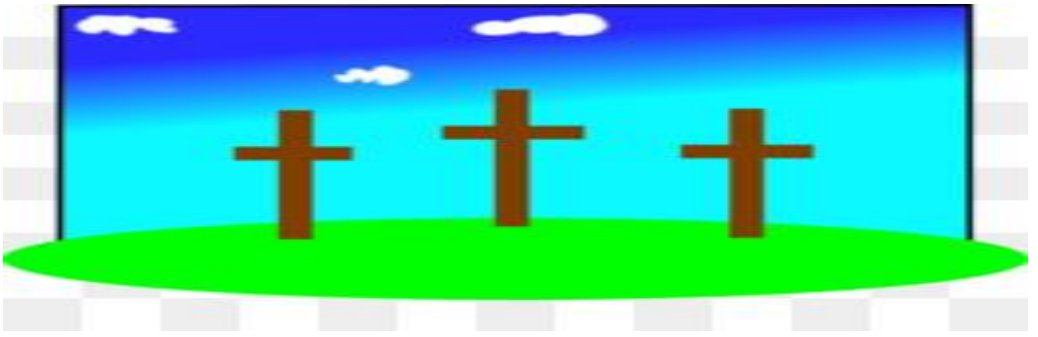
Just give them your referral link: [www.bulb.me/glynnh0174](http://www.bulb.me/glynnh0174)

And you're not alone...since Bulb started we've reduced CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by 11 million tonnes - more than the total annual emissions of Cameroon.

In the last year, Bulb members in the UK, France, Texas and Spain have reduced their CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by 5.6 million tonnes altogether. That's the weight of over 25.7 million Pygmy Hippos. A hippo for almost every household in the UK!

You may not see me for some time as I am going to find the Zebra duikers and Pygmy hippos that Bulb Energy owe me!

**Glynn Heywood**



## **Make an Easter Garden**

### **You will need:**

A shallow tray or dish

Garden soil or potting compost

Moss, cut grass or sand

Dried twigs

Sewing thread

Small pot

Flat stone large enough to cover the mouth of the pot

Egg cups (or other small containers)

Small flowers

Gravel

### **To Make:**

1. Fill the tray with soil or potting compost.
2. Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray.
3. Cover the soil with moss, grass or sand.
4. Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with sewing thread and place on the hilltop.
5. Press the small pot into the hillside to make a cave like the garden tomb. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.
6. Press egg-cups full of water into the soil around the garden and fill with flowers.
7. Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel, to show how the disciples ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
8. Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb ~ showing that it is empty



**Read Matthew 27:57-66**

### **The Burial of Jesus**

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

### **The Guard at the Tomb**

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

# Happy Weekend

From, Zohra S Varvany

This poem is written so beautifully ❤️

How Can You "SM\_LE" Without "I" ?

How Can You Be "F\_NE" Without "I" ?

How Can You "W\_SH" Without "I" ?

How Can You Be "N\_CE" Without "I" ?

How Can You Be a "FR\_END" Without "I" ?

So "I" Am Very Important!

But How Can I Achieve "S\_CCESS" Without "U" ?

How Can I "LA\_GH" Without 'U'?

How Can I Drink A "C\_P" of Tea or Coffee Without "U"?

How Can I Enjoy The "S\_NSHINE" Without "U"?

How Can I Have "F\_N" Without "U"?

And That Makes "U" More Important Than "I"!

Therefore humans ( U & I ) = WE need one another in life  
to work together to achieve greater things!

## **NEWS FROM WESTHOUGHTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

In common with every type of community organisation the length and breadth of the land, for the past year, Westhoughton Local History Group (WLHG) has had to suspend all its 'face-to-face' activities, including its twice-monthly speaker-meetings at Westhoughton Library and its regular schedule of excursions to places of interest. The suspension proved particularly galling, since a terrific momentum had built up within the group, with meeting attendances averaging over 80 – a quite remarkable figure for a heritage organisation.

However, the group's committee has worked particularly hard during lockdown months in order to keep in touch with the membership, and also, despite the strictures, progress several current projects. Contact has been maintained via four 'communication vehicles', namely the group's website, an e-newsletter, Facebook, and the seemingly-ubiquitous Zoom, the combined effects of which having been particularly gratifying, encouraging and developing much inter-action amongst the membership.

It has been particularly fascinating to note the growth of the 'closed' Facebook group, which, a year ago was no more than embryonic, with around 50 members. This has mushroomed inexorably to well over 700 members as these notes are written, and no doubt this graphically underlines just how widespread interest in local history is, transcending by far the numbers who are able to attend group meetings in person.

Similarly, the group regularly receives requests for its e-newsletter, which goes out 'into the ether' under the masthead of "Howfen Herald", with circulation now almost at the 250 mark. (Anyone wishing to receive these regular (free) missives from WLHG should send a short email request to: [howfenhistory@gmail.com](mailto:howfenhistory@gmail.com))

Shortly after lockdown began, the WLHG committee members began meeting regularly via Zoom, and, having become reasonably proficient with the relevant technology, at the end of 2020 introduced 'speaker-meetings' via the same medium. Four such sessions (one per month) have been held to date, and it is pleasing to report that the number of participants has increased with each successive session. The March presentation (by Rev. Phil Mason, chaplain of BWFC, and Head of the Wanderers Community Trust, who spoke about the club's early history and the 1946 Burnden Park Disaster) was enjoyed by around 80 people, with some participants sitting in front of their screens in places way beyond Howfen's boundaries, including Devon, Sussex, South Wales, Barcelona and Tasmania!



Despite 'life lived in a straitjacket', our local heritage group can reflect with some pride and satisfaction on what has been achieved 'virtually' over the past 12 months, but reiterating the sentiment heard all too often these days, there's simply no substitute for face-to-face gatherings, and everyone in the organisation is earnestly hoping that our get-togethers at the library, as well as our hugely-popular 'chara-trips', will resume once again before the world is much older.

**DavidKaye,**

**Chairman**

## **A Prayer**

O Lord Jesus Christ  
Who didst humble thyself  
To become man,  
And to be born into the world  
For our salvation:  
Teach us the grace of humility,  
Root out of our hearts  
All pride and haughtiness,  
And to fashion us  
After thy holy likeness in this world,  
That in the world to come  
We may be made like unto thee  
In thy eternal kingdom.

**Amen.**

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

The deadline for any articles for the Summer edition of the The Voice is  
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