



# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## HEADLINES

- Pais News – update from our amazing team
- CAP Centre – headlining the Bolton News
- Spring Clean-Up – Parish Centre car park
- Congratulations – to a Diamond Couple!
- Plus - lots coming up!
- Prayer for the Week – St Peter's CE Primary

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

Sun 14 April

8.30am	Morning Service with Communion
10.30am	Worship for Everyone Livestream: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/8q7v0CSVG10">youtube.com/live/8q7v0CSVG10</a>
6.30pm	Parish-wide Service Livestream: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/keLO8ykQUg">youtube.com/live/keLO8ykQUg</a>

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Annual Meeting and Worship
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning Service
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning Service
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## Rev Alan writes...

Straight after Easter, Ruth and I joined others from church for a few days away at Spring Harvest, at Butlins



Skegness, here's what some of our group had to say...

“ From the Simister family... **Joel:** It's a great place to grow closer to Jesus. It's fun and exciting! You should come next time! **Reuben:** It was good. I liked the group I went to. I really liked all the actions to the songs. The swimming pool was lots of fun! **Keir:** It was an amazing time! Worshipping Jesus with thousands of others was incredible, and the teaching was fantastic. It was also great to be away with some of our church family. **Megan:** It was a fantastic place to grow closer to God and deepen relationships with church family. The worship and teaching was amazing! At points it gave me glimpses of heaven - worshipping Jesus with thousands of others!

“ And the Leaver family... **Sophie:** I felt closer to Jesus through the many prayers that we did and fabulous songs with fun actions during all age services. I would really recommend it. **Tom:** I enjoyed the groups, and the worship was very good. It would be really good if others could come next year. **Mark:** It was fantastic. There's loads on, including great, insightful teaching both on the bible and on practical matters like parenting, marriage etc. It's a space to help tune into God and share deeper friendship with people you may only ordinarily see on a Sunday. **Katie:** We all had a great time. The worship and teaching were incredible. I wish I could have bottled the feeling I got during the singing! It was lovely to spend time with others from church. The children's groups were fab. The week was non-stop and I loved every minute!

# What's Gone On

## Quinta Progressive Meal

Last Sat almost 40 people from across the Parish joined in with a progressive meal where you have each course with different guests at a different host's home. We all enjoyed some wonderful food and great company. Many thanks to everyone who made this happen – over £600 has been raised for the Quinta fund!

## Working Party at Parish Centre

Huge thanks to everyone who joined the working party last Saturday to tidy up the grounds. Thankfully, the rain held off and we got a lot done! Our hard work paid off and you can see in these photos a much-improved car park area. Great job everyone!



## Pais Update



'We ran a lunch time group at Canon Slade, with students from Year 7-11 asking the question "Who are you following?" and talking about the impact of Social Media vs spending time with God.'

At St Peter's Primary School, we delivered lessons in all classes, teaching the Parable of the Talents and how we can use our God given talents to bless people around us. We led activities during lunch time, prayed and worshipped with the children. The growth we see in relationships to the children but also to the staff is amazing and the feedback we receive is more than encouraging!

We keep on supporting Tread, leading Lighthouse at Smithills and running the Girl's Discipleship Group with Lucy Hargraves, which finally got a name given by one of our girls: "THRIVE through Christ"!

During Holy week we got the opportunity to support Paul Saxon in delivering Easter assemblies at Canon Slade's chapel and challenging students with questions about Jesus' death and resurrection like "What were Jesus' last words on the cross?" and "Who were the first to discover the empty tomb?" which gave us space for great conversations (the right answers were rewarded with chocolate eggs!).'

## CAP Centre in Bolton News



News of the great work of our CAP Centre under the leadership of Sam Wolstencroft made a double page feature in the Bolton News. You can read the story here: <https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/24196641.christians-poverty-helps-bolton-woman-25k-debt/>



**Congratulations to 'Diamond Couple' - Peter and Muriel Rainford** who have celebrated 60 years of marriage. We send our love and blessings to them on this happy occasion.

## Coming Up

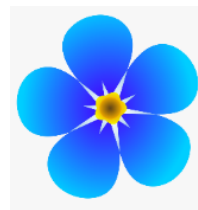
### Bolton Repair Cafe



**Wed 17 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrew's.** Bring items for repair, and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

### Friendship Group for those with Dementia

**Thu 18 Apr, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre**  
A group for those with dementia and their carers. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.** Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. Info [joan@stpetersparish.info](mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info) /01204 840180



### Powerful Praise 3

**Sat 20 Apr, from 10am to 5pm, St Peter's**  
*It's not too late to sign up for next Saturday's session—*  
[robandsue@stpetersparish.info](mailto:robandsue@stpetersparish.info) / 07812 335251. And, if singing up-front isn't for you, the day ends with a wonderful **Praise Time at 4.15pm** and everyone is



invited to come along and join in and see what the amazing choir have been doing during the day.

### Electoral Roll Revision

Ahead of our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Sun 19 May, 4pm, St Peter's**, our electoral roll is being

revised. Membership enables you to play a part in the government and decision making of church. **You need to be on the ER to vote at the APCM** and it's an important way to show your commitment to St Peter's and to its vision.

Each fellowship has a copy of the names currently on the Elecoral Roll. Please check to see if you are on it and, if not, complete a form before 1 May. To qualify you need to have been baptised, over 16, and consider yourself a regular member.

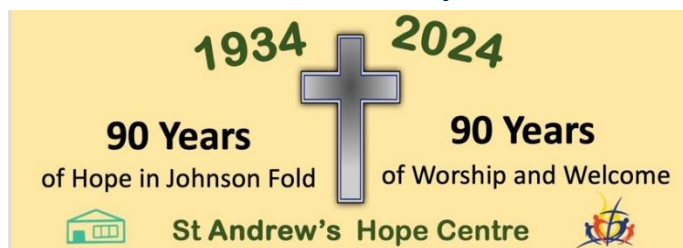
## New Alpha Course Starting



**Weds 1 May, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre.**

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Share your thoughts, hear what others think, say anything you like or nothing at all. Why not come along, even if only to check it out on the first week before committing to come regularly? Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/ 599900.

## St Andrew's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Diane Ball, Leadership Chair of St. Andrew's, says "The new dates for the 90 years anniversary are **Sat 29 and Sun 30 Jun**. We are really pleased to be welcoming Rev Canon Tony Butterworth to speak at our Sunday morning Celebration Service and also really excited that we will be welcoming Johnson Fold School Choir to sing some songs for us as part of our Saturday event.

We are so grateful for all the offers of help that we had for the earlier dates and are really hopeful that you will still be able to help! Please let us know if you did offer cakes or other help and aren't now going to be able to do that, and if you are now more able to get involved then let us know, you will be more than welcome!

If you have memories of Delph Hill Mission (otherwise just "The Mission"! ) or St Andrew's, from over the years that you would like to share then you can do that on the St Andrew's page on the Parish website or use this QR Code to get straight there". Contact Diane Ball [ball831@sky.com](mailto:ball831@sky.com)



## Lost Property to be Re-distributed!

Are you missing your cap, drinks bottle or broly? If so, please check it's not amongst a variety of lost property we have laid out at the back of St Peter's. It will be there until after all services on 21 Apr after which it will be taken to the charity shop.

## The Mastersingers 'A Summer Song'



**Sat 8 Jun, 7pm, St Peter's Church**

Rob Wilding's singing group, a 12- voice group, is accompanied by piano, bass and drums (with a little guitar thrown in for good measure) and sings close harmony in up to 10 parts in a wide variety of styles from Stanford to Beatles and Kate Rusby. We are thrilled that St Peter's Primary School Choir are also taking part the concert which will conclude with great finale when the groups will perform together. The proceeds will be used to further develop St Peter's Music Ministry. Rob says "I'm really looking forward to sharing our music with all our new friends in the Parish.

*Do come along on this summer's evening in June, and share in the pure joy of singing... the audience get a chance to join in too!"* Scan this QR code to get your tickets.



## New Weight Management Programme

**Mondays, 6pm-7.30pm, Parish Centre.** ABL (A Better Life) offers FREE nutritional and fitness support and advice, and considers other behavioural and psychological aspects, and life circumstances linked to weight gain and poor health. This includes realistic goal setting, no strict diets or exercise routines and an emphasis on long-lasting lifestyle changes aimed at maintaining a healthy weight after a 12-week rolling programme. Sign up at [yhbolton.co.uk/](http://yhbolton.co.uk/) 01204 205090.

## Prayer for the Week

Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St. Peter's Primary School, invites us to pray for our children and young people as they return to school next week.



## And Finally...

Can you sew? Could you make a curtain for church? We would like to install one at the front of St Peter's to cover up the storage area to the left of the piano at the front. If this is something you are able to help us with, please contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info). Thank you.

### PRAYER by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Primary School

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that the children learnt last term about the Easter story. We thank you for the Easter holidays, for times of relaxation and refreshment. We pray that all pupils will return to school after the Easter holidays with enthusiasm and a willingness to take hold of all the opportunities before them; that those doing exams this term would know your peace and presence with them as they revise and prepare their assignments; that all staff would know that you are with them as they teach the pupils in their schools; that your love would permeate through all the schools that we as a church have links with; that you would be with the new caretaker starting at St Peter's school this week. May he quickly settle in and enjoy his new role. We continue to pray for the PAIS team as they work within St Peter's School. Thank you for the relationships that they are making with the children and staff. We also pray for the team who regularly go into school to lead assemblies. We pray that relationships between churches and schools would continue to grow. Lord, may the summer term be peaceful, may the staff and children keep well and may there be lots of positive and exciting times ahead for our children and young people. **Amen**

### Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 15 Apr</b>			
10am-12noon 9.30am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Coffee Room Age UK Strength & Balance Classes Art Group Weight Management Programme Girls Discipleship Group	Drop-in for coffee and cakes FULL. Contact <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com">ruthrobinson293@gmail.com</a> Sign up at <a href="http://yholton.co.uk/">yholton.co.uk/</a> 01204 205090 All girls in year 9 and up welcome.	Parish Centre
<b>Tue 16 Apr</b>			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
<b>Wed 17 Apr</b>			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Finding Out – Sandra 01204 846490	Parish Centre
9am 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Café	Drop-in community session Bring items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
8pm-9pm	Alpha Course	<a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	
<b>Thu 18 Apr</b>			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Support Group Life Group	Joan 01204 840180 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 19 Apr</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a> Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
<b>Sat 20 Apr</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

### Keep Connected

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