



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 21st April 2024

HEADLINES

- World Focus Sunday – CreateBolton
- Alpha – new course starts soon!
- St Andrew's 90th – new dates
- Mental Health – details of wellbeing session
- Prayer for the Week – from Hilary Peake

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 21 April

It's Lighthouse week!

ST PETER'S CHURCH



8.30am	World Focus Sunday
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
10.30am	World Focus Sunday and Twinklers Livestream: youtube.com/live/4YOvQFa4s5s
6.30pm	World Focus Sunday Livestream: youtube.com/live/9U2lKhEfd04

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Morning Service and Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning Service and Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Annual Meeting and Worship
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Rev Alan writes...

Annual Meetings and our APCM

I am looking forward to joining St Andrew's for their annual meeting this Sunday. It's a happy occasion where we look back with gratitude for the many blessings and achievements of the last year and look forward with anticipation for all that God will do in the coming year. It's also the occasion where details of their finances are shared, and their leadership team are appointed.

Last Sunday I joined Smithills, and just before Easter I joined Barrow Bridge for their annual meetings, and I am delighted that they both have appointed their leadership teams and have a strong sense of vision and direction for the year ahead.



Smithills Fellowship

We don't have a separate annual meeting for St Peter's as this is included in our parish-wide annual meeting, called the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), although we may consider establishing an annual meeting for St Peter's in future years.

Our APCM takes place on **Sun 19 May, 4pm at St Peter's**. This is the occasion where we report on activities across all our fellowships, our accounts are presented, and we elect our Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives, and PCC members (Parochial Church Council), which is the governing body with legal responsibility for our parish as a registered charity.

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I would like to highlight a few things about our APCM, which I hope helps us all better understand what's involved and how we can all play our part. Firstly, everyone is encouraged to attend, but to be eligible to vote in the election of our PCC members each adult needs to be registered on our parish-wide Electoral Roll. It is a simple process to be added to this list and it is an important way of showing your commitment to our parish. The number of people registered on our Electoral Roll reflects the size of our parish and has a bearing on how resources and clergy are allocated to us by Manchester Diocese. Registration forms are available at all our services or from the parish office. Can I please encourage you to register if you haven't already.

Secondly, there are vacancies for new people to join our PCC or become a Deanery Synod Representative. The Deanery Synod is the governing body which oversees the business across Bolton Deanery, it has influence on strategy and the allocation of resources and forms a key part of governance structure together with all seven deaneries which form Manchester Diocese. As one of the biggest parishes in the diocese we are allocated 7 positions for Deanery Synod Reps, although we have been unable to recruit enough people to fill them all in previous years. So please do consider being a PCC member or a Deanery Synod Rep. If you'd like to explore the idea, please do get in contact with me.

Thirdly, this year one of our Churchwardens, Elian Winstanley concludes a six-year term of office. Any of us who know Elian will appreciate the fantastic job he does and has done during his time as warden, especially during the interregnum (vacancy period) after our last Vicar Paul Hardingham retired and before I was appointed. This means we are on the lookout to find a new warden – this can be anyone from any of our fellowships. So again, if you'd like to explore the idea, please do get in contact with me or our wardens, Phil Weaver or Elian. They will tell you how rewarding it is to serve as a warden and the huge benefit it brings to our parish life and ministry.



What's Gone On

Café on the Green at Smithills

Over £870 was raised last Saturday! This is for work in the Diocese of Machakos Kenya to provide free surgical treatment for children born with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities. Thank you to everyone who came and supported - the next café is on **Sat 8 Jun** so please put the date in your diary.



Coming Up

CreateBolton

Sun 21 Apr at all services at St Peter's is World Focus Sunday where we are really



looking forward to hearing from Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick and the CreateBolton team. If you want to find out more about what's going on, subscribe to their bulletin:

<https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/528786/94839139772400810/share>

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 / 01204 599900.



Out and About Walk

Sat 4 May, 9am, opposite St Peter's Church

Walk in Burnsall, a beautiful village in Wharfedale (Yorkshire Dales). Please note the earlier start time to allow for driving to Burnsall on Bank Holiday Saturday (90 minutes). The walk is 8 miles, starting with a good stretch along the river Wharfe, and then up Trollers Gill, with beautiful views at the top. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome. Info from Jane Heath 01204 695329.

Mental Health Wellbeing Session

Mon 13 May, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

We'd like all our fellowships to be welcoming, safe and supportive. This meeting is an opportunity to explore what anxiety is, what some of the signs of an anxiety disorder are and how we can both support ourselves and each other. It is led by Susie Mapledoram, Assistant Director of Education for Manchester Diocese. It will look at the language we use around mental health and also what the Bible has to say about it. Lots of information and opportunity for questions too, with refreshments. Open to anyone, to book contact the Parish Office (details on back page).

CAP Befriender Training Session

Tues 14 May, 9.45am-2.15pm, Parish Centre

CAP HQ are providing online training on the CAP Befriender role, mental health awareness and other aspects (expectations, boundaries, evangelism tips). We will watch it together and a light lunch will be provided. This is for all current team



members and anyone considering joining the team. Contact Sam Wolstencroft to book (details on back page).

The Mastersingers 'A Summer Song'

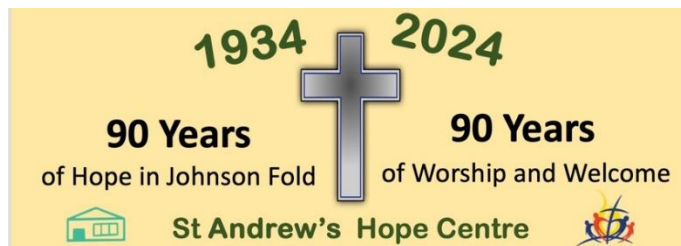
Sat 8 Jun, 7pm, St Peter's. Rob Wilding's singing group, a 12-voice group, is accompanied by piano, bass and drums (with a little guitar thrown in for



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 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.



St Andrew's 90th 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

Electoral Roll Revision - Reminder

Ahead of our APCM on **Sun 19 May, 4pm, St Peter's**, our Electoral Roll is being revised. As Rev Alan explains, membership enables you to play a part in the government and decision making of church.

Each fellowship has a copy of the names currently on the Electoral 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, thanks!

St Peter's Leadership Team

The notes from the March meeting are now displayed at the back of St Peter's – please take a look.

A Big Thank You!

Valerie Perris thanks all who supported her fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support through the selling, knitting, donating and purchase of Easter chicks/bunnies with Crème Eggs. The total raised so far is **£1859.76**. Thank you so much – you've been amazing!



Hilary Harrison's Newsletter

Hilary (previously Jones) has produced her latest newsletter about her missionary work. Copies available at the back of St Peter's or the Parish Office.

Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St Peter's Church, has based this week's prayers on a recent Lectio365 reading, looking at the breath of God, His spirit who breathes life into creation and us. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Prayers are also invited for Hilary's granddaughter, Isla Latham, who is part of the **Team England Special Abilities Unified Pom** which is now at the International World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. Team England is a team of disabled and non-disabled athletes who are making history as England's first ever representation in the Special Abilities category at this competition! We ask for God's blessing over this amazing team of athletes and the supporters who have travelled with them.



PRAYER by Hilary Peake on behalf of St. Peter's Church

If you can, spend a short time to allow God to breathe over you and into your prayers.

God breathe over these and over us.

Are you on a mountain top and all is well or in a deep valley, needing help, direction, healing?

God breathe your Spirit over me, in my thanks and in my struggling.

Is there someone you know in difficulty, troubled, alone?

Name them asking, God breathe your Spirit over them and their needs.

Is there a place, country, war zone that's on your mind?

God breathe your Spirit over these, that your presence will be seen and known.

We thank you for our Parish, our church family and fellowships.

God breathe your Spirit over us and over your church worldwide, for new life and working together. AMEN

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 22 Apr			
10am-12noon 9.30am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Coffee Room Age UK Strength & Balance Classes Weight Management Programme	Drop-in for coffee and cakes FULL. Contact office@stpetersparish.info Sign up: www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tue 23 Apr			
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
Wed 24 Apr			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Beetle Drive – Sandra 01204 846490	Parish Centre
9am	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
8pm-9pm	Alpha Course	office@stpetersparish.info	
Thu 25 Apr			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 26 Apr			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 20 Apr			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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