



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 28th April 2024

HEADLINES

- Mission to 100's – Message Team News
- New Alpha Course – Starting Wed 1 May
- Gabriel's Mission to Belgium
- Allotment Welcome Day – Spring into Action!
- Prayer for the Week – Elections, Diane Ball

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 28 April

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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| 8.30am | Morning Service |
| 10.30am | Worship for Everyone Livestream: youtube.com/live/PXwrOqzRzoM |
| 6.30pm | Parish-wide Communion Service Livestream: youtube.com/live/gULuxlDsEU0 |

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

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| 10.00am | All-age Service |
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

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| 10.30am | All-age Service |
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

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| 10.30am | All-age Service |
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Rev Alan writes...

Breaking News: It's Gold for Isla! Malcolm and Hilary Peake's Granddaughter Isla Latham has won Gold



medal as part of the Team England Special Abilities Unified Pom at the International World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. Her team of disabled and non-disabled athletes have made history as England's first ever

representation in the Special Abilities category at this competition. Congratulations Isla – we are all very proud of you!

There is loads to celebrate in this week's newsletter! It's been an amazing full-on week of mission with the Message School of Evangelism Mission Team who've got to share the good news of Jesus Christ with literally hundreds of children and young people. Together with our wonderful Pais team we are advancing with our vision to reach as many children and young people as we can. I am excited that very soon I'll be sharing good news of our plans, in partnership with Children Changing Places, to start a midweek children's club – Ignite.

At Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's we restart the Common Ground sermon series looking at Christian doctrine. I will be speaking on Mankind's Condition, looking at Romans 3:19-31.

A reminder, as we approach our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sun 19 May, 4pm at St Peter's, please consider standing as a Deanery Synod Rep, PCC member, or a Churchwarden – see my article in last week's newsletter for details – and get in contact if you'd like to discuss further, thanks!

What's Gone On

Message School of Evangelism Mission Visit



We had a great team of young adults with us in the parish this week: Daniel and Débora from Brazil, Lilly and Tobias from England, and Emma from Germany, hosted at the Rigby's and the Saunders' at the Vicarage. They took part in a session

on mental health at our Tread youth group on Tuesday evening and did two fantastic days in Canon Slade, giving assemblies to year 8 and 9 and RE and PSHE lessons to years 7 and 8 and spent time hanging out and chatting with the students during lunch. They've been teaching about our identity and mental health and how as Christians we are made in the image of God and how he can mould us like the potter with clay (Isaiah 64:8). On Friday they spent most of the day in St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary before finishing the week with a whole-school assembly at Church Road Primary. Over the weekend they will be at Café Create and speaking and presenting at Barrow Bridge on Sunday.



Paul Saxon, Chaplain at Canon Slade said: "It's been great to have the Message team called "Set Apart" with us in school these past two days and to see them

share the hope and love of Jesus with hundreds of students through lessons/assemblies and one to one conversations. The team spoke to students about the theme of identity and the person of Jesus and the impact founding our identity on God's opinion can have on our lives. Massive thanks to St Peter's Parish for the opportunity to have them in school."

Powerful Praise 3



Last Saturday in St Peter's we enjoyed fellowship, learned worship songs and gave a performance at the end of the day. It was a wonderful, blessed time together! Huge thanks to Rob and Sue Wilding. Watch this space for the next one.

CreateBolton

Everyone loved Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick's talks at St Peter's last Sunday - Joy's pottery demo was great! If this piqued your interest to find out about the wonderful things going on at CreateBolton, go to:

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



Gabriel's Mission Trip to Belgium

Thanks to everyone who prayed and supported Gabriel, our Pais Youth Worker. Here is a report on his recent mission trip to Belgium...



"The mission was marked by opportunities to evangelize on the streets of Antwerp and in the University of Namur, we also visited and helped a local church in Utrecht-Netherlands and a French church in

south Belgium! We had the privilege of visiting families and praying for them, one of the memorable moments was witnessing a family crying after we prayed and trusted God in words of knowledge. Furthermore, we were able to distribute Bibles in English and French! Another important moment was seeing a girl of almost 35 years old coming out of the New Age movement and asking us to pray for her to be filled with the Holy Spirit because she wanted to know God, we prayed, and she was testifying of wanting to know more of Jesus! It's great news and I am so grateful for your prayers and support."

Host Needed for Gabriel



Tim and Philippa Perris have been doing a wonderful job hosting Gabriel, but need to stop as they have family coming to stay back home. Florence Odonga has kindly offered to host for the next two weeks. Can you host Gabriel for part or until the end of the

school year in July? He is a lovely guy, very friendly and relaxed. Speak to Rev Alan or the Parish Office to offer or find out more.

Coming Up

Alpha Course Starts Next Week

Wed 1 May, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre.

Freely explore the Christian faith. Share your thoughts, hear what others think, say anything you like or nothing at all. Come along, even if only to check out the first week before committing to come regularly. Contact

office@stpetersparish.info / 01204 599900.



Join Us For


St Peter's Parish Community Allotment Welcome Day and Working Party

Saturday 4 May
9 AM - 4 PM
Harpers Lane Allotments

Come visit - join us for lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Plus an opportunity to join in with clearing, weeding, cleaning the polytunnel, painting the shed, taking rubbish to the tip. We also need paving flags and wood for raised beds.
Contact:
Ruth Saunders 07880 503200

Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 11 May, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

 Part of the Home for Good network For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info: Fiona 07786 844141

Mental Health Wellbeing Session

Mon 13 May, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

A meeting to explore what anxiety is, what some of the signs of an anxiety disorder are and how we can support ourselves and each other. Led by Susie Mapledoram, Asst. 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 info, opportunity for questions, with refreshments. Open to all, book on at the Parish Office (details on back page).

CAP Befriender Training Session

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

Online training from CAP HQ on the befriender role, mental health awareness and other aspects (expectations, boundaries, evangelism tips).



We'll watch it together, with light lunch provided. For all current team members/anyone considering joining. Contact Sam to book (details on back page).

DTI Youth Camp Fundraiser Quiz Night



Fri 17 May, 7pm-9pm, Parish Centre

Led by our young people and those from Christ Church Pennington, proceeds towards this summer's trip to 'Dream the

Impossible'. Tickets £10 adults and u18's £6 (inc potato pie, peas and refreshments). Book here:

ticketsource.co.uk/dti or sign-up at any service. And if you like to donate to the costs of the camp, click here: cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839

Electoral Roll – Forms Due Now

Each fellowship has a copy of the names currently on the Electoral Roll. Check to see if you are, if not, please complete a form before **next Wed 1 May**. To qualify you must be baptised, over 16, and consider yourself a regular member, thanks!

Prayer for the Week

As we are in election season, Diane Ball, Leadership Chair of St Andrew's, reminds us that the bible instructs us to pray for those in positions of authority, saying all authority comes from God and that we should obey those in authority over us (1Tim 2:1,2, Rom 13:1-7). *See her prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

Out and About Walk

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

Earlier start to drive to Burnsall on Bank Holiday Sat (90 min). 8 miles Burnsall in Wharfedale (Yorkshire Dales). Good stretch along River Wharfe, then Trollers Gill, beautiful views at top. Bring packed lunch. Info from Jane Heath 01204 695329.

Parish-Wide PrayerZone

Wed 8 May, 8-9pm Barrow Bridge Mission. Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Sun 19 May, 4pm, St Peter's Church (no 6.30pm service on this date). Worship and reports on activities across all fellowships during 2023, presentation of accounts, and election of Wardens, Deanery Synod Reps and PCC members.

The Mastersingers 'A Summer Song'

Sat 8 Jun, 7pm, St Peter's Church. Concert with Rob Wilding's superb 12-voice group and instrumentalists, plus St Peter's Primary School choir. To book: eventbrite.com/e/a-summer-song-with-the-mastersingers-and-st-peters-school-choir-tickets-879383478657

St Andrew's 90th Anniversary

Sat 29 and 30 Jun. Offers of cake or help needed!

To share your memories of St Andrew's, go to www.stpetersparish.info/st-andrews. Contact Diane Ball: ball831@sky.com

PRAYER by Diane Ball on behalf of St Andrew's

Father God, we are grateful for, and pray for, those who have recently been elected to our Church Leadership Teams, would you give them wisdom, discernment and protection as they seek to serve you and their church fellowships, enabling us to reach out with the Good News of Jesus to our neighbourhoods and town. We pray for our APCM and for those who are considering standing for PCC, Deanery Synod and for the vitally important role of Churchwarden. Would you prompt those who you would have stand for these positions to offer themselves, and prompt us to support and pray for them. We pray as we come to the Elections this week for Councillors and GM Mayor. You alone know the hearts of those whose names are on the ballot papers and will best consider the good of the local residents, our town and region, and not put their own interests first. Would you help us to have clear thinking, and accept the responsibility to vote even if the choices are difficult. We pray that our local council will be wise in its decisions in these difficult financial times, making choices which are good for the future and for those who are least able to live well at this time. And we pray for the General Elections ahead, we pray for our MP's and Government that they will serve well and campaign with integrity, and we especially lift to you those who are fellow believers, and for whom serving you is part of their political life of serving others. Protect and guide them in the difficult choices they have to make and give them courage to stand up for what is right before you. These things we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN

Coming up this week

| Date & Times | Activity | Details | Location |
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| Mon 29 Apr | | | |
| 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm | Coffee Room Art Group Weight Management Programme Girls Discipleship Group | Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com Sign up: www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 All girls in year 9 and up welcome | Parish Centre |
| Tue 30 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 1 May | | | |
| 10am-11.30am | Open Door Ladies Group | Urban Outreach. Sandra 01204 846490 | Parish Centre |
| 9am-1pm | Hope at the Hub | Drop-in community session | St Andrew's |
| 8pm-9pm | Alpha Course | office@stpetersparish.info | Parish Centre |
| Thu 2 May | | | |
| 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 3 May | | | |
| 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 4 May | | | |
| 9am-12pm | INTERACT Performing Arts Group | Lucy/Emma 07896 724531 | Parish Centre |

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