



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 12th May 2024

## HEADLINES

- **Well Done Sam** – a decade of dedication!
- **New Shoots of Growth** – on the parish plot
- **Ignite** – launch date confirmed
- **Prayer for the Week** – Carolyn Rigby, Barrow Bridge Mission

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

*Sun 12 May*

### ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Communion Service
10.30am	Worship for Everyone Livestream: <a href="https://youtube.com/live/gzCridMCKNc">youtube.com/live/gzCridMCKNc</a>
6.30pm	Parish-wide Service Livestream: <a href="https://youtube.com/live/JTGyrT1DTC4">youtube.com/live/JTGyrT1DTC4</a>

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	All age service
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	All age service
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	All age service
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## Rev Alan writes...

### *Building a People of Power!*

I love the old hymn with that title, partly because it lends itself so well to brass, but more so because it always fires me up as part of the church that God is building. And this is how I feel right now having spent some time reading our annual reports, preparing for next week's annual meeting, and reflecting on all the great things that God has been doing in us and through us during the last year.



At last Sunday's parish-wide 6.30pm service we spent some time in prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit after Rev Steve Openshaw spoke on the doctrine of salvation. People shared stories of good news and spoke words of encouragement from God. I was especially excited to hear of 8 children who committed their lives to Jesus at last Sunday's Lighthouse session. Praise God who truly is building a people of power!

You'll see lots of encouragement in this week's newsletter and opportunities to get involved in the life and work of our fantastic parish. Can I encourage you to come to next Friday's fundraiser quiz night in aid of the DTI youth camp this summer – you can buy tickets online or at all our services this Sunday. And can I also encourage you to consider offering to serve as a church officer – we have vacancies for PCC and Deanery Synod and a new Warden.

# What's Gone On

## Well Done Sam!



Our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam Wolstencroft, has received a 10 years' service certificate from CAP in recognition of her dedicated service. In her decade of work with CAP, which she started as a Debt Coach, Sam has played an integral part in helping many people escape from the clutches of debt and learn of

the love and freedom in Jesus Christ. We thank God for her dedication and pray for many more years to come. If you'd like to volunteer or support financially the work of our CAP Centre please contact Sam, details on the back page.

## Congratulations Katie and Matt!

It was a wonderful day for Katie and Matt from Smithills fellowship who were married last Saturday at Smithills Hall Chapel.



## New Shoots of Growth

Thanks to everyone who visited or volunteered at our parish community allotment last Saturday. Great progress was made towards preparing the plot for this year's crop and



we hope to have a bumper harvest later in the year with lots of new growth. We have planted the following fruit and veg: potatoes, onions, red cabbages, pointed cabbages, purple sprouting broccoli, peppers, aubergines, courgettes, rainbow chard, cardi gobbo di nizza, cucumbers, beetroot, French beans, squash, tomatoes, rhubarb, red and blackcurrants. If you'd like to get involved, just visit, or donate anything contact Ruth Saunders 07880 503200.

## St Peter's Leadership Team

The minutes from the April meeting are now up on the noticeboard at the back of St Peter's. Do take a look!

# Coming Up

## Host Needed for Gabriel



Gabriel's stay with Florence needs to come to an end and so we urgently need a host. 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.

## Out and About Walk

Sat 1 Jun, 9.30am outside St Peter's 'Pilgrims Progress to Heaven' – 8 miles, incorporating Holcombe Brook, Ramsbottom, Stubbins, Pilgrims Cross and Holcombe Tower. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Rick or Jane Heath 07472 926650 [janeheath@heathnet.plus.com](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com)

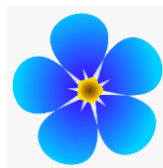
## Bolton Repair Cafe

Wed 15 May, 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 16 May, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre. The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Action Week runs from 13- 19 May.



A group for those with dementia and their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. Info [joan@stpetersparish.info](mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info) /01204 840180

## DTI Youth Camp Fundraiser Quiz Night

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

A family-friendly quiz, led by our young people and those from Christ Church Pennington, proceeds towards this summer's trip to 'Dream the Impossible'. Book at: [ticketsource.co.uk/dti](http://ticketsource.co.uk/dti) or get tickets at all our church services. And if you like to donate to the costs of the camp, please click here: [cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839](http://cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839).



## Women's Ministry Events

Fri 17 May and Mon 20 May

Our next social is the DTI quiz night on Fri 17 May (see above). We'd love to support this opportunity for the young people to go to DTI and think it would be a great social space to get to know one another too. If you'd like to be part of a Women's Ministry team, contact: [katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk).



Also, there is a fashion show in aid of the Rainbow Trust. Mon 20 May 7pm at Dunsar Golf Club, Egerton. Tickets £5 each. Find out more from Rachel Cowling:

[rachelandmarkcowling@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelandmarkcowling@hotmail.com)

## Do Lunch, Do Life DTI Fundraiser

**Sun 2 Jun straight after the 10.30am service and Lighthouse, Parish Centre.** Fundraiser for DTI. Bacon butties, veggie sausages, cakes and brews. Cakes and help needed - contact Janette Daeth - 07982 035706 / [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com)

## Ignite Launch

**Tue 4 Jun, 6pm-7.15pm,**

**Parish Centre.** We are so

excited to be launching

Ignite, our new KS2 children's group. Please be inviting any KS2 children you know and be praying for the team as they begin this new ministry. Email:

[ignite@stpetersparish.info](mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info) for info and to register.



## Café on the Green



**Sat 8 Jun, 9.30am-2pm at St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School.** Come to enjoy delicious food and excellent service. Raising funds 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. Thanks to all who support these events.

## Good News for Romania School Visit



**Thu 11 July – Tue 16 July.** The work of Good News for Romania (run by Dave and Kath Richardson) supports humanitarian, spiritual, medical and educational needs. Strong links have been forged with Daniel Stefanica, the head teacher of Vasile

Parvan school in Barlad. His school children have been taking the Cambridge English exam and the 12 children, aged 8-14, who have gained results in the top 5% are coming for a visit to Bolton to learn about our culture, history and English family life. Prayers appreciated for all the practical issues to come together. If you can help with accommodation, transport or in any other way, contact 07903 546008/[davidandkath@hotmail.com](mailto:davidandkath@hotmail.com). NB: Dave and Kath are going to Romania 11-27 June.



## Holiday Club Volunteers at St Andrew's

**Mon 19 Aug – Thu 22 Aug, 1pm-3.30pm, St. Andrew's**

This summer we will be running an Olympic themed holiday club on Johnson Fold at St Andrew's with the

support of the Children Changing Places team. We would love it if you would consider volunteering throughout the week, helping with crafts, sports or making refreshments for the children. Please email or speak to Lucy Hargraves if interested or to find out more info: [LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org)

## Looking Forward

### Mental Health Wellbeing Session

**Mon 13 May, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.** Led by Susie Mapledoram, Manchester Diocese Assistant Director of Education. Open to all, book at Parish Office (details on back page).

### CAP Befriender Training Session

**Tue 14 May, 9.45am-2.15pm, Parish Centre.** Online training from CAP HQ for all current team members/anyone considering joining the CAP team as a befriender, light lunch provided. To book contact Sam (details on back page).

### 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. Tickets available from the Parish Office or: [eventbrite.com/e/a-summer-song-with-the-mastersingers-and-st-peters-school-choir-tickets-879383478657](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-summer-song-with-the-mastersingers-and-st-peters-school-choir-tickets-879383478657).

### St Andrew's 90<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stpetersparish.info/st-andrews). Contact Diane Ball: [ball831@sky.com](mailto:ball831@sky.com)

## Prayer for the Week

From Carolyn Rigby, Barrow Bridge Mission:

Galatians 6:9 says "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." At times it is hard to feel that we are making progress in expanding the Kingdom of the Lord but this verse encourages us to keep on, to be persistent. In the parable of the persistent friend (Luke 11 5-7) Jesus describes a man knocking on his neighbour's door late at night to ask for some bread. The man keeps pounding, despite his neighbour's protests. Eventually the neighbour gets up and gives him what he wants. **Continued on the back page...**

## PRAYER by Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

(Continued from previous page) Jesus is telling us to be persistent in our prayers too, to keep on pounding on the door, to wear our father out with our petitions. To ask, seek and knock. Persistence gives the Holy Spirit the opportunity to soften our hearts or make us more compassionate. So, we pray:

*Dear Father, just yet merciful God, may we not become weary in doing good but rather work diligently, energetically, and enthusiastically, keeping in mind the rich harvest you will send at the proper time. Don't ever let us give up on doing good or give up on you. And God, don't ever give up on us! Amen*

Check out 'God So Loved' by We The Kingdom [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK9pljv\\_s-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK9pljv_s-A)

## Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 13 May</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Art Group Weight Management Programme Girls Discipleship Group	Classes are full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com">ruthrobinson293@gmail.com</a> Sign up: <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090 All girls in year 9 and up welcome	Parish Centre
<b>Tue 14 May</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 15 May</b>			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Children and Youth Work -Ben Latham	Parish Centre
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	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>	Parish Centre
<b>Thu 16 May</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 Friendship Group Life Group	<a href="mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info">joan@stpetersparish.info</a> /01204 840180 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 17 May</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 18 May</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

## Keep Connected

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