



Holiday Double Edition: Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June 2024

HEADLINES

- **Have a Quacking Time!** – BB Duck Race
- **Ignite Children's Club** – starts soon!
- **We're Recruiting** – Children & Families Lead
- **Prayers from Sam** – CAP ministry

Read on to find out more...

Sun 26 May

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service
***10.30am	Worship for Everyone
***6.30pm	Parish-wide Communion service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Communion service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

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

10.30am	Morning service
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Sun 2 Jun

It's Lighthouse week!

ST PETER'S CHURCH



8.30am	Morning Service
***10.30am	Adult service with Twinklers
***6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Communion service
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Rev Alan writes...

I am delighted to welcome and introduce our new church warden Simon Scott. Simon has worshipped at St Peter's for about 20 years and is married to Carol, they have two grown up children, Laura and Paul. Simon and Carol have been dependable members of our AV team at St Peter's. Simon previously served as a church warden, PCC member, secretary and sidesperson at another church and brings a wealth of experience. He works as a commercial interior designer and played a key part in the carpet choice and paint scheme for St Peter's.



I am excited to be working with Simon and Phil Weaver and would appreciate your prayers and support as Simon settles into this important new role. At the APCM we showed our appreciation to Elian Winstanley who ended his time as church warden after 6 years faithful service.

Congratulations and thanks to all those elected to our PCC and as Deanery Synod reps: Harriet Watson, Brian Johnson, Steve Johnson, Elian Winstanley, Malcolm Peake and Paul Gray.

See APCM reports here: youtu.be/tj6SHwmOB8Q

Our PCC met last Tuesday to discuss a proposal to accept a new revised parish share after we negotiated a reduction to a more realistic figure. This means a reduction for this year from the request for £178k to £115k. It is a demanding figure and puts a strain on our already tight budgets, but I believe in faith that it is achievable. With this in mind, I am forming a task group to develop a strategy to increase our income as a parish.

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The group will look at: developing a stewardship campaign to all fellowships; source teaching materials on the principles of giving; an evaluation of ways people give and opportunities for improvements in our systems; to evaluate the balance of giving campaigns and support for mission causes; to evaluate ways to increase grant aid support for mission projects and building renovations; and to investigate new opportunities to raise money for our parish. The plan is for the group to meet three times over the coming months. If you are interested in joining this group and believe you can play a part in developing our strategy I would love to hear from you.

Announcements

Andrew Reid

We are sorry to inform you that Andrew Reid died on Fri 17 May. His funeral is Fri 7 June, 11.15am at Overdale Crematorium. Please pray for his daughter Joanne, and his family and friends (his late wife was Lynda). Andrew served faithfully as our PCC secretary for many years.

Emma Harper

Emma's funeral is Fri 31 May at 2.30pm at St Peter's followed by a committal at Overdale Crematorium. Please pray for Emma's family and friends. Especially for God's comfort for her husband Andy, children Sam and Mia, sister Kathryn and family, brother Martin and family, and her parents Jean and David Taylor.

What's Gone On

DTI Youth Camp Fundraiser Quiz Night



Last Friday's DTI fundraiser was a great success, here's what Ben Latham had to say: "I just wanted to say huge thanks for those of you that were able to come along and support the quiz night on Friday! We had a fantastic turnout and there was just such a cheerful and warm (very warm) atmosphere over the whole evening! The total raised was £673.33. Great start to the fundraising for this year's DTI trip!" The total fundraising target for DTI is £3,500. If you would like to contribute visit: <http://cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839>



Coming Up

Ignite Launch

Tue 4 Jun, 6pm-7.15pm, Parish Centre. Not long until we launch 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 for info and to register



Barrow Bridge Duck Race – Sunday 1pm



Café on the Green

Sat 8 Jun, 9.30am-2pm, 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

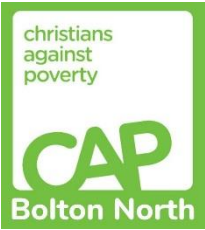


Mastersingers 'A Summer Song'

Sat 8 Jun, 7pm, St Peter's Church. Rob Wilding says "We are a very special group of singers with special voices that blend beautifully singing our own unique close harmony arrangements. We have put together a very special programme for the evening of songs that I know you'll all love, featuring: Beatles, Queen, Kate Rusby, Guys and Dolls, Spirituals and much more. We will be joined by members of St Peter's Primary School Choir...and the concert will conclude with great finale when the groups will perform together. Proceeds shared between the choir and church. Do come along on this summer's evening in June, and share in the pure joy of singing." Tickets available from the Parish Office or: eventbrite.com/e/a-summer-song-with-the-mastersingers-and-st-peters-school-choir-tickets-879383478657



Handyperson Wanted



Are you handy? Sam is asked regularly if she knows anyone who can help with a small job or other. The one this week is fixing a door on the hinges of a wardrobe! Can you be on a list of "handy people" whom she could call upon? And can you help with this

wardrobe? Please contact Sam -

samwolstencroft@capuk.org

We're Recruiting!

Please share this widely and get in touch if you're interested.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Children and Families Ministry Lead

Could you be the next Children and Families Ministry Lead for our parish?

We are looking for a dynamic, well-organised individual who loves working with children and families and who will play a key role in developing and implementing our vision and strategy amongst children and families. They will take responsibility for the day-to-day operations including managing teams of volunteers across the four fellowships that make up the parish, taking oversight of weekly activities including Sunday groups, events, school's ministry, administration, publicity, communications, etc.

This is a part-time position working 22.5 hours per week (open to discussion about possible flexible working hours and term time only options), on a three-year contract, attracting a salary of £15k to £17k (equivalent to £25k to £27.5k full-time) depending on experience.

For further details and to apply, visit:

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/38007/children-and-families-ministry-lead/> closing date for applications is 15th June 2024. Please feel free to contact Rev Alan if you'd like to discuss this role.

A Big Picnic Lunch - All Invited!

Sun 2 Jun, 12pm-3pm, Smithills Hall

BYO rugs, chairs, cups and plates, food and drink or pre-order picnic boxes from

www.bakeandroast.com. Includes: Rock Choir performance, guided walks of Smithills Hall, Woodland Trust Activities, Ukelele Band performance, Karmic Collective, Bake and Roast Cake Hole, Forest Frontiers, Children's outdoor games, Candy Floss by Rotary Bolton Lever. For more details contact hberrymba@gmail.com.



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Thu 6 and Fri 7 Jun, 9.30am-4pm. This 2-day Youth MHFA course will build your confidence and equip you to effectively respond to young people with low mental health. Provided by Manchester Diocese at St. John's House, Bury. To register and for info, contact SusieMapledoram@manchester.anglican.org.

Looking Forward

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

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

St Andrew's 90th Anniversary

Sat 29 and Sun 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

St Andrew's Holiday Club

Mon 19 Aug – Thu 22 Aug, 1pm-3.30pm Volunteers needed for this Olympic-themed holiday club - helping with crafts, sports or making refreshments for the children. Please contact Lucy Hargraves if interested or to find out more info: LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org

Good News for Romania School Visit

Thu 11 July – Tue 16 July 12 children, aged 8-14 are coming for a visit to Bolton to learn about our culture, history and English family life. Prayers appreciated and if you can help with accommodation, transport or in any other way, contact 07903 546008 davidandkath@hotmail.com

Prayer for the Week

Sam Wolstencroft, our CAP Debt Centre Manager prays for the work of CAP and those people who are struggling. See her prayer on the back page...

PRAYER by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Father God, thank you that we can come to you with all our worries and concerns – both for ourselves and for others. Thank you for the ministry of Christians Against Poverty in this community of Bolton and we thank you that we have the privilege of helping others find the deep joy and hope that we have found in you through this work. We lift up to you all those clients who are struggling with mental health problems and addictions. We thank God that in Jesus we have the sure promise of 'life in all its fullness'; yet so many clients are merely surviving. We pray for strongholds to be broken and for God's peace and power to be at work in the hearts and minds of those struggling. Thank you that no one – absolutely no one – is beyond your redeeming power. We pray today that people would continue to come to know you through CAP's work.

Amen

Coming up this week

NB: It's half term 27 May - 31 May, so most activities are pausing that week, unless shown below

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Thu 30 May and Thu 6 Jun			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Life Group *NOT 30 May	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 31 May and Fri 7 Jun			
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
Mon 3 Jun			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Girls Discipleship Group	Classes are full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes Sign up: www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 All girls in year 9 and up welcome	Parish Centre
Tues 4 Jun			
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
Wed 5 Jun			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Bible discussion – Christine Butcher	Parish Centre
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
Sat 8 Jun			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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Wardens: Elian Winstanley and Phil Weaver E: wardens@stpetersparish.info

CAP Debt Centre Manager: Sam Wolstencroft E: samwolstencroft@capuk.org / M: 07934 716509

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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