



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 5th May 2024

HEADLINES

- **New Alpha Course** – time to join us!
- **DTI Youth Camp** – it's quiz time!
- **Calling all Women** – Soul Sisters activities
- **Prayer for the Week** – Nigel Clarke, Smithills Fellowship

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

*Sun 5 May
It's Lighthouse week!*



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
10.30am	Adult Service with Twinklers Livestream: youtube.com/live/a2FTGHMCKtc
6.30pm	Parish-wide Service Livestream: youtube.com/live/IRXhrkyGmo8

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...

What a Great Sunday!

One of the many reasons I'm so proud to be Vicar of St Peter's is our ability to deliver such a wide variety of mission. As I reflect, I realise last Sunday was a wonderful example and here's why...

At **St Andrew's**, on what was originally the day planned for their 90th anniversary service, Rev Phil Rawlings came to preach. Phil is an amazing man who used to be part of the clergy at St Peter's, and I'm sure it was a real treat and encouragement for everyone present.

At **Smithills**, Sam Wolstencroft (CAP Debt Centre Manager) and Cath Hargraves (Parish Treasurer) delivered an interactive talk for their all-age service on the theme of giving and generosity as part of our **Mission of My Church** series. They looked at Acts 4:32-5:11 and considered how we all can play a part in blessing one another and providing the money and resources needed to help build our church community.

At **St Peter's**, Matt Harding (Headteacher of St Peter's Primary) and Suzi Spur (who leads Little Wiggles) led a Worship for Everyone (all-age service) exploring prayer from Acts 4:23-31.

I was at **Barrow Bridge**, where we heard from the Message School of Evangelism mission team at the climax of what was a spectacular week of mission.



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Then in the evening I spoke at our parish-wide communion service at St Peter's on the subject of sin and what I called the human condition. I worked hard on my talk and received many positive responses from people who were really helped by its content, be sure to watch it on our YouTube channel if you can.

I often reflect on our services and mission activities each week, too numerous to list here, and praise God for the progress made in helping build and grow His kingdom week by week. As a church we are advancing thanks to the great work and dedication of everyone involved!

Looking forward, this brings me to both highlight the need, and invite you all, to play a part in helping build and strengthen our church and fellowships. At all our services this Sunday we will show a video from Manchester Diocese which presents stories of people who have helped their local church by volunteering as a church officer - this can be a Warden, and we need a replacement for Elian Winstanley who is stepping down after 6-years' service, or a Deanery Synod Rep, or a PCC member. Nomination forms and job descriptions will also be available at every service this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve and contact me if you'd like to talk it through. **Our APCM takes place on Sun 19 May, 4pm at St Peter's.**

What's Gone On

Ignite

Exciting news! Watch this space next week for the launch date of our new mid-week children's club for Key Stage 2. The team have met again this week and are making the final preparations.

Wedding News

Many congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Matthew and Katie Trow** (nee Clarke) from Smithills Fellowship on their wedding at Smithills Chapel on Saturday 6th May. Please keep them in your prayers as they start out in their married life together.

Coming Up

Host Needed for Gabriel



Gabriel is staying with Florence 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. Thank you.



PrayerZone

Wed 8 May, 8-9pm Barrow Bridge.

Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship.

Alpha Course – it's not too late to join!

Wed 8 May, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish

Centre. Our latest course started this week, but we would love you to join us on the next session if you want to find out more about the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Contact the Parish Office.



Home for Good Peer Support Group

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

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info: Fiona 07786 844141.



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'. Book at: ticketsource.co.uk/dti

or sign-up at any service. And if you like to donate to the costs of the camp, please click here:

cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839.

FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT
17TH MAY
ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE
347 CHURCH ROAD, BL1 5RR

Join us for a Quiz Night led by our young people from Christ Church Pennington & St Peter's Halliwell.
Money raised is going to help fundraise for our young people's trip to Dreaming the Impossible this year

BOOK TICKETS
P: 07512 753201
E: ben.latham@stpetersparish.info

BOOK ONLINE:
ticketsource.co.uk/dti

OR SIGN UP AT A SERVICE:
Tickets can be paid for at the service or on the door at the event.

TIME: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

PRICES
Adult (18+): £10.00
Child / Young Person (Under 18): £6.00
Family Ticket: £25.00
(2 Adults / 2 Under 18's)

FOOD
Hot Pot Pie Supper with a Pastie or Sausage Roll for younger people plus refreshments will be served midway through the event.

SCAN ME TO BOOK ONLINE

Women's Ministry Events

Fri 17 May and Mon 20 May



We're spoiling you in May with not just one social but two! The first is the **DTI quiz night** on Fri 17 May (see info above). We'd love to support this opportunity for the young people to get 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. The second 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

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

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

12 pupils and 2 teachers are coming from Barlad to Bolton for an educational visit. Help with accommodation and some transport would be very much appreciated. If you would like more info, or can help in any way, please speak to Dave or Kath:

07903546008/davidandkath@hotmail.com



Urban Outreach

A poster for Urban Outreach featuring a blue and white background with a circular inset image of a person working outdoors. The text "You are invited to our OPEN EVENING" is prominently displayed. Below it, there is a paragraph of text and contact information.

URBAN OUTREACH BOLTON

You are invited to our **OPEN EVENING**

Find out more about what we do. Come and hear about all our projects, job vacancies and how we can partner together as individuals, churches and businesses. Drop in at any time - we look forward to welcoming you.

The Amber Centre (Former Central Baptist Church) Snowden Street, BL1 2PU

7th May 2024 | 7 - 9 pm

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 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 for the Week

Nigel Clarke, Smithills Fellowship, reflects that this is the time of year when all the different churches in our parish have just had their Annual General Meetings, looking at what God has done in the last year and looking forward to the coming year. He asks us to pray for God's blessing and protection in the coming year and for God to use us to glorify him. *See his prayer on the back page.*

PRAYER by Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Dear Lord

We pray for your blessing and protection on our Churches. It is amazing how You have brought different people together in our Fellowships to serve as one body. We live in a world that often values certain skills, personalities or abilities. But in Christ, there is no part that is greater than another, or that is not as needed as others. Our prayer is that this Fellowship would grow to know the gifts that You have given each person, and that there would be an opportunity for each member to serve in that role that You have given them. Help us see that serving others is ultimately serving You. May there be no competitiveness, but only a common goal to serve each other, serve our community and to serve Christ. May we be givers and not only takers, knowing that Christ came not to be served, but to serve and save the lost.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 6 May			
Bank Holiday	Parish Centre closed today		
Tue 7 May			
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 8 May			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Bible discussion with Rev. Alan. Sandra 846490	Parish Centre
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
8pm-9pm	PrayerZone	Dynamic prayer and worship	Barrow Bridge
8pm-9pm	Alpha Course	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thu 9 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 10 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 11 May			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St. Peter's
12.30pm-2pm	Home for Good	Fiona 07786 844141	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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