



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Double Edition: Sunday 21st and 28th July 2024

## HEADLINES

- My Church Community Artwork
- Barrow Bridge 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Worship Unplugged 6.30pm this Sunday
- Romanian School Visit
- Driveway Resurfacing
- Pais Update
- Ignite Summer Sessions

*Read on to find out more...*

Sun 21 July  
*It's Lighthouse week!*



And Sun 28 July Services

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Morning Service (28 <sup>th</sup> )
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre (21 <sup>st</sup> )
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone Communion Service/Twinklers (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Worship for Everyone (28 <sup>th</sup> )
*6.30pm	Worship Unplugged (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Parish-wide Communion Service (28 <sup>th</sup> )

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Morning Service/Lighthouse (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Family Service (28 <sup>th</sup> )
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning Service/Lighthouse (21 <sup>st</sup> ) All-age Service (28 <sup>th</sup> )
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Morning Service (28 <sup>th</sup> )
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\*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'  
**We are an accessibility friendly parish**

## Rev Alan writes...

### My Church

In our teaching this year we have been learning about what Jesus meant when he said **"I will build My Church"** in Matthew 16:18.



First, that the church belongs to Jesus. Then, that we are a "called out gathering" or ecclesia, but more than that - we are part of a family. And that we are on a mission. I summarised this by defining church as **Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission**.

We've used a loop-the-loop symbol to show that we **gather** and we **go**.

I thought it would be great to have a piece of artwork to represent this, so I asked the talented artist John Platt from Smithills Fellowship to help.

He's painted the symbol and added the words **"My Church"** on a canvas which I am taking around all our fellowships and inviting everyone to add their thumbprint to the picture.



So far, it's been to St Andrew's and Smithills, next stop is St Peter's this Sunday, and the picture will eventually go on display in our Parish Centre.

So, look out for it and add your thumbprint to show your commitment

to be part of **Jesus's Family on Jesus' Mission** in St Peter's Parish.

## Barrow Bridge 25<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

**Mike Perris writes:** It was a really encouraging weekend celebrating the 25 years anniversary of the rebuilding of the mission. We welcomed over 300 people to the events during weekend.



The two guided history walks were well attended, and the weather was ok although the midges on the Friday night were vicious!

We were really grateful for the brilliant display of photos of the Moss Bank and Barrow Bridge areas from the Halliwell Local History Society. With many people attending the exhibition on Saturday afternoon. We even had one visitor who had randomly travelled by train and bus from Birmingham!

Sunday's service was packed out as we celebrated the faithfulness of the past and looking forward to an exciting future with many people old and new in attendance.

## Romanian School Visit

Dave & Kath say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make our Romanian visitors welcome, they've had an amazing time and loved their stay here. Thank you to hosts, drivers, bakers, supporters both financially and physically, we couldn't have done it without you all, thank you!!



## Morning and Evening Sermon Series

The focus for our morning series over the summer is **The Miracles of Jesus**. At our parish-wide 6,30pm services at St Peter's from next Sunday we will be looking at the **Book of Judges**.

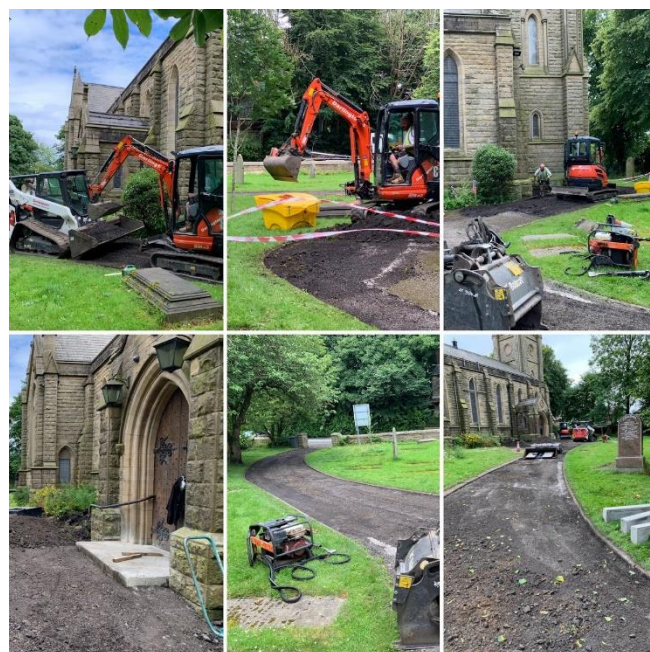


## Worship Unplugged

**This Sun 21 July, 6.30pm, St Peter's Parish-Wide Service.** Join us for another chance to relax and worship God with our talented worship leaders and musicians.

## St Peter's Driveway Resurfacing

Work is progressing really well, and the bulk of resurfacing is expected to be completed in time for our Sunday services with some finishing off next week. In addition to nice smooth, pothole free driveways, this will bring the benefits of improved disabled parking, improved pathway to the new side entrance, and easier access to St Peter's front entrance - the large stone slab has been lifted and recessed to enable level access.



## Support for Michelle

Michelle Löwen, our Pais worker from Germany has an amazing opportunity and is seeking financial and prayer support.



**Michelle writes:** God has planned something really exciting for me after leaving the UK! I got the amazing offer to go to America with a Bible School from Germany for two weeks in September. The trip will include joining Keir and Kristyn Getty's Sing! Conference in Nashville and will be followed by outreach events and church visits around Tennessee and Atlanta. By July 31 I need to raise the costs of 1200€ (£1015). I believe that the trip will equip me for my next steps in serving God's Kingdom and would love your support, especially in praying with me! Thank you so much! God bless, Michelle.

**If you'd like to support Michele please visit:**

<https://gofund.me/db09a075>.



## Pais Update

We have been in contact with Pais UK National Director and at this stage they are not able to offer us a suitable team to start in September. However, they are hopeful that new applications and especially recruitment of a suitable team leader will mean it is likely we will have a team from January 2025. Prayer would be appreciated and of course offers of accommodation for team members.

## Ignite Summer Sessions

Ignite, our club for children aged 7 to 11, has finished weekly Tue evening meetings for the summer, but there is an open invitation for any children to join two special summer fun-packed sessions on **Tue 23 and Tue 30 July 1.30pm-3.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Weekly meetings resume on Tue 3 Sept at 6pm.



## SafeGuarding Training



Chris Winstanley, our Parish Safeguarding Officer is requesting that everyone who has a DBS certificate and works in any capacity with our children and young people please complete your safeguarding training update as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Chris at

[safeguarding@stpetersparish.info](mailto:safeguarding@stpetersparish.info)

## WOW Worship at St Peter's Primary

Rev Alan visited St Peter's Primary this week to take a special Communion service for Years 4,5,6 called Wow Worship. This week has also been the final week for Year 6 who took part in a special leaving service on Wednesday evening at the school, we wish them well as they prepare to start at high school in September.



## Alpha Course

A new course starts on Thu 12 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, please register by emailing Amanda in the Parish Office.

**Stay Curious  
Try Alpha**

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Parish Centre  
Sign-up  
[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info)

## Prayer for the Week

Phil and Elaine Weaver, on behalf of National and International Ministries Team and the forthcoming DTI Youth Camp have written a special prayer for this week. **See their prayer on the back page.**

### ***PRAYER from Phil and Elaine Weaver on behalf of NIM & DTI Youth Camp***

Heavenly Father, we thank you for each of our Mission Partners, for Create and Urban Outreach here in Bolton and the opportunities we have had this year to hear from each of them about their work at our World Focus Sunday's. We would pray particularly for Kay, Salim and their family, currently living and working in a very politically tense and unstable Israel. Lord we pray for their protection, ask your blessing on their work and grant them your gift of peace.

Lord, we also pray for the Youth trip to the DTI Summer Camp at the Staffordshire Showground running Sat 27 July – Thu 1 Aug. We pray for safety, good relationships and a great time for all involved. This event Lord gives so many opportunities and we especially pray you will turn your loving gaze upon each of our young people, may they be touched by your Holy Spirit, have responsive hearts to repent and receive freely your gift of salvation. We pray they meet with you Jesus, and from this point on grow to know and love you and build their futures on you their rock.

***Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:6.***

We pray in the all-powerful name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## ***Coming up***

### ***Most activities are now paused for the summer break***

<b>Date &amp; Times</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Mon 22/29 July</b>			
9.30am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Sign up: <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 25 July/1 Aug</b>			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
<b>Fri 26 July/ 2 Aug</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

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