



Double Edition: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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- Barrow Bridge 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- World Focus Sunday at St Peter's
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- Prayer from Carolyn at Barrow Bridge

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Sun 7 July

*It's Lighthouse week!*



And Sun 14 July Services

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	World Focus Sunday (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Communion Service (14 <sup>th</sup> )
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre (7 <sup>th</sup> )
*10.30am	World Focus Sunday/Twinklers (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Worship for Everyone (14 <sup>th</sup> )
2pm	Baptism Service (7 <sup>th</sup> )
*6.30pm	World Focus Sunday (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Parish-wide Service (14 <sup>th</sup> )

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Morning Service/Lighthouse (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Family Service/Baptism (14 <sup>th</sup> )
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning Service/Lighthouse (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Morning Service (14 <sup>th</sup> )
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Communion Service (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Morning Service (14 <sup>th</sup> )
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\*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'  
We are an accessibility friendly parish

## Rev Alan writes...

Seasons come and seasons go, governments come and go, but Jesus stays the same, and his church marches on! Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

We thank and praise God for his faithfulness here in St Peter's Parish.

That's why we are celebrating two significant milestones. I am delighted that St Andrew's, Johnson Fold saw a magnificent turnout for their 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations last weekend, you can read Diane Ball's thank-you message on page 2. And over the weekend of 13-14<sup>th</sup> July Barrow Bridge celebrate 25 years of their new building.

Both celebrations provide an opportunity to look back with gratitude at the rich history of the church and community. It was such fun viewing the fabulous displays of photographs and hearing people sharing stories at St Andrew's. And at Barrow Bridge their celebrations include a strong focus and opportunity to learn about the remarkable history of this community.



We also look forward in anticipation of all that God will do in our parish over the years to come.

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Our churches are places where everyone can be sure of a warm welcome and the opportunity to join us in growing in our knowledge and love of God. And just as Jesus calls us to come to him, he also calls us to go into the world. Our churches are alive and kicking. There is no shortage of passion, concern and commitment to drive us forward with our mission to reach out in love for those in need and share the good news of new life in Jesus Christ.



**Diane Ball says:** 'On behalf of the Leadership Team and fellowship of St Andrews, thank you so much to everyone who supported our 90th Anniversary, we had a great weekend! It was an Ebenezer weekend – like Samuel setting up a stone in 1 Samuel 7 – 12. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between

Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." Whatever your part – baking, knitting, serving, praying, visiting, sharing your memories – we appreciate you. Please continue to pray for the future ministry and for open doors for the Good News, especially for the Olympic themed Holiday Cub in August.'

**Memories of Barrow Bridge** Do you remember the slot machines, penny arcades and tea shops near the boating lake in the 1950's? Did you know the first cotton mill in Barrow Bridge was built there in the 1790's? Did you know that in the 1880's the village was almost derelict until a man turned up on his bike on a Saturday together with 10,000 people? Join one of the two history tours and visit the exhibition to find out more about the fascinating history of the area.



### Barrow Bridge Celebrations at a Glance

**Fri 12 July 7pm and Sat 13 July 9.30am** History tour of Barrow Bridge Village followed by refreshments at the Mission. **Sat 13 July, 1-4pm** History exhibition of Barrow Bridge Village and Moss Bank in partnership with Halliwell Local History Society, refreshments available. **Sun 14 July, 10.30am** Special celebration service

### World Focus Sunday

**Sun 7 July, 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.30pm at**



**St Peter's.** Dave Bagley, CEO Urban Outreach, will be speaking at all our services today.

### New Morning and Evening Sermon Series

**From Sun 14 July, all fellowships**

The focus for the next morning series is *The Miracles of Jesus*. At the parish-wide evening services we will be looking at the *Book of Judges*.

### Wedding News – Mr and Mrs Schofield

Many congratulations to Scott Schofield and Rebecca McCabe on their wedding at St Peter's on Sat 6 July. Please pray for them as they start their married life.

### Baptisms

**Sun 7 July, 2pm at St Peter's** Hana EMERY, Asher MORGAN and Cody MORGAN. **Sun 14 July, 10am Smithills Fellowship** Arthur CRITCHLEY. We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, Godparents, family and friends.

## DTI Youth Summer Camp Fundraiser



Cake sale on Sun 7 July, after 10.30am and 6.30pm services at St Peter's and 10.30am service at Barrow Bridge. Please bake a cake and bring it to any of these services. If you haven't contributed to the youth camp and would like to do so online, please visit: [cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839).

## Good News for Romania School Visit

**Sun 14 July** GNFR's Romanian visitors will be with us at St Peter's next Sunday morning. They will be at the Parish Centre after Church and it would be lovely if friends here could be there to welcome them. There will be fun and games for the children. If you would like more information or would like to book potato pie lunch, please contact Kath 07903 546008.



## Worship Unplugged

**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.



## Pais Hosts Needed

At last Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service we said goodbye to our wonderful Pais team and prayed for them. Rev Alan shared about the opportunity to have a new Pais outreach team in September. This can only happen if we can find hosts. Could you host a Pais

team member to help keep our school's outreach going? Hosting could be for a few weeks or the whole 10 months. Please contact Rev Alan or the Parish Office to find out more.

## Can You Help Our Monday Coffee Room?

Opportunity for new volunteers to join the Coffee Room team between 9:30am and 12:30pm at the Parish Centre on Mondays. Would you be willing to help serve tea, coffee, cakes and crumpets on a rota basis? Or could you join the baking team and provide a homemade cake? If so, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Elaine Weaver on 07714 211865. *The Coffee Room is open to everyone from 10am-12noon during term-time so please do pop in!*

## CAP Good News

We can celebrate a few CAP Centre joys! Three clients went debt free in June, one has completed the Alpha Course, two members of the parish have kindly helped clients by fixing wardrobes and cookers free of charge, and 4 members of the CAP Team enjoyed the CAP United Conference in Bradford last week.



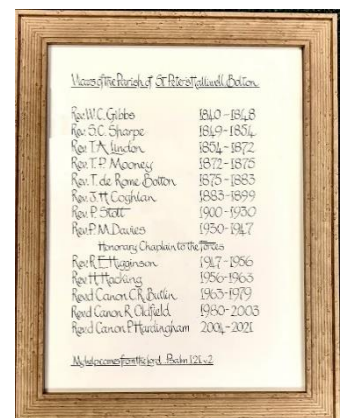
## Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby, on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission, invites us to remember why our worship centres are here, as we pray for our local community. Listen to 'Build Your Kingdom' by Rend Collective here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg> (See her prayer on the back page.)



## Vicars of St Peter's

Thanks to Ruth Oldfield for creating a beautiful framed record of past Vicars at St Peter's. This will be displayed alongside photos of the Vicars in the church Vestry room.



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

Lord, we pray for our four churches within in our Parish of St Peter's. We particularly give thanks for the joyous celebrations that were held to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of St Andrews. We ask you to bless the celebrations planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new building at Barrow Bridge Mission. May we never lose sight of why our worship centres are here; to be a worshipping community growing in love and knowledge of Jesus, using our skills and talents to serve you and others. We pray for the community in which you have placed us- for all who live here, for our local schools and local businesses. We ask that you would lead us, your church, by your Holy Spirit to seek out ways that we might shine for you in the heart of this community. Fill us anew with a passion to share you with others, so we might bring out the "God colours" in our Parish. Amen

## Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 8/15 July</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Art Group (8 <sup>th</sup> only) Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes Exhibition Day with Keith Wills Sign up: <a href="http://www.yholton.co.uk">www.yholton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 9/16 July</b>			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers IGNITE Children's Club Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 10/17 July</b>			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Centre (17 <sup>th</sup> only)	Drop-in community session Bring items for repair, stay for delicious coffee and cake	St Andrew's
<b>Thurs 11/18 July</b>			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's (11 <sup>th</sup> ) Parish Centre (18 <sup>th</sup> )
2pm-4pm	Dementia Friendship Group (18 <sup>th</sup> only)	<a href="mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info">joan@stpetersparish.info</a> /01204 840180	Moss Bank Park Café, <i>not Parish Centre today</i>
<b>Fri 12/19 July</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class (19 <sup>th</sup> only) 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 13/20 July</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's

## Keep Connected

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