



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 29 September 2024

HEADLINES

- Our Parish-wide Vision Service next Sunday
- World Focus Sunday offering
- Collections at Harvest Services
- Prayers from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 29 Sept

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

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

10.30am	Healing service
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

I am really excited about our **Parish-Wide Vision Service next Sun 6 Oct** and want to use my article this week to tell you more. This is the only service taking place next Sunday, we are cancelling all other services to free everyone up to join together, so please don't turn up at your usual fellowship. Here's what is happening at a glance...

10.00am onwards	Refreshments will be served in the Riley Centre.
11.00am	Start of service in the main hall with pre-school and creche in adjoining classroom. Lighthouse United children's session in the gym.
Approx 12.30pm	Bring and share lunch, drinks provided, in the Riley Centre or the school gardens depending on the weather. There will be fun and games with prizes!

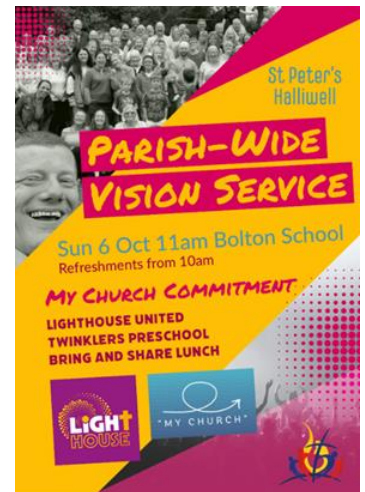
The service takes place at Bolton School, Chorley New Road, BL1 4PA.

Car parking is easy to find, there are car parks at either end of the school site accessible from Tudor Avenue and Dobson Road, off Chorley New Road. Watch out for stewards wearing hi-vis vests!

Disabled access will be via the front entrance of the Riley Centre, parking directly in front of the Riley Centre accessible through the school's central arch. Stewards will be on hand to help.

Twinklers pre-school activities and creche will be in the Riley Centre; we will start the service with our pre-schoolers in the main hall and go out during the first songs.

Lighthouse United Children's session will be the first-ever gathering of all three Lighthouse groups from St Peter's, Smithills and Barrow Bridge and our Lighthouse leaders are **(Continued on page 2...)**



preparing a fun-packed programme!

Children can go straight to the gym at 11am and will join the service in the main hall near the end. School attendance card stamps will be available as usual.

Lunch is bring-and-share, picnic style; feel free to bring enough for yourself and extra treats to share. Bolton School has a nut-free policy, so please ensure all food is nut-free. If the weather is nice, we can eat outside or in the Riley Centre which has smart cafe seating with plenty of space. To keep organisation simple, we are not having a central table for food like a buffet, however, extra food can be placed on a table for anyone to help themselves. Please stay for lunch if you can, I hope it will be a great opportunity to get to know people from our four fellowships, and there will be some fun and games to enjoy!

An offering will be taken during the service, and we are hoping to have card machines available for cashless giving.

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and stewarding. Ross Pyle (07713 461214) from Smithills is taking the lead with refreshments before and after the service, and Anna Hough (07976 396310) from Barrow Bridge is taking the lead with the stewarding and welcome team, please contact them directly to offer help or speak to a leader at your fellowship, thanks!

The theme of the service is **My Church Commitment**, and I will be sharing our vision to grow in our commitment as Jesus' family on Jesus' mission. I will write more about this in next week's newsletter.

World Focus Sunday

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL
voice
of Persecuted Christians

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and attended one of the World Focus Sunday services in St Peter's last week, which made Mark Lipdo and Alister du Plessis feel very welcome. Also, a massive thank you to everyone who donated as we have been able to send **£1,000** to Release International to support the work of Mark and the Stefanos Foundation.

Harvest Services

Sun 29 Sept, 8.30am and 10.30am, St Peter's

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the harvest collections for Urban Outreach in Barrow Bridge, St Andrews and Smithills Fellowship last week. Please remember to bring your dried and tinned food items to the morning services in St Peter's today. Thanks for your support.



Thrive Girl's Discipleship Group

Starting Mon 30 Sept, 7.30pm, Home Based

NB: New start date

All girls in Y10 and above are invited to join this new group led by Lucy Hargraves and Rachel Cowling. Info: Lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org

PrayerZone

Wed 2 Oct, 7.30pm-8.30pm,

Barrow Bridge Mission

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thu 3 Oct, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

All welcome. Donations of cakes, preserves etc will be very much appreciated. Contact Val Perris 07984 070364.

Out and About Walk

Sat 5 Oct, meet 9.30am opposite St Peter's Church

All welcome to the next Out and About walk from Tockholes through Abbey Village. The walk is moderate, approximately 6 ½ miles. Bring waterproofs and a packed lunch. For more information, speak with Rick or Jane Heath.

janeheath@heathnet.plus.com/

Rick – 07843171015

Café on the Green

Sat 5 Oct, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School



Delicious food and excellent service. Raising funds for work in the Diocese of Machakos Kenya to provide free surgery for children born with cleft lip/palate and other facial deformities.

Working Party at Parish Centre

Sat 12 Oct, 9am-12pm, Parish Centre



Our Building and Maintenance Committee invite you to join another working party to help tidy up the external grounds at the Parish Centre. Please bring a spade and wheelbarrow

if you are able to. Many hands make light work! All welcome, just turn up. Thanks.

Christian Meditation Group

Thurs 10 Oct, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

Part of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), this group now meet monthly in the Parish Centre. All welcome to join this session. Info from j.wilde.1963@gmail.com.

Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 12 Oct, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

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



Soul Sisters Author Talk

Thurs 17 Oct, 7.30pm-9pm, St Peter's Church Lounge

An informal get-together to hear local author, Amber Gilbert, share her inspiring testimony. She grew up in Manchester and turned to Christianity in 2012 after a series of bad choices and growing tired of her party lifestyle. All ladies welcome. Signed copies of Amber's book 'Running From Myself' will be available to purchase. Info: katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk



Rev Steph Mawhinney's Licensing

An invitation from

Christ Church, Walshaw and St Andrew, Radcliffe

to the licensing of **Rev Steph Mawhinney**
as vicar of the two churches

7pm on Wednesday 2nd Oct 2024

Christ Church Walshaw, High St, Walshaw, BL8 3FS

Parking is limited, please walk to the church if you are able, or share lifts

RSVP to wardensccw@gmail.com or 07981 509934

Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir

Save the dates below! Flyers available in all churches.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR 2024
CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT
Sun 22nd Dec '24

ALL REHEARSALS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday Dec 1st 1pm - 3pm	Thurs Dec 5th 7.30 - 9pm	Sunday Dec 15th 1pm - 3pm	Wed Dec 18th 7.30 - 9pm
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Flyers available with how to sign up & more information.

St Peter's Leadership Team

The minutes from the September meeting are now on display on the noticeboard at the back of St Peter's – do take a look!

St Peter's 6.30 Coffee Team

Please consider joining the 6.30 Coffee Team. We need 3 people to serve once a month at our parish-wide service. It's a great way to help and interact with the wider church. Give your phone number to one of the team serving at the back and we will be in touch with the details. Thank you.

Prayer for the Week



At the start of the new school year, Chris Winstanley says Father God we pray that: the children who have begun their school life would quickly settle in to their new classes and routines; those children

who have moved to new schools, colleges and universities would quickly get used to a new routine and make new friends; that you, Father God, would help all school staff to be effective and enthusiastic in their roles to enable the pupils to be the best that they can be. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Bolton Repair Cafe

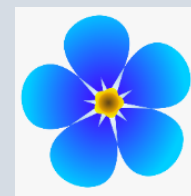
Thurs 17 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



Bring your items for repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 17 Oct, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

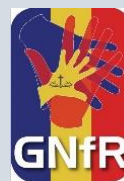


For those with dementia and their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Info: joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Good News for Romania Coffee Morning

Sat 19 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

All invited to this coffee morning/bring and buy raising funds for GNFR. Come along for yummy cakes and bargains!



PRAYER from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Lord, we pray for opportunities for Christians to be involved in our local schools. We ask that you would continue to strengthen the links that we have, to make a difference in pupils' lives as they hear the gospel message.

As the pupils at St Peter's School focus on their mission statement and values, we pray that all our children would shine in whatever they do. Help them to follow the example, values and teaching of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another as He has loved us, and reminds us that He has come to bring us all life to the full! Father, grant that this would be true for everyone at St Peter's School – children, staff, parents and governors. We pray that the school would be a happy place full of life and joy! May this term be peaceful, may the staff and children keep well and may there be lots of positive and exciting times ahead for our children and young people. Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 30 Sept			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Art Group Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 1 Oct			
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 ignite@stpetersparish.info Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
Weds 2 Oct			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7pm-9pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Alan Rigby '80's poems'. Val 07902 167971 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 3 Oct			
10am-12noon	Oasis Macmillan Coffee Morning and Service	Coffee morning 10am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 4 Oct			
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 5 Oct			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's

Keep Connected

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Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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