



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 8 September 2024

HEADLINES

- Bishop Matthew speaking this Sunday
- Parish-Wide Vision Service Sun 6 Oct
- Alpha Course starts Thu 12 Sept
- Quinta Fundraising meal and social
- Prayers for Seasons in Life – Carolyn Rigby

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 8 Sept

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Communion service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service with guest speaker Bishop Matthew Porter

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning Service
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

We are excited to be joined by Bishop Matthew Porter at this Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's.

Matthew was consecrated as Bishop of Bolton in June 2023. He is passionate about people in the North of England following Jesus. He was ordained in the Diocese of Sheffield in 1996 and served his curacy at Christ Church in Dore. He held the role of Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey in York, a resource church involved in church planting and revitalisation, with a broad range of ages including lots of students and young adults.



Matthew is an author, has recently completed doctoral studies in church planting, and in 2022 was appointed an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen, and then the King.

He is passionate about evangelism, discipleship and developing leaders, serving people in poverty and young people.

Copies of his books will be available to buy. Come along to hear what he has to say. All are welcome!

St Peter's Halliwell

PARISH-WIDE VISION SERVICE

Sun 6 Oct 11am Bolton School
Refreshments from 10am

MY CHURCH COMMITMENT:
LIGHHOUSE UNITED
TINKLERS PRESCHOOL
BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Parish-Wide Vision Service

Sun 6 Oct, 11am, Bolton School

We're cancelling all services on Sun 6 Oct to give everyone the opportunity to gather for what promises to be a fantastic service that will unite all four fellowships. Doors open at 10am for refreshments, followed at 11am by a service for adults in the main hall, with creche facilities and preschool activities led by St Peter's Twinklers team in an adjoining classroom, and a special *Lighthouse United* session in the school gym. The service will be an opportunity to hear our vision from Rev Alan and unite in prayer and worship. Following the service, we'd love everyone to stay for a Bring and Share picnic lunch in the fabulous Riley Centre or outside in the beautiful school grounds, and the chance to enjoy fellowship, fun and games.

Rev Craig Watson

Craig is serving with the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS) as Chaplain in Wengen, Switzerland from 10 Sept to 1 Oct. ICS short-term chaplains reach out to English-speakers with the Good News of Jesus



Christ in a variety of tourist resorts in Europe. They also provide pastoral care and encouragement for Christians on holiday, and seek to interest others in Jesus Christ, including resort workers and local

residents. Many who do not usually go to church—or even think about God—will do so whilst on holiday. Please keep Craig and Elaine in your prayers during this time. Find out more at <https://www.ics-uk.org/>

Alpha Course

Starting Thu 12 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre.

Interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? E-mail Amanda in the Parish Office to register.

Stay Curious Try Alpha

Alpha Course
Starts Thu 12 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm
Parish Centre
Sign-up
amanda@stpetersparish.info

Soul Sisters Christian Mindfulness Walk

Fri 13 Sept, meet 7pm outside Parish Centre.

All ladies invited for a slow, relaxed walk in Moss Bank Park followed by The Finishers pub at 8pm. Join us for the walk and/or pub. Info

katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk



Churches and Chapels on the Air

Sat 14 Sept, 10am-4pm, St Peter's



This is an annual event where churches across the UK and beyond contact each other using Amateur Radio. With the help of Oldham Amateur Radio Club, we will be taking part in this special event based in the new entrance area at St Peter's. Anyone is welcome to visit, enjoy refreshments, and have a try.

Prayers for Bronze D of E Expedition

Sat 14 and Sun 15 Sept

Mark Rigby and a group of leaders from across the parish are taking 11 young people on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition over this weekend. They will spend 2 days navigating their way through Arnside and Silverdale, carrying all of their equipment, with a night spent camping in between. Please pray for safety, good weather, fun and friendship among the young people.



CAP Money Coaching

Mon 16 Sept 7.30pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre

A FREE revolutionary money management course, led



by Peter Caffrey, designed to help anyone get more in control of their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. **The usual 3 sessions have been merged into one so this is a great opportunity to do it in one go!** Book via the Parish Office or samwolstencroft@capuk.org

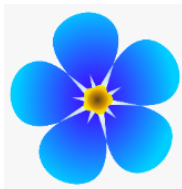
High School Form Signings for 2025 Entry

Tues 17 Sept 7pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but in order to attend, you must book a timed slot by contacting office@stpetersparish.info / 599900. You will need to provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details and state which church you attend.

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 Sept, 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

Bolton Repair Café

Thurs 19 Sept, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Lancs Prayer Conference

Sat 21 Sept, 9am-12noon, St Andrew's



Join this inspirational prayer team as they lead us in a morning of prayer for our church, community and town.

Release International

Sat 21 Sept, 12pm-3pm, Parish Centre

Release International, one of our mission partners, are holding their Annual Volunteer and Supporter meeting for the North of England at the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of Release is welcome. Mark Lipdo, founder and CEO of The Stefanos Foundation, a Christian-based human rights advocacy and relief organisation, working to address the violent conflict in Nigeria, will be joining us. Free light lunch provided at 12pm. Contact office@stpetersparish.info if you are attending, so that we know how many to cater for. Mark will also be speaking on World Focus Sunday at all three St



Peter's services on Sun 22 Sept, and will be joined by Release International's engagement manager for the North, Allister Du Plessis.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thu 26 Sept, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's

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



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Quinta Fundraiser

Quinta Fundraiser!
Café Italia
more than just a café...
Sat 28th September 7:30pm-12:00
Meal and disco £30pp
Places limited to 60 so get yours soon! Over 16s only.
Tickets available at the office or from the Quinta Team
A taste of Italy

Sat 28 Sept, 7.30pm-midnight, Café Italia

Tickets on sale at all church services and also available from the Parish Office. Cash payment or BACS transfer to account name: St Peters (NB: *no apostrophe*) Parish Halliwell PCC, account number- 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. **Make sure you use the reference 'Café Italia'.** *Limited tickets so get yours soon!*

Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby from Barrow Bridge Mission says 'As we are now in September and moving into the season of Autumn, I am reflecting on how the seasons of the year are frequently reflected in the seasons of our lives, but whatever season we are in, whether it is during the year or a phase of our lives, our God is always with us.' **See her prayer on the back page and watch** Seasons Collective Worship, 'Seasons Change' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAhGooALGEE>

Looking Forward

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 surgical treatment for children born with cleft lip/palate and other facial deformities.



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 Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven'- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear God we are reminded by the seasons of how You take care of us. Some seasons in life are beautiful, like when you get that dream job or begin a new relationship, but other seasons of life are more painful, an illness, the loss of a job or a relationship that is shattered beyond repair. Whatever season you find yourself in today, whether it's a season of joy, hardship or uncertainty the Lord is always there to walk alongside us.

Heavenly Father, we leave whatever rocks we are carrying and place them at the foot of the cross. Give us the direction and strength we need to walk this path. Remind us that despite the hardships there are good things you want to do in, through and around us. Father we are thankful for all the good things you have blessed us with, help us to remember Your promises and to keep going in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, anchor us to Your love, peace and strength as we weather the different seasons of our lives. Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 9 Sept			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 10 Sept			
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 11 Sept			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Finding Out. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 12 Sept			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm 8pm-9.30pm	Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 13 Sept			
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 14 Sept			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's

Keep Connected

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Wardens: Phil Weaver and Simon Scott 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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