



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 20 October 2024

HEADLINES

- Our Commitment to Give
- Little Wiggles Invites You to Join Them
- Light Party – Our Halloween Alternative
- AYF Ugandan Choir Upcoming Visit
- Prayers by Nigel Clarke from Smithills Fellowship

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 20 Oct

It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
*10.30am	Adult service with Communion and Twinklers
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Communion service and Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Communion service and Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

My Church Commitment – To Give



Last week I gave details of our Parish Vision to grow in commitment to church: "Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission". Over the coming weeks in our morning services, we are learning more about what this means in our five areas of commitment to **Give, Meet, Serve, Baptise and Pray**. This week I am writing about our commitment to **Give**.

We read in Acts 4:32-37 the account of how members of the early church shared all their possessions and money, nobody went without, and everyone was committed to giving. The bible teaches us that all things come from God. So, in a sense what we may regard as ours is really what God has entrusted to us as stewards in the first place. This understanding helps loosen the grip that money can have on us and encourages a spirit of generosity to bless others with God's gifts.

A commitment to **Give** to the mission of the church is a keyway to show your commitment. You can give weekly on the offering plate, or by using the card tap machines, or make a regular commitment and set up a standing order to give through your bank account. Details are available at all our services, or Parish Office, or website: <https://stpetersparish.info/giving/> and if you pay tax your giving can be Gift Aided which increases the amount you give by 25% at no extra cost to you! We also have details on ways you can leave a legacy to church.

All money given to church is used for mission and ministry. It means we can reach out and help people in our community – things like activities for children and youth, regular groups, supporting those who are sick or needy, giving to mission causes in the poorest areas of the world, operating and maintaining our buildings, employing our staff team, and playing our part in contributing to the costs of providing clergy and the Diocese, which means that churches continue in all areas across the Greater Manchester. (cont.....)

In fact, many of the things you read about weekly in our newsletter would not be possible if it weren't for the regular committed giving. Thank you so much for your giving!

DTI Takeover Service



Last Sun at our parish-wide 6.30pm service, our amazing young people, together with some from Christ Church Pennington, took over and helped deliver great worship and a brilliant service! We loved hearing about the

impact that this summer's Dreaming the Impossible camp had on them all. Watch the DTI 2024 highlights video here: <https://youtu.be/DCpU8qRjreA>



Little Wiggles

Every Tues (term-time), 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre

A group for babies and pre-school children with their parents/carers at which we provide many different activities for children (incl. a sensory room) and



tea/coffee and light refreshments. Our session ends with a time of children's Wiggle worship and nursery rhymes. £1 suggested donation. No need to book, just turn up – we'd love to see you.

Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 29 Oct, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Ray Jefferson will be speaking about 'Lesser Known Leverhulme'. Books by the society will be on sale. All very welcome. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk



Out and About Walk

Sat 2 Nov, meet 9.30am opposite St Peter's Church



This walk will be near Parbold, 'Harrock Hill and Fairy Glen', a moderate walk of about 8 miles, led by Brian Johnson.

Bring walking gear and a packed lunch. All welcome. Info from Jane Heath on 07472 926650 / e-mail janeheath@heathnet.plus.com

AYF Ugandan Choir 40th Anniversary Visit

Thurs 31 Oct – Thurs 7 Nov

We're excited that this 12-strong fantastic choir are returning to Bolton soon! With a busy programme including visits to each of our fellowships and local schools, their trip culminates with a celebratory not-to-be-missed concert in St Peter's Church on **Weds 6 Nov – put this date in your diary!**

Light Party – Our Halloween Alternative

Thurs 31 Oct, 6pm-7.15pm, Parish Centre

Games

Disco

All Primary school aged children welcome
Scan this QR code to sign or email
lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org

Barrow Bridge Bonfire

Sat 2 Nov, 7pm fire lighting, 7.30pm fireworks, Village Car Park

Entry by ticket only (£5). Food and drink available to buy on the night. Tickets available from Barrow Bridge Mission on the next two Suns after the service and from 3 Riverleigh Close, Barrow Bridge, BL1 7QA between 7-9pm weekdays. Also available from the Parish Office on weekdays from 9.30am-3pm and at Barrow Bridge Mission on Sat 26 Oct 5-7pm (card payment available at Barrow Bridge Mission, elsewhere cash only). **Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis - they always sell-out so get yours quickly!** Please note, do not bring fireworks, sparklers or alcohol – thank you. No parking provision.





Sharing our Stories

People love hearing stories. They help us to connect with each other and the world around us. Using the next sermon series as a starting point, we'd love to hear how you have been impacted by the talks at the 10.30 services at St Peter's and any things you've done as a result. If you've got anything to contribute, please send a WhatsApp message to 07881053877 or speak to someone on the Leadership Team (yellow lanyards). We plan to share as many as we can at the end of the series, but you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Free Talk by Patrick Regan, Kintsugi Hope Tues 22 Oct, 7pm-8pm, St Joseph's RC High School, Horwich

Patrick will be sharing his story of Kintsugi Hope – finding beauty through brokenness – in this talk, 'Honesty Over Silence'. Open to everyone. Patrick captivates his audiences, making them laugh and making them think, connecting with them by becoming vulnerable and showing how hope can come from difficult situations. Book your free tickets at <https://forms.office.com/e/vjDkh8Eb1M>

Paul Saxon - Songs and Stories Sat 9 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church



An evening of creativity, worship and original songs written by Paul, who will also share the stories behind why the songs have been written. David Woodman and Keir Simister will be in the band, playing hammer dulcimer and keys. The evening will be a chance

to worship, to be encouraged and inspired as we journey through joy, lament and the promises of God. Tickets (suggested donation £10 or pay what you can afford) available from Paul or the Parish Office.



Our Mission Partner - Education India

David Moffoot, as part of a team of 5, is in India from **15 Oct - 8 Nov** visiting 5 schools in the West Bengal area and training teachers, as well sharing the Gospel in assemblies, staff devotions and one-to-one. Please keep the team in prayer, especially as there is often substantial opposition to Christianity in the region.



Hindu World 15 Days of Prayer



We invite you to join thousands of people around the world to pray for Hindu people during the Diwali Festival each day from **24 Oct - 7 Nov**. This

year, the guide will focus on so-called Hindu background Believers who are people who have bravely converted from Hinduism to Christianity. Many of their poignant stories are highlighted in these precious pages. There are no printed copies available but this link takes you to the publication on our website: <https://stpetersparish.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Hindu-Prayer-Guide-2024-uwhi7n-1.pdf>.

Prayer for the Week

Nigel Clarke, on behalf of Smithills Fellowship, says '*At present, it seems that we are faced with so much uncertainty in our lives, in our country and throughout the world and it's easy to wonder if, and when, things will change for the better but let us not forget that God is with us, through all this. Hold fast to his word when he says, I have a plan for you. A plan for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11. See his prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

Smithills Christmas Market



Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Volunteers needed. How can you help?

If you want to run a not-for-profit stall, or share a table, can set up or take down (1 hour either side, details will follow), or cover a stall or serve in the

Cafe Tent, please contact j.t.platt@me.com.

Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir 2024

Sun 22 Dec, 6.30pm, St Peter's, Carols by Candlelight

Save the following rehearsal dates!



Sun 1 Dec 1pm-3pm, Thurs 5 Dec 7.30pm-9pm, Sun 15 Dec 1pm-3pm, Wed 18 Dec 7.30pm-9pm

All rehearsals are in St Peter's. See flyers in church for more information.

PRAYER from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Lord, thank You that, despite the trials and pressures we face, You are using our lives and circumstances to make a mark on this world. Draw us close to Yourself. May many know of Your Great Name. May they hear of Your works and miracles of Your faithfulness. We choose again today to fix our eyes, not on all the troubles that surround, but on You alone. Thanks, Lord, that through every weakness and hard place Your power and Your strength is displayed in our lives. You are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through you. We can't do it on our own. But You can, through us. We praise you God, for You go before us and cover us from behind. You walk beside us and make our footsteps firm. You are our Protector and Defender. We never have to fear that we're alone. Thank You for your powerful Presence surrounding us. We renew our focus on You this day and thank You for all that You will do. We love You, we need You, we choose to look to You today and every day.
In Jesus' name. Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 21 Oct			
10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 22 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 23 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	Mike Perris 'History of Barrow Bridge'. Val 07902 167971 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 24 Oct			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	Jwilde259@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 25 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 26 Oct			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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