



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 27 October 2024

HEADLINES

- Our Commitment to Meet
- CAP Advent Calendars
- GNFR Thank you
- Light Party – Our Halloween Alternative
- AYF Ugandan Choir Upcoming Visit
- Prayers by Carolyn Rigby from Barrow Bridge Mission

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 27 Oct

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	All-age 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...

My Church Commitment – To Meet



Last week I wrote about our commitment to **Give** as part 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 **Meet**.



We see in Acts 2:46 that the early church right from its beginnings met in large and small groups (the temple courts and people's homes). It is well-proven that if you want to grow as a Christian you need to be part of a small group (Life Group, Connect Group, Home Group). A good place to start is our Alpha Course, from there you can progress into a small group. Small groups are places where we can learn from God's word and work out what it means for our lives today, they are also places where we care for one another, pray and support each other when we go through life's challenges.

When I first became a Christian in my mid-twenties, I joined a home group at my local church in Salford. I made great friendships, learned what it really means to be a follower of Jesus, and grew so much. I really loved the experience!

Our vision is to increase the number of small groups we have across the parish, and I want to encourage people to set up and lead new groups, especially if you've been a Christian for a good few years and you've got a lot to offer others. Over the next five years our vision is to increase from seven groups to thirty, and from two young people's discipleship groups to ten.

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These are ambitious targets, but I honestly believe if we are to grow as a parish and fulfil our vision to transform Bolton together in Jesus' name then being committed to meeting is essential.

So, if you'd like join a small group or start a new group then get in touch with me, or speak to one of the leaders in your fellowship.

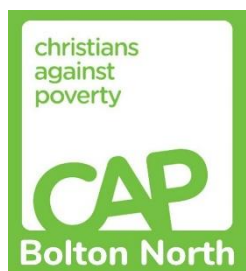
St Peter's Leadership Team

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

Stephen Crow

Stephen would like to express his thanks for all the sympathy messages, cards and support he's received following the recent death of his wife, Rayner. He has also asked that his new address details be shared: Bedford Charter House, 1B Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PU. His contact number is 07813 341557.

CAP Advent Calendars



We're giving clients' children a Meaningful Chocolate 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £4.95), please give donations to Sam via the Parish Office. Thank you!

GNFR Coffee Morning

Dave and Kath Richardson thank everyone for supporting the brilliant Good News for Romania coffee morning last Saturday - an amazing **£1763.06** was raised to help those in need. Praise be to God! Please pray for Dave and Kath as they prepare to go to Romania on Thurs 7 Nov.



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: 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 – Weds 6 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!**

They're returning!
1st - 6th Nov

The AYF team bring an energetic mix of African rhythms, glorious harmonies, and superb communication skills with a vision to build up churches and reach out to the community

Grand Concert
Wed 6 Nov, 7.30pm

Photo of the choir members performing on stage.

FREE ADMISSION

Offering taken

St Peter's Church, Church Road BL1 5RL



PARISH OF ST. PETER'S, HALLIWELL
'Transforming Bolton Together in Jesus' Name'

Light Party – Our Halloween Alternative

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

LIGHT
Party

**THURSDAY
31ST OCT | 6 - 7:15 PM**

St Peters Parish Centre
347 Church Rd, Bolton BL1 5RR

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 this Sunday 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.



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.



Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby, on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission, says 'As we are coming up to half term week which includes Halloween, we are going to be praying for the young people of our Church, our local community and our town.' **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Smithills Christmas Market



Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Volunteers needed. How can you help?

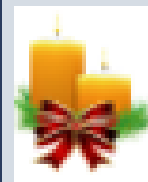
If you want to run a not-for-profit stall, or share a table, can set up or take down (1 hour either side, details will follow), or cover a stall or serve in the

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 Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Dear God

In a week when darkness is celebrated we pray for your light to shine in our world. We pray for the Light party at the Parish Centre to be a time of joy and hope when our young people celebrate knowing you. We pray that they have the courage to tell their friends about the Light Party and, even better, invite them along.

Let us use this Halloween as an opportunity to show others what we do, not what we don't! To share the news that God rescues us from the dominion of darkness. Finally, we pray your blessing over every young person in our parish this half term.

Amen

Watch this link to Kari Jobe 'Let The Light In' (Live) <https://youtu.be/gw7x08uDqoE>

Coming up this week

It's half term so most of our activities are pausing!

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 28 Oct			
9.30am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 29 Oct			
7.30pm-9.30pm	Halliwell Local History Society	enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Thurs 31 Oct			
6pm-7.15pm	Light Party (for primary aged children)	lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org	Parish Centre
Fri 1 Nov			
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

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Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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