



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 6 October 2024

HEADLINES

- Our Parish-wide Vision Service today
- Launch of Quinta 2025
- Fundraising at Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Prayers from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 6 Oct

11am Parish-wide Vision Service at Bolton School.

This will be recorded and uploaded after the service so will be available for viewing mid-afternoon on our YouTube channel 'stpetershalliwell'

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Join today's 11am service at Bolton School

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

Join today's 11am service at Bolton School

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

Join today's 11am service at Bolton School

ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

Join today's 11am service at Bolton School

Rev Alan writes...

I'm excited that this Sunday is our Parish-wide Vision Service at Bolton School, Chorley New Road, BL1 4PA. It is my first as Vicar, and the first occasion we have gathered as one parish since before the pandemic. It's our only service this Sunday. Here's a quick reminder of what is happening:



10.00am onwards	Refreshments served in the Riley Centre.
11.00am	Service in the main hall. Pre-school and creche leave after second song for a session in Riley Centre. Lighthouse United children should go straight to the gym and will join the service just before final hymn.
Approx 12.30pm	Bring and share picnic lunch (nut-free), drinks provided, in the Riley Centre. Including fun and games with prizes!

Car parking 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.

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.



Last week I said I will write more about this in this week's newsletter. I'm going to share **five ways** we can all grow in our commitment to church, but I'm not going to tell you until Sunday – so you will have to come to find out what they are!

World Focus Sunday – Updated Figure

Thanks again for all your donations following the recent World Focus Sunday services. We have now been able to send **£3,000** to Release International to support the work of Mark and the Stefanos Foundation.



Funeral of Carol Hodgkiss

Tue 15 Oct, 12.30pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

We are very sad to inform you that Carol died peacefully at Bolton Hospice on Fri 27 Sept. Carol was a regular at Barrow Bridge Mission and our 6.30pm services and was baptised in 2022. Please pray for her brother, David, and sister-in-law, Pam, wider family and friends, and especially her church family at Barrow Bridge as they grieve. Carol was a very brave lady and an inspiration to us all. Carol would have wanted all her church family and friends to join together for her funeral at Barrow Bridge Mission, followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium, and a reception at The Retreat on Chorley New Road. Donations in her memory will be for Bolton Hospice.



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Many congratulations to **David and Jean Taylor** who celebrated the wonderful occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on Thurs 3 Oct. We thank God for their marriage and ask for his blessing over the years to come.

Quinta Fundraising

Thank you very much to those of you who supported the Cafe Italia evening last Saturday. We raised a fabulous £613 for the Quinta fund!

Quinta 2025 Booking is Now Open!



A fantastic weekend away for the whole parish: Fri 12 Sept -Sun 14 Sept 2025! Due to some fabulous fundraising, we are able to maintain 2023 prices! Find out more, and book on, via the website:

<https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2025-booking/>

Alternatively, pick up a paper booking form from the Parish Office or from each church from 13th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had a simply fantastic time at Oasis in St Peter's this week when we held a fundraising coffee morning for Macmillan. An amazing £1,500.17 has been raised so far and money is still coming in! Thank you to everyone who supported this. Special thanks also go to Val Perris and her wonderful team and Philip Shuttleworth, a volunteer from Macmillan Cancer Support.



Volunteers Needed

Fri 1 Nov, 1pm-3pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

We are really excited to be hosting a light-themed activity afternoon at St Andrew's this October half term as a follow up from the summer holiday club, but we need some more volunteers! Are you available on Fri 1 Nov, 1pm-3pm to help out? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org

Christian Meditation Group

Thu 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.

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.

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

Bolton Repair Cafe

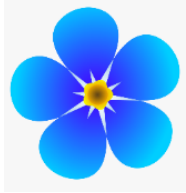
Thu 17 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thu 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

Soul Sisters Author Talk

Thu 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



Good News for Romania

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



All are invited to this coffee morning/bring and buy raising funds for GNFR. Come along for yummy cakes and bargains! *If anyone can make cakes or jams, they would be much appreciated, thank you.*

Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date! Sat 7 Dec

If you want to be involved and can help in any way at this brilliant event, please contact j.t.platt@me.com.



Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date **7th DECEMBER 2024**

1. Save the date, and invite your friends & families.
 2. Get involved, share a stall & sell your crafts or goodies etc.
 3. Volunteer on the day, help always needed
- we'd love to hear from you John & Adele Platt: j.t.platt@me.com



Parish-Wide 6.30pm Service 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.

Rev Steph Mawhinney

Many congratulations to Steph who was licensed as vicar of Christ Church, Walshaw and St Andrew, Radcliffe on Weds 2 Oct. Please keep her in your prayers as she settles into her new role.



Urban Outreach

Please see details below of how you can help.

HARVEST SORTING DATES:

Join Us!

Starting Tuesday 8th October 2024 we will be sorting our harvest food donations at our Food Hub (Former Office Outlet Store, Trinity Retail Park, Springfield, BL2 1HY). This will run for at least 3 weeks! No need to book - just turn up on the days/times below!

TUESDAYS: 2-4PM
WEDNESDAYS: 7.30-9PM
THURSDAYS: 10AM-12PM

Bolton FOOD HUB | URBAN OUTREACH

Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St. Peter's Halliwell, reminds us of the faithfulness and constancy of God. *See her prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

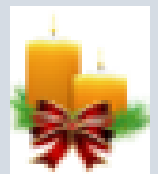
Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir 2024

Rehearsing for Carols by Candlelight on Sun 22 Dec in St Peter's Church.

Save the following 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 Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Halliwell

What has your week been like? Good, bad, indifferent? As we begin a new week and our usual routine, much will seem mundane, some fun, some sad, some frustrating and the odd curveball that changes everything.

We have One constant who never changes - Father God, with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There for us 24/7. So, let's pray this week God will help us to be Grateful, Thankful, A Beacon for God because whatever our week was and whatever our week will be, God is at work in us using all we do and say in ways we can never imagine. As we join together this Sunday, let's pray that our Parish-wide Vision Service inspires us and energises us to pray for all that God wants to do through us together. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever Amen" Ephesians 3v20.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 7 Oct			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 8 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 9 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	Leprosy Society. Val 07902 167971 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 10 Oct			
8.30am – 9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-12noon 2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Oasis Coffee Morning Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	Change of venue from St Peter's today only! j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 11 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 12 Oct			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's Church
12.30pm-2pm	Home for Good	Fiona 07786 844141	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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