



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 10 November 2024

HEADLINES

- Our Commitment to Peace
- AYF Ugandan Choir and Band Update
- Service of Hope and Remembrance
- Christmas Dinner on Jesus appeal
- Prayers by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 10 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

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

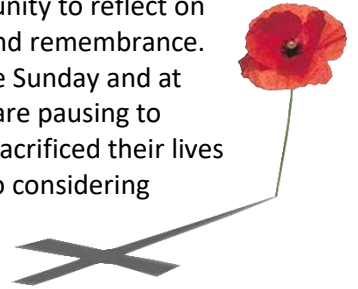
10.30am	Morning service
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

Our Commitment to Peace

This week I am taking a pause from my articles about our vision to use the opportunity to reflect on our commitment to peace and remembrance. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and at all our morning services we are pausing to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We are also considering what actions we can all take to bring about peace.



I was struck by a quote I heard on the Alpha Course, it was from the Russian writer and novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, who exposed the horrors of the Gulag concentration camps in Russia and was exiled from Russia for part of his life. He wrote: ***"The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts."***

The line between good and evil passes through each of our hearts. Peace in our world may seem hopelessly beyond our reach and influence, but we all have the capacity for good or evil, to bring peace or conflict. Which means we can all play our part in bringing peace to our relationships.

Our bible reading this Sunday morning is Romans 14:13-21, it is an appeal to accept one another. The issue being discussed is different eating habits amongst the early Christians, but it could be about any issue which brings conflict and division. In response, let's make our commitment as Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission to: ***make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification*** (Romans 14:19).

Come and listen to Salim Munyayer at this Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service. Salim, who lives in Jerusalem, is the founding director of Musalaha, a faith-based organisation that works for reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. You can read more about Salim and his family in this newsletter.

AYF Ugandan Choir and Band

It was a great disappointment to cancel much of this week's mission visit and concert when the AYF Choir did not receive their travel visas in time. Although God worked in surprising ways. Rose Makabayi was still able to join us as she had received her visa.



Rose rehearsing in the Vicarage kitchen!

Rose and Rev Alan were able to take assemblies reaching hundreds of children in Johnson Fold and Church Road Primary Schools, and Rose visited Little Wiggles, the Hub at St Andrew's, and the Boys Discipleship Group. We thank God for Rose's commitment - that even without the rest of her team she was still willing to do what she could in the circumstances - and she set a great example to follow! The good news is that the rest of the AYF have now received their visas and are arriving for the next stage of their UK tour to Sale, followed by the Isle of Man, Bristol and London. And we are hopeful they will join us for a week at the end of the tour from 5 December.

Salim Munayer – Guest Speaker

Sun 10 Nov, 6.30pm, St Peters

Our guest speaker at this service is Salim Munayer, the founding director of Musalaha, a faith-based organisation that facilitates reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds based on biblical principles - <https://musalaha.org/>. He met Kay Munayer (nee Greenhalgh), who is from this parish, in 1985 whilst she was working in Tel Aviv and they married in April 1987. They have 4 boys and 3 grandchildren and currently live in Jerusalem. Although Salim is no longer the Executive Director of Musalaha, he



continues to play an active role in Musalaha's ministry as their Senior Consultant. Please do join us at

this service to hear what Salim has to say.

Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sun 1 Dec, 2pm, St Peter's

This annual service provides an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones and be reminded of the peace and comfort that comes from God, our Heavenly Father. Service followed by refreshments. All welcome so please do invite your family and friends to join us.



Geoff Cooper



We're sorry to inform you that Geoff passed away on Sun 3 Nov, aged 97. Geoff used to attend the 10.30am and Oasis services in St Peters. Please keep his son, John, and wider family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Funeral to be held **2pm at St Peter's on Thurs 21 Nov.**

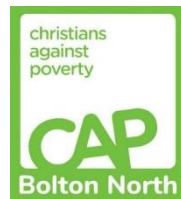


Christmas at Create Bolton

Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick from our mission partner Create Bolton say "Christmas@Create is now open and ready to SERVE you until **Sat 14 Dec**. Opening times are 10am-2pm on Thurs/Fri/Sat in Cafe Create, Claremont House, Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 2AX." Your support of this wonderful charity is greatly appreciated, thank you.



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! Also, we'd really appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas and any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women / men. Please pass to Sam by **Sun 1 Dec**. Many thanks.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2024



This year, as a parish we are again supporting this wonderful initiative led by Urban Outreach to help

bring light and hope to people in Bolton who have had to put Christmas on hold this year due to illness, sadness or financial problems. As a parish we have a target to collect **1,000 x 400g Christmas Puddings** (they should say *serves 4*).

Heads up...Best buys are currently Lidl and Aldi standard puddings, selling at £1.99!

Puddings can be dropped off in all fellowships and at the Parish Centre. If you'd prefer to

donate money and we'll buy the puddings on your behalf, please go to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27138>. To nominate someone to receive a food hamper this year, please contact a member of the Leadership Team in your fellowship by **Fri 29 Nov at the latest**.





Bolton Christian Meditation

Thurs 14 Nov, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com

Do Brunch, Do Life at St Peter's

Sun 24 Nov, 10.15am, St Peter's



We'd love you to arrive a little earlier (from 10.15am) and enjoy a sausage butty and brew as part of a special service to share our

thoughts from the Vision Sunday sermon series. Have you done anything new or different as a result of the sermon series? Maybe you've decided to join a Life Group, started serving in a new area, increased your giving, become excited about prayer or have decided to be baptised! We'd love to hear from you, via the Stories WhatsApp number - 07881053877 - anonymously or not, or speak to Diane O'Keeffe at the back of church. Thank you. Also, please can anyone willing to help cook and/or serve at this service contact janette.daeth@gmail.com / 07982035706.

Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 26 Nov, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Steve Irwin will be speaking about 'The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918'. Books by the society will be on sale. Pasties will be served. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk



Soul Sisters Trash or Treasure Event

Fri 29 Nov, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre

What is a Trash and Treasure party? It's a re-cycling event where you bring items which are 'trash' to you (no longer worn good quality clothes, unused beauty products etc.) but could be 'treasure' to someone else.



Please bring along up to 5 items of: good quality, clean clothes on a coat hanger ideally, jewellery or handbags unopened, unused beauty and cosmetic sets, board or video games in good condition. For each item you bring, you will be issued with a ticket. When we've collected everything in, we'll host a fashion show to show off what you can exchange your tickets for. After the fashion show, come shopping with your tickets to take home some new goodies. **The evening is totally FREE** and hopefully everyone will go home with some new items which are 'treasure' to them! Any leftover items will be taken to the charity shop the next day. Refreshments will be available. Feel free to bring baked or bought goodies along with you or just enjoy some with us. Info from katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk.

Smithills Christmas Market

Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Please contact John Platt - j.t.platt@me.com - if you can help in any way. Your support is appreciated.



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



Primary School Form Signings 2025 Entry

Tues 3 Dec, 7pm-9pm, 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.



Prayer for the Week

Our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam, invites us to pray for transformed lives for those burdened by poverty and debt. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Bolton Repair Cafe

Weds 20 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 21 Nov, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre



For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz, drinks and cake and a very warm welcome.

Info: joan@stpetersparish.info / 01204 840180

Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir 2024



Sun 22 Dec, 6.30pm, St Peter's, Carols by Candlelight Sun 1 Dec 12.30pm-2pm (NB: Change of venue to the Parish Centre), Thurs 5 Dec 7.30pm-9pm, Sun 15 Dec 1pm-3pm, Wed 18 Dec 7.30pm-9pm. All rehearsals except 1 Dec are in St Peter's.

PRAYER from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

We begin our prayer with a quote from a client: 'I just wanted to be in the dark, in a room where I would just draw the curtains, talk to no one, be by myself.' Today, we pray, loving Father, that all those who seek help from CAP will be able to see your light in their darkest moments. We pray you will come alongside them and guide them to get the help they need. As we celebrate 14 years of our CAP Debt Centre on CAP Sunday next week, we give thanks to you, heavenly Father, for the lives that have been transformed – for those no longer living under the burden of debt and for those who have come to know Jesus for themselves. Thank you, God!

Through Christ, you taught us what it means to love our neighbour and how to do this – even in the face of hardship, struggle and adversity. We pray that you give us open eyes to see, strong voices to speak, and compassionate ears to hear what each of us can do to act in your name to end UK poverty.

For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 11 Nov			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	AGE UK's Strength and Balance classes 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 12 Nov			
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 13 Nov			
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	Steve Walsh, bible study. Val 07902 167971 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 14 Nov			
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	Christian Meditation Alpha Course and Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 15 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
Sat 16 Nov			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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CAP Debt Centre Manager: Sam Wolstencroft E: samwolstencroft@capuk.org / M: 07934 716509

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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