



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 16 February 2025

HEADLINES

- An Attitude of Gratitude!
- Alan's Uganda Visit on TV
- Baptism and Confirmation Services
- Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 16 Feb

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	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Communion 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...

I always say let's have an attitude of gratitude. For example, if you are entering a car park, then pray and ask God to provide a space to park in, that way when you find a space you can thank God. It sounds ridiculous, especially if the car park is empty, but try applying the principle to everything and you'll soon find that you are living with gratitude in your life. And that is a great way to live!

So, take a moment to think of things you are grateful for, then pray and thank God.

I want to thank God and thank you all - for your commitment to St Peter's Parish. To each of our fellowships. Because day after day I am privileged to witness such wonderful acts of love and service.

Whether it is stepping out to take a lead, or joining in as a helper, or simply turning up. Or taking a moment to respond to a need in prayer and action. Offering a kind word of sympathy or encouragement. Spotting a need and quietly responding, or even deciding to graciously overlook an issue, or to offer forgiveness. Or digging deep to support our work as a parish, or the many charitable and mission causes, or simply giving to someone in need. For all these things and much more besides, I want to say THANK YOU!



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Alan's Uganda Visit on TV

Uganda TV have now uploaded the two shows Alan featured in during his recent visit. Watch them here:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=dccMrOo0I_g&si=hnF6h4gLm1L46Tua

<https://youtu.be/TF07YpIRLo0?si=NDAynEO4leRdxqu6>



Sun 16 Mar, 6.30pm, St Peter's

Confirmation service with Bishop of Bolton

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised.

Easter Sunday, Sun 20 Apr, 6.30pm, St Peter's

Baptism or renewal of baptism vows by immersion

If you'd like to be baptised or confirmed, or renew your baptism vows, please let Rev Alan know or contact the Parish Office.

Funeral for Howard Roberts

Weds 19 Feb, 1pm, St Mary's Deane Church, BL3 4LT

Those of you who remember him will be sad to learn of the death of Howard Roberts who worshipped at St Peter's for many years with his wife Anne (who used to work in the Parish Office).

Funeral for Colin Bowers

Fri 21 Feb, 3pm, Overdale Crematorium (West Chapel)

Please continue to keep Caroline and Matthew and all their family and friends in your prayers. Following Colin's funeral, his family invite you to join them for refreshments at The Retreat, Chorley New Road.



Open Staff Prayers

Weds 19 Feb, 9.30am-10am, Parish Centre

All welcome to join the church staff team at their morning prayers. No need to book, just turn up.

Bolton Repair Café

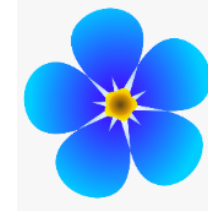
Weds 19 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 20 Feb, 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. For info, contact joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Fish, Chips and Magic Tricks!

Sat 8 Mar, 5.45pm-8pm, Parish Centre

A promotional poster for an event. The top part is dark blue with white text. Below is a large image of a plate of fish and chips. In the bottom left, there is a photo of a man (Rod Williams) holding a small box. The Olympus logo is in the bottom right.

St Peter's Halliwell Presents...

Fish, Chips and Magic Tricks!

Plus pancake fun for kids!

Saturday 8th March
5.45-8pm
St Peter's Parish Centre

Olympus
fish & chips restaurant

With Special Guest
Illusionist and Author **Rod Williams**

Hear Rod's story of being set free from a life of crime, addiction and prison

Tickets only £5 (Primary aged children FREE)
from the Parish Office 01204 599900
*other menu options available on booking

A parish social event, an evening for EVERYONE! We are excited to have professional illusionist and author of 'The Real Deal', Rod Williams, with us for our next church social. All ages welcome! Rod will be performing his stage show as well as entertaining you with his close-up tricks at tables. He will also share his inspiring story of how he was rescued from a life of crime, addiction and prison... children will be entertained upstairs at this point! You don't want to miss this! **Limited tickets available from Parish Office – get yours ASAP.**

CAP Money Course Starting Soon!

Wed 26 Feb and Wed 5 Mar, 10.30am, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)



CAP Money Coaching is a **FREE** revolutionary money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course (devised by the award-winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty) will help anyone to get

more in control of their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. The CAP Money Coaching sessions are being held at The Hub at the Hope Centre over two days: **Weds 26 Feb and 5 March**. Each session will start at 10.30am and last around two hours. The topics covered will include drawing up and balancing a personal budget and managing expenditure using the CAP Money system. A light lunch is included. For more info, please contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103 or Sam on 07934 716509.

Seasonal Concert in St Peter's

Sat 29 Mar, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

All welcome to come and see this highly regarded Bolton-based choir perform a concert for the Lenten/Passiontide season. Not to be missed!

The Brixi Singers
Musical Director Richard Lea

present

Passiontide

Stainer's Crucifixion
and other seasonal music

Saturday March 29th 2025 7.30pm

St Peter's Church Halliwell BL1 5RR
Tickets £10 Under 16s free
Available on the door or from 07862736766 or 01204 599900

Out and About Walk

Sat 1 Mar, 9.30am. meet opposite St Peter's Church

Worthington Lakes near Standish. The walk is 5 to 6 miles, not strenuous, but



may be muddy. Includes old railway line, canal side, woods and Worthington Reservoir. Please note that the reservoir is a dog-free zone, but dog walkers could carry on along the canal side back to the car park. All welcome. Info from Jane Heath on 07472 926650.

Oasis Midweek Service

Thurs, 10.30am-11.30am for refreshments followed by service 11.30am-12noon, St Peter's Church



You are warmly invited to come along to Oasis each Thurs. Enjoy refreshments

and good company in the lounge and then, if you want to, join our service in church which includes hymns, prayer and a short talk – we have different speakers each week. Why not come along and try it out? All welcome.



Prayer for the Week

As we enter half term, Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Primary School, invites us to pray for its staff and children.

See her prayer on the back page.



Looking Forward

Good News for Romania Fundraisers



Sat 8 Mar, 10am-12pm, Parish Centre. Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale Pick up a bargain and enjoy refreshments and good company too.

Fri 14 Mar, 7.30pm, Victory Reform Club, Bolton.

Quiz Night Tickets £9 each incl. supper. Please contact Dave or Kath to book - they are limited to 95 so book yours ASAP. Tel: 07903 546008.

Quinta 2025 Parish Weekend Away

Fri 12–Sun 14 Sept

Don't miss this fantastic weekend away for the whole church family! You're all invited. Booking and more details at



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

Prayer from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Lord God, we pray for all those working in our local schools, from staff in early years and nurseries, to those in high schools. We ask you to bless and uphold them, give them grace and strength whilst under pressure, and compassion and enthusiasm when working with young people.

Please enable Christian staff to reflect the extraordinary love of Jesus and to be wise but faithful ambassadors of the glorious gospel of peace. May they bring hope and grace to our nation's schools as they serve you wholeheartedly.

We pray particularly for the staff and children at St Peter's School, especially those who are unwell or coping with difficult situations in their lives. We pray that the half term break would bring refreshment and a reduction in their stress levels.

Amen

It's half term next week so most activities are taking a pause and will resume as usual week commencing 23 Feb. Coming up this week:

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 17 Feb			
9.30am-12noon	Age UK'S Strength and Balance Class	Classes full, contact Parish Office to go on waiting list	Parish Centre
Weds 19 Feb			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
Thurs 20 Feb			
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-4pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group	joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180	Parish Centre
Fri 21 Feb			
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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