



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 2 March 2025

HEADLINES

- Last Vision Sunday in Series at St Peter's
- Upcoming Confirmation Preparation Session and Confirmation and Baptism Services
- CAP Life Skills Course
- Prayers by Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 2 March
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	No service today due to Vision Sunday at 10.30am – do join us!
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
*10.30am	Vision Sunday service
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

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

Rev Alan writes...

Vision Sunday at St Peter's

I'll be joining St Peter's at 10.30am this Sunday for the final in our series of **Vision Sundays** at each Fellowship. As I have mentioned in previous weeks, it will be the first occasion for St Peter's to hold a Vision Sunday of its own. Previously, St Peter's vision has been rolled into our APCM, and I am excited to now see St Peter's stepping out with a clearer sense of its identity as both our Parish Church and also as a Fellowship with a new and growing vision.



This Sunday will be the opportunity to celebrate St Peter's God-given successes and achievements throughout the last year. We praise God and offer our appreciation to St Peter's leadership team, to all the marvellous volunteers, and their Chair Liz Nicholls for the excellent work they have done. We particularly thank Liz for her commitment as she steps down as Chair to focus on her responsibilities with Canon Slade CE High School, the Bishop Fraser Trust, and the leadership of our weekly Oasis coffee morning and service.

This means St Peter's has an opportunity to strengthen its leadership team with new members who will play a significant part in taking the Fellowship into a new era of commitment in its mission to the local community. Please speak to me or one of the leaders if you'd like to explore the opportunity to serve on the leadership team and please hold St Peter's in your prayers.

PrayerZone and Ash Wednesday Service

Weds 5 Mar, PrayerZone 7pm-7.30pm, then 7.30pm
Ash Wednesday service, St Peter's



All are invited from across the parish to join us for a shorter than usual PrayerZone session as this session will be followed directly by the **Ash Wednesday service**.

Nell Rosbottom

We're really sorry to inform you that Nell died on Tue



25 Feb, aged 93 years. Nell was a long-standing member of St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) and will be very much missed. Please keep her son, David, and all her family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Funeral details to follow.



**Baptise
and Share**

Confirmation Preparation Session

10.30am, Sun 9 Mar, Parish Centre

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

Rev Alan will be holding this Confirmation Preparation session for those interested in being confirmed at our **Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Bolton, Sun 16 Mar, 6.30pm, St Peter's**.

Baptisms

**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, renew your baptism vows, or attend the confirmation preparation course please let Rev Alan know or contact the Parish Office.

Dedication Service

2pm, Sun 9 Mar, St Peter's

Matty Hardingham. We thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, Andrew and Suzanne, and sponsors, family and friends on this special occasion.

CAP Life Skills Course

Starting Tues 4 Mar, 12noon-2pm, Parish Centre



CAP Life Skills is a friendly group that gives people the confidence and decision-making skills they need to survive life on a low income. Participants learn practical money saving techniques, such as cooking

on a budget, living healthily on less, making their money go further as well as taking part in sessions on building healthy relationships. It's all about discovering new ways to live for a better future. This 6-week course is open to anyone 18+ and includes lunch and refreshments at each session as well as all the course materials you require. The best bit is it's FREE! The course will be run by a fully trained CAP Life Skills manager, Jane Hampson, and coach, Jo Speare. Book on simply using this link:

<https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/pwf4dhp4>

Easter Eggs for CAP Clients

We would like to give our CAP clients an Easter Egg, particularly one from the Meaningful Chocolate Co which is Fairtrade and includes the Easter story. We'll buy these in bulk but would really appreciate any contributions from the church, please. They are now £6.99 per egg...please pass any money to Sam or the Parish Office. Thank you!



30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Fri 28 Feb – Sun 30 Mar

It is well known that during Ramadan, Muslims are more willing to be impacted by the Gospel. This is our chance to pray each day for 30 days using the prayers on the digital copy available on our website here -

www.stpetersparish.info.

This year, we read many testimonies of Muslims who have had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and have trusted Him for salvation. The Word of God is not bound to geographical locations, instead the Word of God leaps from the pages into the lives of different Muslim communities. It makes for a fascinating and inspiring read. **Let's go for it Church!**



Fundraisers for Good News for Romania

Sat 8 Mar, 10am-12pm, Parish Centre

Coffee Morning/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 – only 32 tickets left so hurry and get yours ASAP. Tel: 07903 546008.

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! Tickets now available from the Parish Office.

The Brix 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

The Coffee Room

This takes place in the Parish Centre every Mon morning (term-time) from 10am-12noon. Drop in for coffee and home-baked cakes and a lovely, warm welcome. **Open to everyone** so if you are free on Monday mornings, why not pop along? We look forward to seeing you there!



Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Thurs, 8.30am-9am, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

All welcome to come along and join us in prayer so feel free to just turn up. More details from Julie on 07835 014470.

Little Wiggles

This welcoming group for parents/carers with their pre-school children meets every Tues during term-time from 10am-11.30am in the Parish Centre. We play, sing, chat and enjoy refreshments. All welcome to come so just turn up. Contact Suzi for more details on



07834 371509

Ink Cartridge Re-cycling

If you have any used ink cartridges from your personal computers, please drop them in the collection boxes at the Parish Centre or at the back of St Peter's. We're part of a scheme that helps save them from going in landfill whilst also raising a little bit of extra funds for church. Thank you to everyone who supports this initiative.



Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St Peter's Church, invites us to seek God's way when looking back and looking forward and looks at the ways we can do this.

See her prayer on the back page.

Looking Forward

Soul Sisters Ladies' Ministry Film Night

Fri 28 Mar, 7.30pm, Barrow Bridge Mission



Save the date! All ladies welcome to join us for good company and refreshments as we enjoy watching a film together. *More details to follow soon.*

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 Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

Be Thou My Vision: Looking Back, Looking Forward

Who can we trust in today's world? Whatever news we see or information we read seems to be filled with untruth, lies, dishonesty. As we seek God's way forward, we celebrate the good things and look to how we can move forward in the next steps. We may have faced storms during the past year and may face more in the year ahead but we can use our experiences to move towards building one another up.

Philippians 4: 4-8 says *'Rejoice in the Lord always, let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near, do not be anxious about anything. Always pray asking and giving thanks. Fill your minds with things that are true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious, the best, beautiful and practice these things.'* Scripture is a mix from NIV and MSG Bible. As you pray this week, perhaps use this to pray for all the above.

Coming up this week:

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 3 Mar			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm	AGE UK's Strength and Balance classes Coffee Room ABL Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tue 4 Mar			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 12noon-2pm 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group CAP Life Skills Ignite Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <i>See link in newsletter info</i> ignite@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Wed 5 Mar			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door	This is Me? Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 6 Mar			
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
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 7 Mar			
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 8 Mar			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-12noon 5.45pm-8pm	GNFR Coffee morning/Bring & Buy Fish, Chips and Magic Tricks	Kath 07903 546008 Tickets sold out – sorry!	Parish Centre

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