



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 23 February 2025

HEADLINES

- Our Upcoming Vision Sundays
- 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World Starting Soon
- The Brixi Singers Seasonal Concert in St Peter's
- Prayers by Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 23 Feb

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	Vision Sunday
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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...

Vision Sunday at Barrow Bridge

This Sunday it is the annual **Vision Sunday** service and meeting at Barrow Bridge Mission. It will give the opportunity to look back and thank God for all he has done over the last year, elect their leadership team, and share their vision for the year ahead. We praise God and offer our thanks and appreciation to Barrow Bridge's leadership team, their volunteers and especially their Chair, Daniel Caffrey, for the wonderful work they have done this last year, especially as they celebrated 25 years of the building extension. Please hold them in your prayers this Sunday.



Next Sunday 2 March, is the first St Peter's annual **Vision Sunday** and there are lots of opportunities to serve in the life of St Peter's. Please speak to me or any of the leaders if you'd like to get involved.

At this Sunday's 6.30pm Parish-wide service at St Peter's, our former Vicar, Rev Roger Oldfield, is speaking on Ruth



(Ruth 1:1-18) in the next of our series of The Great Explorers. God led Ruth, a Gentile explorer of Moabite ethnicity to become the great-grandmother of King David. Beyond that, her name also appears in the lineage of King Jesus. God's choosing of the Moabite Ruth reveals His grace and His concern to save people from every people group of the world. Come join us in worship and listen to Roger, it is sure to be inspiring!



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.

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 booklets that are at the back of church (voluntary donations of £2 requested). 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!** If you prefer, there will be a digital copy available of the booklet on our website.



**Halliwell Local History Society
(incorporating Smithills)**



Tues 25 Feb, 7.30pm, Parish Centre
Frances Rafferty 'Tales from The Crypt'.
All welcome. More info from
enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thurs 27 Feb, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome to join us for this session. More info from
j.wilde.1963@gmail.com

CAP Money Course Starting Next Week

**Wed 26 Feb and Wed 5 Mar, 10.30am, The Hub at
The Hope Centre, St Andrew's**



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. Each session will last around two hours. The topics covered include drawing up and balancing a personal budget and managing expenditure using the CAP Money system. Light lunch included. For info, please contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103 or Sam on 07934 716509 **or just click on this link to sign up:**

<https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/mbm572ve>

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 available from the Parish Office.

The Brixi Singers
Musical Director Richard Lea

present


Passiontide

Stainer's Crucifixion
and other seasonal music

Saturday March 29th 2025 7.30pm

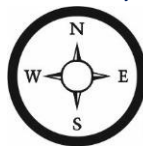
**St Peter's Church
Halliwell BL1 5RR**

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



Out & About

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.

PrayerZone and Ash Wednesday Service

Weds 2 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**.



Wedding Blessing Congratulations

Many congratulations to Kath and Dave Richardson on their 55th 'emerald' anniversary and the renewal of their wedding vows which took place during a lovely service in St Peter's last Sunday.



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.



Alan's Uganda Visit on TV



If you've not watched them yet, Uganda TV have 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>



Pray

Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission says 'This week my house group have been looking at the story of Moses and Aaron in the book of Exodus in the Bible, in particular at how initially Moses was reluctant to listen to God and follow His commands to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Five times Moses objects and shows that he doubts God's ability to use him. Many of us may feel the same way about our abilities to follow the path God has chosen for us.'

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.



Fish, Chips and Magic Tricks!

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

A parish-wide social event. Illusionist and author Rod Williams will be entertaining us and sharing his inspiring testimony. Food from Olympus.

TICKETS NOW SOLD OUT, SORRY.

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 Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to have discerning hearts, to focus on Your will and to understand Your path for our lives. Bring in to our lives people and opportunities that will reveal to us our uniqueness and the value of each of us as an individual. Lord, direct us in ways to explore how we can serve others and bring You glory. Reveal to me how the desires in my heart can grow into an expression of the purpose You have for us to make a difference here in our Parish and community. We ask this in your name.
Amen

Listen to this worship song – ‘Here I Am’ by Lincoln Brewster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpVtUgRtvGM>

Coming up this week:

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 24 Feb			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 1.30pm-3.30pm	AGE UK's Strength and Balance classes Coffee Room Art Group with Keith Wills Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tue 25 Feb			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm 7.30pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite Tread Youth Group Halliwell Local History Society	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Wed 26 Feb			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door	Quiz. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 27 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-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 28 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
Sat 1 Mar			
9am-12pm	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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