



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 30 March 2025

## HEADLINES

- Rev. Alan's Grilling at Ignite!
- Our Easter Services Across the Parish
- Livestream of Holyland Lecture at Parish Centre
- Prayer from Diane Ball, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

*Sun 30 March*

### ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Café Church
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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...

#### Grill a Vicar!

On Tuesday evening I joined the weekly children's Ignite club for their session. It was a joy to see the children having loads of fun making friendships and learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



They gave me a grilling with lots of tough questions about God, faith and life! And we enjoyed sharing a simple Communion together. I love our Ignite club and want to thank Lucy Hargraves and her wonderful team of leaders for giving their time.

I'm reminded of the old African proverb, that I often quote at children's baptism services: **"it takes a whole village to raise a child"**. I think Ignite, together with Lighthouse, Tread, our discipleship groups and our preschool groups, are great examples of the help our church family can provide to help children to grow up with a knowledge and love of God.



Whilst Lucy is doing a great job of Ignite, which is aimed at Key Stage 2 children aged 7-11, she is looking for volunteers to help get a new group started for Key Stage 1 children aged

5-7. It's called **SPARK**. I'd love for us to have a regular weekly group for these children too. It would provide a great opportunity to support them and their parents as they grow up in the faith. If you'd like to get involved serving as a leader or helper in this group, please contact Lucy - [lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org) - to explore the idea further.

## Easter Services Across the Parish

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 April

7.30pm Parish-Wide Communion, St Peter's

### GOOD FRIDAY 18 April

10.30am Parish-Wide Service, St Peter's

2.00pm Parish-Wide Service, An Hour by the Cross, Smithills Hall Chapel

### EASTER SUNDAY 20 April

8.30am Easter Day Service, St Peter's

10.00am Family Communion, Smithills

10.30am Worship for Everyone Communion, St Peter's

10.30am Family Communion, Barrow Bridge

10.30am Easter Day Service, St Andrew's

6.30pm Parish-Wide Easter Baptism Service with Communion, St Peter's

# EASTER SERVICES



## Easter Service at Open Door

Wed 2 Apr, 10am refreshments, 10.30am service, Parish Centre

Our vicar - Rev Alan - will be speaking at the Easter service today. All ladies welcome to join us.



**Baptise and Share**

## 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 renew your baptism vows, please let Rev Alan know or contact the Parish Office.



**Meet**

## NIM Livestream of Holyland Lecture – Is There Hope for the Holyland?

Mon 31 Mar, 7pm, Parish Centre



Based in Jerusalem, of Christian Palestinian heritage, Daniel Munayer serves as the Executive Director of Musalaha, an organisation dedicated to teaching, facilitating and training

reconciliation, primarily between Israelis and Palestinians of diverse ethnic and religious

backgrounds. Daniel's work emphasises freedom for the oppressed and redemption for the oppressors, grounded in the humanization of all. All welcome so please do join us for this fascinating evening.

## PrayerZone

Wed 2 Apr, 8pm-9pm, Parish Centre

\*\*\*NB: Change of time and location

Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship.



## Easter Event at Bolton Parish Church

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CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD



# EASTER EGGSPLORATION

A journey through the senses



APRIL 5  
2025

Free  
Entry

Fun, Games,  
Food, Crafts

Bolton Parish Church

Pop in anytime between 10am - 3pm

A FANTASTIC WAY FOR FAMILIES TO START  
THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!

## Out and About Walk

Sat 5 Apr, 9.30am. meet opposite St Peter's Church



Nicky Nook Fell: a 6-mile moderate walk. Nicky Nook is a small, picturesque fell

overlooking the beautiful village of Scorton near Garstang. All welcome. For further details contact Jane Heath on 07472 926650 or see Janet Ainsworth at Barrow Bridge.

## Café on the Green

Sat 5 Apr, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, Limefield Road, BL1 6LA



Delicious food and excellent service. **New for this time, we have an all-day breakfast!** All welcome. The other Café on the Green dates this year are 4 Oct and 1 Nov.



## Working Party in St Peter's Churchyard

Sat 12 Apr, 9am-12noon, St Peter's

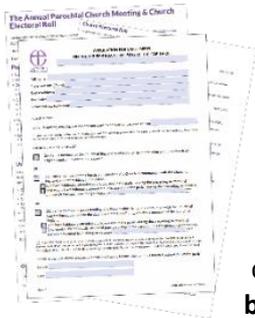
Our Building and Maintenance Committee invite you



to join another working party to help tidy up the external grounds at St. Peter's. Many hands make light work! All welcome, so feel free to just turn up. Thanks for your support.

## Preparation of 2025's NEW Electoral Roll

Every 6 years a completely new Electoral Roll (ER) is created, and 2025 is one of these years. This is the nearest thing to membership we have in the church and means that you have voting rights to play your part in electing our PCC leadership team and officers. It also has a bearing on our status as a parish when allocating clergy and diocese resources.



Everyone on our current ER that wishes to remain so must apply again, the same as new members would do during a revision year. If you are over 16, baptised and consider yourself a regular member of one of our 4 churches, please complete a form **before Sun 6 Apr**. You can grab a

form at the back of church or fill it in on-line by visiting: <https://stpetersparish.info/electoral-roll/> and email directly to [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info).

NB: If you have completed an ER form in previous years but *do not* complete one this time around, you will no longer be on the ER. Queries to Amanda Blease, Electoral Roll Officer – [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)

## Archbishop of Canterbury - Consultation

Follow this link to complete a consultation re. the appointment of the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury: [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=00bilbA6tEeawVh8d-6E8I-cshNfnf1Mth63H\\_VoGXJUOEdVUIg1MFhHME1YRVhQSENQNIBNT0I3Mi4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=00bilbA6tEeawVh8d-6E8I-cshNfnf1Mth63H_VoGXJUOEdVUIg1MFhHME1YRVhQSENQNIBNT0I3Mi4u&route=shorturl)

## 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.

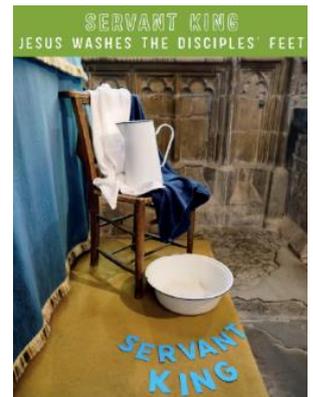


## Experience Easter

Mon 31 Mar and Tues 1 Apr, daytime, St Peter's

**Please pray** for this interactive way to explore the Easter story with children, which classes from local schools will attend. Stations will be set up in church covering: Future Hopes - The Story of Palm Sunday; Servant King - Jesus washes the Disciples' Feet; Remember Me - The Last Supper; Alone - The Garden of Gethsemane; The Cross - Symbol of Hope and Resurrection - New Life.

*Please pray that the children, and accompanying teaching staff, will be moved by what they see and hear during this session. Thank you.*



## Prayer for the Week

Diane Ball, Leadership Chair at St Andrew's (Hope Centre) reminds us of the wonderful truth that God longs to be in relationship with all of us. **See her prayer on the back page.**

## Looking Forward

### Quinta Fundraiser: Progressive Meal 2025

Sat 17 May, 6.30pm, various homes

It's back! It's big! It's better than ever...! If you've not been before, everyone who takes part will get a three-course meal with each course in a different person's house (and with different guests around the table). It's a great way of getting to know people, raising money for our weekend away at Quinta, and not having to do the washing-up!!

**BOOKING WILL OPEN 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 form

available in all churches. More details at <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2025-booking/>



## Prayers by Diane Ball on behalf of St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

TV news footage often shows scenes of damaged communities, roads swept away by floods, fire, wind or earthquake or bombs, properties ruined, and people unable to get home.

Isaiah 57:14 says *"Build up, build up, prepare the road Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people"*

God wants people in this lost and damaged generation to be able to get back to the relationship he longs to have with them. Part of our ministry as church and as Christians is to remove obstacles in their way and make the road straight.

Father God, you long for all people to come to you and find their home with you. Thank you that you have done that for each of us. Please show us what stands in the way physically, emotionally or intellectually which prevents people in this generation coming home to you and help us to be blockage clearers and road builders. We pray that our churches will be places of welcome, care, and clear teaching, pointing to Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, and that we will know how to go out to reach people and lead them along the road home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 31 Mar</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength and Balance classes Coffee Room ABL Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Tue 1 Apr</b>			
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 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Wed 2 Apr</b>			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door	Easter Service – Rev Alan. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
<b>Thu 3 Apr</b>			
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	<a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 4 Apr</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a> Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
<b>Sat 5 Apr</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

## Keep Connected

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