



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 13 April 2025

## HEADLINES

- Holy Week, Easter Services and Events
- Volunteering Opportunity at Spark
- Newcomers' Dinner Invite
- Prayer from Chris Winstanley, St Peter's Primary School

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

*Sun 13 April  
Palm 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...

#### It's Holy Week!

Starting with Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the crowds shouted 'Hosanna', which means 'He saves'. But it wasn't long until the shouting changed to 'Crucify him' and triumph turned to tragedy as Jesus is arrested, flogged and killed on a Roman cross. Three days later, he is resurrected from the dead and wins a mighty victory over death and sin. So, we join with a new shout of 'Halleluiah, He is risen!' on Easter Sunday, the greatest day in history.

#### 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

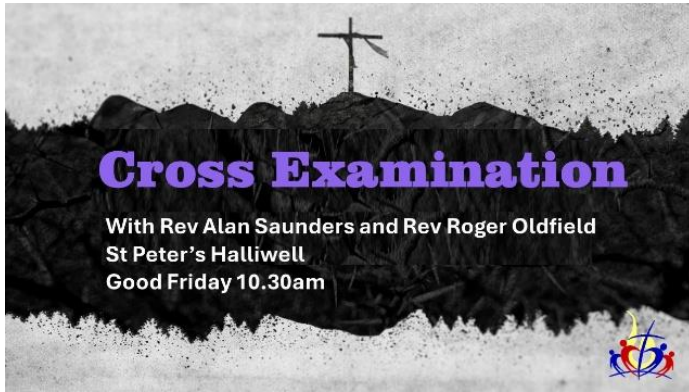
6.30pm Parish-Wide Easter Baptism Service with Communion, St Peter's

# EASTER SERVICES



Easter is a great time to invite friends back to church. Let's join together for our parish-wide 10.30am Good Friday service, led by Rev Roger Oldfield and myself, and our Easter Sunday parish-wide baptisms, 6.30pm at St Peter's – there is still time to let me know if you'd like to be baptised.

## Good Friday in St Peter's Church



### Cross Examination

With Rev Alan Saunders and Rev Roger Oldfield  
St Peter's Halliwell  
Good Friday 10.30am



### Spark KS1 Group

Great news! We have two volunteers lined up to help with our new group for children aged 5-7, but we still need at least one more volunteer before we can start sessions. Can you help? Sessions will take place each Tues 4.30pm-6pm at the Parish Centre. The hope is to start sessions after the May half-term holiday. Please contact Lucy Hargraves to explore getting involved: [lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org)



## Good Friday Picnic in the Park

Fri 18 Apr, after 10.30am St Peter's service,  
Moss Bank Park



All welcome to join us...if the sun is shining! Meet near the playground with your lunch, rug and any games / balls etc. We'd love to see you there – just turn up!



### Newcomers' Dinner

Sat 10 May, 5.30pm-7pm, Parish Centre



St Peter's Leadership Team would like to invite anyone who joined us after Covid, or considers themselves new to St Peter's Church, to come for dinner. Children welcome. Please RSVP **ASAP** to [sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com](mailto:sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com). Please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements.



### Easter 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 ASAP.**

### Easter Egg Thanks from CAP

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the cost of Easter eggs for our current CAP clients. 30 bags are being delivered over the next week and all contain the gospel in one form or another! Please pray that the literature is read and clients are blessed and are drawn to explore faith in Jesus.



### Thrive Easter Social



We had a great Easter social last week at 'Thrive' discipleship group. For girls in Year 10 upwards, we meet fortnightly on a Mon evening.

Interested in joining? Please feel free to contact [LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org)

### Bolton Repair Café

Weds 16 Apr, 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 17 Apr, 1.30pm-4pm, Parish Centre



Support for those with dementia and their carers. The Mayor of Bolton will be joining us for today's meeting so please arrive from 1.30pm-1.45pm so we're ready to welcome him when he arrives at 2pm. New members welcome. Info from Joan on 07434 574157.

### Men's Social Evening

Fri 25 Apr, from 7.30pm, Hollywood Road Social Club  
(behind Church Road Post Office)

All men are invited to join us for an evening of snooker/pool/darts. For more info, contact Simon Perris on 07940 182760.

## Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)



Tues 29 Apr, 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
Steve Williams 'For You, The War is Over'. All welcome. More info from [enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk)

## Quinta Parish Weekend Away Bookings Fri 12 – Sun 14 Sept, Quinta, Shropshire



Don't miss this fantastic weekend away for the whole church family! **All are invited so please book your place by 30 April.** Bargain price – same as 2019 and 2023, due to fundraising eg. £300 for a family of 4... includes all meals, free children's activities (free childcare!), worship and teaching with Bishop Matthew, lots of fun and chance to meet new people/ spend quality time with those you know a bit.

Here are some quotes when we asked what people's favourite part of the weekend was in 2023:

*'Worship Unplugged – a little piece of heaven!' 'The morning/evening prayers were very peaceful.' 'Time spent getting to know people.' 'Chatting to people from all 4 churches and worshipping as one Parish'.*

Booking forms available now in all churches or go to: <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2025-booking/>

## Quinta Progressive Meal Fundraiser Sat 17 May, 6.30pm start at the Parish Centre, meal in various homes



It's just 5 weeks to the 2025 Progressive Meal and... drum roll... **booking is now open!** If you'd like to have a three-course meal hosted in three different homes, please book your place by scanning the QR code above or using this link: <https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/8swoffl3/>

Early bookings would be very welcome because if we get loads (we'd love to beat last year's 34), we can ask more people to host.

The meal is open to everyone aged 11 or over. If you'd like to contribute £15 to the cost of the food, that would be welcome — profits to our Quinta weekend away. But the most important thing is to book, come, and enjoy an evening of fellowship!

## Diamond Anniversary Congratulations

Many congratulations to Alan and Pat Rigby from Barrow Bridge Mission who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> 'diamond' anniversary on Thurs 17 Apr. We thank God for their marriage and ask for his blessing over the years still to come.



## Open Staff Prayers

Weds 16 Apr, 9.30am-10am, Parish Centre

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

## Prayer for the Week



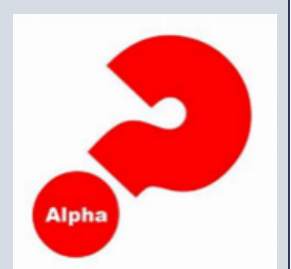
Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School invites us to pray for both pupils and staff during the Easter break and for the upcoming summer term. **See her prayer on the back page.**

## Looking Forward

### New Alpha Course Starting

Thurs 8 May, 8pm-9.30pm,  
Parish Centre

Stay Curious, Try Alpha. A great way to find out more about the Christian faith. For more details and to sign up contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)



## Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that the children learnt last term about the Easter story. We thank you that all the children from St Peter's Smithills Dean School were able to be in church together for an inspiring Easter service. We give thanks too that children from Johnson Fold and Church Road Primary Schools were able to attend the Easter experience in our church organised by Lucy Hargraves. We pray that they would remember the true meaning of Easter. We thank you for the Easter holidays, for times of relaxation and refreshment.

We also pray:-

- That all pupils will return to school after the Easter holidays with enthusiasm and a willingness to take hold of all the opportunities before them.
- That those doing exams this term would know your peace and presence with them as they revise and prepare their assignments.
- That all staff would know that You are with them as they teach the pupils in their schools.
- That Your love would permeate through all the schools that we as a church have links with.

Lord, may the summer term be peaceful and productive and may there be lots of positive and exciting times ahead for our children and young people.

Amen

## Coming up this week

*It is still the Easter break so most activities are pausing for a short while...*

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 14 Apr</b>			
9.30am-12noon 5.30pm-7.30pm	Age UK Strength and Balance Classes ABL Weight Management Programme	Classes full, contact <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 16 Apr</b>			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hub at the Hope Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
<b>Thu 17 Apr – Maundy Thursday</b>			
2pm-4pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group	Joan 07434 574157	Parish Centre
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Easter Communion Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
7.30pm	Parish-wide Communion Service	All welcome	St Peter's
<b>Fri 18 Apr - Good Friday</b>			
10.30am	Parish-wide Service	All welcome	St Peter's
2pm-3pm	An Hour by the Cross	All welcome	Smithills Hall Chapel

## Keep Connected

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