



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 27 April 2025

HEADLINES

- It's APCM time! Let's Get Together and Celebrate!
- Easter Celebrations
- Alpha Course Starting Soon
- Job Opportunity for Youth and Children's Ministry Lead
- Prayer for the week from Carolyn Rigby, Barrow Bridge Mission

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 27 April

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*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	All-age 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...

Let's Get Together and Celebrate!

This coming **Thu 1 May, 7.30pm** at the Parish Centre is our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

And this year we're doing it differently in the hope of attracting more people from across all our fellowships. I'd be hugely grateful if you could please

prioritise your attendance if you

can. The evening will start with worship from Paul Saxon,

then we will cover the business side of things with our annual reports and elections, I will give an update on our vision, and to show our appreciation for everyone's commitment we'll have an opportunity to relax and socialise with cheese and wine, plus other non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles.



Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission

I have some great news to share, and I am excited to be making a **big announcement** as part of my vision update presentation – so come and hear it first-hand!

A key part of the meeting is to elect our Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives. There are nomination forms and role descriptions available at all services or from the Parish Office. Please contact any of your fellowship leaders or me if you'd like to discuss serving in this way, especially if you are interested in serving as a Churchwarden. Phil Weaver will be stepping down and we urgently need to find someone to be a Churchwarden, thank you!



Catch up by reading our superb [Annual Review 2024](#).

Finally, see inside for details of our exciting new job opportunity – we are recruiting a **Youth and Children's Ministry Lead**.

Easter Celebrations

Congratulations to Mandy, Janet, Becky and Chris on their baptisms by immersion in St Peter's on **Easter Sunday**. It really was a wonderful climax to our parish's Easter celebrations.



The chilly day didn't dampen our spirits as the post-church **Good Friday** picnic simply became an indoor one instead!

Little Wiggles Easter Fun

Tues, 10am-11.30am (term-time), Parish Centre



At this week's session, the children celebrated Easter with delicious cakes and did crafts and various activities, each telling different parts of the Easter story. Babies,

pre-schoolers and parents/carers are always welcome to join our sessions. No need to book, just turn up!

Dementia Friendship Support Group



We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Bolton, Cllr Andrew Morgan and Karen Holdsworth, to our monthly meeting of this group held on Maundy

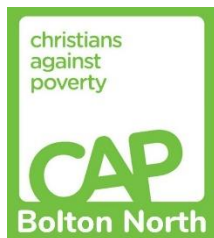
Thursday. The group enjoyed a wonderful session in which they had an Easter quiz and a good old singalong, and also did a rigorous armchair workout led by an Age UK Bolton volunteer. Next meeting is in the Parish Centre on 15 May. For more info, contact joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180.



On-line Evangelism Training Course

Thurs 1 May, 12noon – 1.30pm, Parish Centre

CAP is hosting an hour's evangelism training called



'Telling His Story - Knowing and having confidence in sharing the Gospel'. If you'd like to join this session, please email Sam - samwolstencroft@capuk.org - by Mon 28 May (tomorrow!). A light lunch will be provided.

Alpha Course Starting Soon

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

Stay Curious, Try Alpha. A great way to find out more about the Christian faith. This is a series of group



conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. **No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.** Find out more at

<https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha>.

For details/sign up at office@stpetersparish.info

We're Recruiting! Spread the word...



PARISH OF ST. PETER'S, HALLIWELL

'Transforming Bolton Together in Jesus' Name'

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Youth and Children's Ministry Lead

We are recruiting for a visionary, pioneering Youth and Children's Ministry Lead who has a passion for engaging children and young people from the local area, as well as discipling those within our fellowship congregations.

You will oversee our Youth and Children's work across St Peter's parish, which includes managing our fantastic team of volunteers, providing an overarching vision for how children and young people can encounter Jesus, be formed into his likeness and share the love of God to those in the wider community.

- Salary: £27,000 - £29,500 (depending on experience), plus pension contributions.
- Excellent support package on offer.
- Full-time 37.5 hours, initial 3-year contract.
- This role has an occupational requirement to be a Christian.

To apply, send your CV and a detailed cover letter, explaining why you are a good fit for the role, via email to: office@stpetersparish.info.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 22 May 2025. Parish visits and interviews will take place over two days - Sunday 8 June and Monday 9 June.

Contact the Vicar, Alan Saunders 07767 643444 if you'd like to discuss this exciting opportunity.

www.stpetersparish.info

For more details, a job description and how to apply, please go to:

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/45859/youth-and-children-s-ministry-lead/>.

Please share widely and keep the whole recruitment process in your prayers. Thank you.

Quinta Parish Weekend Away Bookings

Fri 12 – Sun 14 Sept, Quinta, Shropshire



Have you booked yet? Don't miss this fantastic weekend away for the whole church family! All are invited so **please book your place by NEXT WEDNESDAY (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. Don't delay! Booking forms available in all churches or at: <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2025-booking/>



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

Out and About Walk

Sat 3 May, meet 9.30am opposite St Peter's Church

A walk from Burnley to Cant Clough Reservoir and Hurstwood Reservoir of around 8.5 miles, across moorland and farm tracks. Bring a packed lunch, all welcome. For further details contact Jane Heath on 07472 926650.



Bolton Christian Meditation

Thurs 8 May, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com.

Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 10 May, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info: Fiona 07786 844141



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 let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements.* Please RSVP **by Sun 4 May** to sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com.



Spark KS1 Group

Great news! We've got 2 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** - each Tues 4.30pm-6pm at the Parish Centre – hopefully after the May half-term holiday. If you can help, please contact Lucy Hargraves - lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org



Good News for Romania – Can You Help?



Fri 9 - Weds 14 May

Kath Richardson says "A group of youngsters from a school in Barlad, Romania will be visiting Bolton from Fri 9- Weds 14 May. We still need a little help with transport (local), also if anyone would like to help

financially for outings/treats, or in any other way, please speak to me on 07903 546008. Thank you for all the help offered so far, we are blessed."

Diamond Wedding Thanks



Alan and Pat Rigby thank you all so much for your good wishes, cards and presents on the special occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby, on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission, invites us to pray ahead of our APCM next week. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Quinta Progressive Meal Fundraiser

Sat 17 May, 6.30pm start at Parish Centre



Enjoy a 3-course meal hosted in 3 different homes! Open to everyone aged 11 or over. Contributions of £15 per person towards food welcomed. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship! **BOOK NOW** here: <https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/8swoff13/>

Prayers by Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Dear Lord

We thank you for all the blessings you have shown us in our parish of St Peter's. We recall with joy the baptisms that took place last Sunday and ask that you keep those who were baptised close.

We thank you for the opportunity our APCM gives us to celebrate the last year and look forward to all the new and exciting possibilities. We pray for the new members of the PCC, Alan and all those who are in positions of responsibility in our Church.

Amen

Watch Chris Tomlin 'Forever' here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUH_NzfRmbs

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 28 Apr			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 5.30pm-7.30pm	No Strength and Balance class today The Coffee Room Art Group ABL Weight Management Programme	Drop in for coffee, cakes and company ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tue 29 Apr			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite Halliwell Local History Society Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 30 Apr			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Finding Out. Sandra 01204 846490	Parish Centre
Thu 1 May			
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
12noon-1.30pm 7.30pm	CAP Evangelism Training Session APCM with Cheese and Wine Social	Light lunch provided Worship, reports and elections. All invited	Parish Centre
Fri 2 May			
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 3 May			
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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