



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 11 May 2025

HEADLINES

- Helping Grow a Team!
- A Great VE Day Celebration!
- Alpha Course – It's Not Too Late!
- Prayer for the week from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 11 May

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone
*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...

Helping Grow a Team!

Last week I announced the exciting news that Josh Openshaw will be joining us in September as a Pioneer Minister.

In addition to Josh's role, we have new roles for a Youth and Children's Ministry Lead and an Associate Minister. The task of filling these roles with the right people is challenging and so this week I want to request your support in helping grow our leadership team here at St Peter's.

The first way you can help is by **praying**, especially for:

- Houses to be found for both Josh and his family, and our new Associate Minister. These need to be homes with space for a home office and meeting area.
- Recruitment of the right people – many church leaders are saying how difficult it is to recruit youth and children's workers at the moment, so pray we get good applications. We will soon be advertising the Associate Minister's role nationally, so again pray for the right person to apply.

The second way to help is by **looking** for suitable houses for Josh and his family and also the Associate Minister – by all means send me links to any websites with house details and speak to any of your neighbours who may be thinking of moving and are looking for a quick sale.

The third way you can help is by **sharing** – spread the word! The more we share the details of what is on offer and shout about our fantastic parish, then the greater the chance is that we can find the right people. I'm very happy to have informal conversations with anyone interested in exploring joining us. Here is the link to the Youth and Children's Ministry Lead job advert:

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/45859/youth-and-children-s-ministry-lead/> and more details can be seen inside this newsletter.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEAD

- ✓ £27,000 - £29,500
- ✓ Excellent Support Package
- ✓ Full Time

Send us your CV
Closing date 22 May

St Peter's Halliwell, Bolton



Correction to APCM Update

In last week's APCM update we are very sorry that we got a name wrong. It should have said that Steve Walsh is stepping down, *not* Steve Johnson. We are very glad that Steve Johnson is continuing as a PCC member! Apologies for any confusion caused.

A Great VE Day Celebration!

Local residents joined with Smithills regulars for a wonderful celebration last Sunday with an open-air service on Redcar Road, followed by a street party. During the service, Peggy Greenhalgh shared some of her precious memories as a little girl at the time. It was a fitting tribute to those who sacrificed so much and a great way to remember. Thanks and well done to everyone involved!



Alpha Course – It's Not Too Late!

Thurs, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre



Our latest Alpha course has just started but there's time to join in if you'd like to. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open,

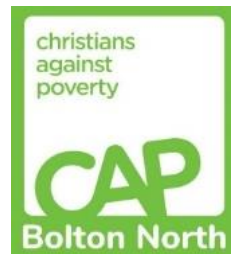
friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. **No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.**

Find out more at <https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha>.

For details/sign up at office@stpetersparish.info

On-line Evangelism Training Course

Sam, CAP Debt Centre Manager, says "11 of the CAP team were part of a recent pilot session on sharing our faith, called "Telling your story". The course helps us to learn more about the power behind our story, how to tell HIS story and how sharing this in everyday life is easier than we think!" For more details, contact samwolstencroft@capuk.org



Barrow Bridge's Annual Duck Race

Sun 11 May, 1pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

All welcome to come along and join in the fun at this wonderful event. Funds raised will go to Barrow Bridge Mission's Missionary Fund. See you there!



Quinta Progressive Meal Fundraiser

Sat 17 May, 6.30pm start at Parish Centre

Stephen and Rachel Brierley say "Last chance to sign up! We're delighted that 39 people have so far signed up for this year's Progressive Meal, making it the biggest we've ever had! **Booking's still open, but it closes at 10pm on Sunday 11 May;** after that we are unlikely to be able to accommodate any further requests (though it's always worth asking in case of last-minute cancellations).

Scan this QR code to book. If you're struggling with a QR code just e-mail us at (thebrierleys@proton.me), or ring us on 01204 433810 or send a text (07954 995160/07726 749389).

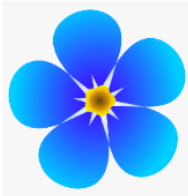


Everyone who's booked will received an e-mail on Monday (12th) confirming times etc. If you've booked and don't get one — please let us know!"

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 15 May, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. For info, please contact joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180



Bolton Repair Café

Weds 21 May, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Do Lunch, Do Life

Sun 1 June, straight after 10.30am service, St Peter's

All welcome to join us for bacon rolls, veggie sausages and cakes. Any offers of help on the day or to bake cakes, please let Janette Daeth know - janette.daeth@gmail.com. Thank you.

Worship Unplugged

Sun 1 June, 6.30pm, St Peter's Church

All welcome to join us for this very special evening.



Volunteers Needed for 6.30pm Service


We need more volunteers on the Welcome Team rota for our Parish-wide service – can you help? If you want to know more about helping facilitate the 6:30 service, please speak to Phil or any member of the team. Thanks for your support.

Spark KS1 Group – Help Needed

We still need volunteers lined up to help with our new group for children aged 5-7, 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



We're Still 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 details, a job description and how to apply, 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. **Closing date for applications is Thurs 22 May.**



Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St Peter's Church, invites us to celebrate all that we have. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Prayers by Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

'Lark Rise to Candleford' is a lovely TV drama set in the late 1800 - early 1900. A series of events between two communities, a hamlet and a market town, reflecting life through good and bad times. As we reflect on our lives and our church community, let's celebrate the many things we have as we navigate today's fast and furious and, sometimes, very unkind and unstable world.

Give thanks for our God who knows us and wants to love, encourage and lead us.
 Praise God for one another, for the many different gifts, talents and abilities we have.
 Give thanks for all that we can share together, rejoicing at God's blessings and provision.
 Praise God for the upcoming appointment of Josh Openshaw in September.
 Praise God for the opportunities to try our Alpha course, to be able to be baptised, to be part of a life group.
 And pray over the upcoming appointments of the Associate Minister and Youth and Children's Ministry Lead.
 Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 12 Ma			
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 www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 13 May			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite KS2 Children's Group Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 14 May			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	This is Me. Sandra 01204 846490	Parish Centre
Thu 15 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
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group Alpha Course and Life Group	joan@stpetersparish.info / 01204 840180 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 16 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 17 May			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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