



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Holiday Double Edition - Sunday 25 May and Sunday 1 June 2025

HEADLINES

- A Marvellous Message Mission Week!
- Quinta Progressive Meal Fundraiser
- Booking for Spring Harvest 2026
- Prayer for the Week from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 25 May

Sunday 1 June - It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at the Parish Centre (1 June)
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone (25 May) Adult service with Twinklers (1 June)
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service (25 May with Communion)

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service (25 May with Communion, 1 June Lighthouse)
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service (1 June Lighthouse)
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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...

A Marvellous Message Mission Week!

It's been a fabulous week with the Message School of Evangelism team. The team were Rapha and Vinni from Brazil, Xandra from the Netherlands, and their team leader Kayleigh, from Surrey. They arrived on Tuesday and delivered two fantastic days of lessons and lunch sessions at Canon Slade. In the evenings, they visited our Tread youth group and the boys' discipleship group. On Thursday, they came to Oasis and spent time chatting with everyone before joining in with the worship and readings in church. In the afternoon, they visited Year 6 at St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School for a fun-packed session of games, presentations and discussions around resilience and the school values. On Friday, they spent the day with Years 5 and 6 at Church Road Primary School. The team will take part in the Worship for Everyone 10.30am service at St Peter's this Sunday.



I asked Paul Saxon, School Chaplain, to sum up his experience with them, here is what he had to say: **"On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had the MSE students at Canon Slade who delivered a really great lesson on 5 occasions to Year 7-9 students in school on resilience, the Christian faith and mental wellbeing. Their enthusiastic and engaging lesson had students involved and**

participating. Highlights were when the team shared testimonies of how God has been at work in their lives and the song the team shared with the students. During that time, the team also joined in regular chaplaincy sessions speaking to students who were in the chaplaincy space over lunch and break times.

"We also were able to welcome the team to the older boys' discipleship group that Paul and Jez Hargraves lead; the team again shared their faith journeys and had the boys engaged and asking questions.

"Huge thanks to the team for being in school and St Peter's for the opportunity of having them in Bolton."

It has been such an uplifting week working with these passionate and gifted young evangelists. I want to thank everyone who has played a part in making them so welcome, especially Chris and Elian Winstanley and Carolyn and Mark Rigby for hosting them and Carolyn for the excellent organisation.



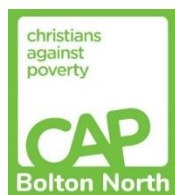
This Sunday, I am looking forward to welcoming Rev Paul Hardingham to speak at our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's. It's a few years since Paul and I were at the front of St Peter's together, but I am sure Paul will be full of his usual drive and passion to share the good news of the Gospel. Come and hear him speak on how we are **Justified by Faith**, from Romans 4: 1-25.

Susan Hampson

Fri 6 June, 11am, St Peter's Church

Susan's funeral service will be held in St Peter's Church and will be followed by a reception in the Church Lounge.

Acts 435 – Good News!



Sam, our CAP Debt Centre manager says "The cost of living continues to bite and it is wonderful that we partner with ACTS 435 to help people with specific and often urgent needs. Since the start of March, we

have helped 14 people via an ACTS request. We have sourced and covered costs for 2 carpets, 3 skips, 4 washing machines, a bus pass, a DBS check, storage fees, and food and energy. Praise God!"



Quinta Progressive Meal Fundraiser

Last Saturday evening, 44 of us took over 6 houses for our epic Progressive Dinner, and somehow—miraculously—we all stuck to the schedule! What a night! Thank you to all the hosts, organisers, and dishwashers. Same time next year?



Booking for Spring Harvest 2026

A group of us are planning to attend Spring Harvest at Butlins in Minehead between Mon 6 (Easter Monday) and Fri 10 April next year. It's 5 days filled with worship and teaching for all ages as well as seminars and workshops on various Christian topics, along with everything that the Butlins site offers. With various accommodation options to choose from, we are hoping that we can place a group booking when lines open on 11 June. If you'd like more information, please contact, before **Sat 7 June:**

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Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 27 May, 7.30pm, Parish Centre



Steve Fielding will be speaking on 'Lancashire Murders'. All welcome. More info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

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

All welcome to join us in church for a special evening.



Out and About Walk

Sat 7 June, meet opposite St Peter's at 9.30am

 A walk from Top Lock Wigan, taking in the Leeds Liverpool canal, a former railway line and woodland paths. 6-7 miles. All welcome. For further details contact Jane Heath on 07472 926650.



Volunteers Needed for 6.30pm Service

We still 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 soon after the May half-term holiday. If you can help, please contact Lucy Hargraves - lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org



Mission Matters

NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



This is a new feature on the last Sunday of each month focussing on stories and updates from our mission partners. This time we hear from Craig and Elaine on mission at Holy Trinity Church, Algiers.

"We are writing this from Tunis where we have just attended the consecration of Ashley Null the new Bishop of North Africa. Craig was one of three vicars from the diocese who were able to be part of the service. Please pray for Ashley as he settles in and begins his ministry, and for us that on our return to Algiers we will get our long-term residency granted and so continue to develop the work there."



PrayerZone



Weds 4 June, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

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

Prayer for the Week

Diane Ball reminds us that coming to Jesus for the Holy Spirit isn't just to satisfy our own thirst, through us the living water should be flowing to the thirsty people around us:

"Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" By this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive." John 7:37-39. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Prayers by Diane Ball, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Heavenly Father

We thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus, and for the promise of the Holy Spirit to all who believe in him. Would you meet our own deepest needs of cleansing and refreshing so that we can love you more fully and be better channels for that life giving water to your world. We pray for all our ministries throughout the parish, that each interaction would satisfy thirst - needs that people may not even know that they have. We pray for our work with young people, praying particularly for the appointment of your person to the role of Youth and Children Ministry lead. We pray for our young people facing exams to be refreshed by you as they come to you for help, as they study and take the papers and practical tasks. And we pray for the Places Project team and the St Andrew's team as they plan for a Summer Holiday Club again this year; for vision and energy, for great content, and for a strong volunteer team to lead and support this great opportunity to share life giving water with the thirsty children of Johnson Fold. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 26 May is a Bank Holiday so no activities today / 2 June			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance (not 26th) Coffee Room (not 26th) Art Group (not 26th) ABL Weight Management (not 26th)	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 27 May / 3 June			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group (not 27th) Ignite KS2 Children's Group (not 27th) Halliwell Local History Society (not 3rd) Tread Youth Group (not 27th)	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 28 May / 4 June			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub (not 28th)	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group (not 28th)	Bible Study – Linda Foster. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 29 May / 5 June			
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 (not 29th)	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 30 May / 6 June			
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 31 May / 7 June			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group (not 31st)	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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