



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 13 July 2025

HEADLINES

- Summer Fruits!
- Joan's Reader Licensing Service
- Holiday Club Summer Fun
- Prayer for the Week from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 13 July

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone service
2pm	Baptism service
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service with Communion
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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...

Summer Fruits!

As we approach the summer holidays, I want to introduce our new summer sermon series which starts at all our morning services this Sunday – it's called **Gifts for the Family**.



We started this year with the series **Jesus in Everyday Life**, where we looked at Jesus' teaching and guidance for our everyday lives and relationships. Then during Lent, we continued with **Jesus the Forgiver**. After Easter and towards the summer we focussed on **The Challenge of Jesus** where we looked at Jesus as he shared the challenge of the good news of the Gospel and taught on his exclusivity as the only way to eternal life.

In this new series, we will **fix our eyes** on the good gifts that we can grow and nurture in our lives for the benefit of ourselves and others. Jesus himself showed these fruits in his life and through his teaching. Each of our Gospel readings will highlight examples of them as we fix our eyes on Jesus. And each week we will look at a different fruit of the Spirit, inspired by the passage from Galatians 5:22,23.

*²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** ²³ **gentleness, and self-control.***

It's an opportunity to be inspired by Jesus' example and to grow in our fruitfulness and as his followers as **Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission**.



Baptism Service

Sun 13 July, 2pm, St Peter's

We welcome Franklin, Freya and Remmy SHORT and thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

Reader Licensing

We're delighted to announce that Joan Johnson, who has been with us for many years here at St Peter's Halliwell, was licensed last Sunday as a Reader at Manchester Cathedral by the Bishop of Bolton, to serve in the Parish of St Peter's Bolton-Le-Moors – Bolton Parish Church. Please pray for her as she starts out in this new ministry. *Joan will be our guest speaker preaching at our 6.30pm parish-wide this Sunday so please come along to hear what she has to say.*



Holiday Club Summer Fun

Mon 21 July – Fri 29 Aug, 8am-5.30pm, Parish Centre



The Family Club operate a term-time before school/after school club at the Parish Centre and are excited to announce that they're running a holiday club over the summer holidays for primary school aged children. Join them for fun-filled days packed with planned events, themed days, exciting activities, and plenty of sports and outdoor play to keep everyone active and entertained. Whether you're looking for a full day of adventures or just a half-day session to fit around your plans, they've got you covered! Please email hello@thefamily-club.co.uk or

call 01204 494888 (Option 1 - Heaton House Nursery) to book your place. Places limited.

CAP Money Course



The recent CAP money course for women at Urban Outreach's 'Amber Centre' got off to a great start with 4 delegates and 3 staff all learning some top

tips about budgeting. Find out more about this course from capuk.org/trymoneycoaching



Art Group

Mon 14 July, Parish Centre

Please note that the critique session due to take place on this date has, unfortunately, been **cancelled** due to ill health. We look forward to seeing you when we start again in the Autumn term.

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 16 July, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Oasis Holiday at Home Event

Thurs 17 July, 10.30am-4pm, Parish Centre

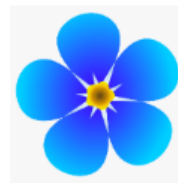


A reminder that Oasis will be meeting in the Parish Centre today, NOT St.

Peter's Church, for their summer event. All are very welcome to come along and just enjoy some time together relaxing, playing games, doing crafts etc. Refreshments and pasties on offer. We'd love to see you there!

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 17 July, Parish Centre



A reminder that there is NO meeting in July so it will not take place on this date. The next meeting is being held on **Thurs 21 Aug.**



Urban Outreach – Job Vacancy

There is an Eve's Space vacancy in Urban Outreach's Adult Services Team. The Eve's Space project is their

women-led service and they are looking for an enthusiastic and passionate women's worker to join their team, someone who is passionate about developing their work in providing life-transformational support to those afflicted by poverty, poor lifestyles, disadvantage and distress in our town, as a practical expression of the Christian faith Urban Outreach shares.

Ideally, this position is full time (35hrs per week), however part-time may be considered. The full-time salary is £22,970 pa. To find out more about this opportunity and how to apply, please see the advert at <https://urbanoutreach.co.uk/join-the-team/> If you would like to speak with someone regarding this position, you should ring 01204 385848 during office hours and ask to speak with Hannah Matthews. The closing date for applications is **Friday 25th July 2025 at 5pm.**



Volunteers for Bolton Lunches 2025

Mon 21 July - Fri 29 Aug

Every summer, Urban Outreach helps ensure that children across Bolton don't go hungry during the holidays. For many children in our town, these lunches are more than a meal - they're a lifeline. This year, they'll be making and delivering thousands of packed lunches — and it wouldn't be possible without



the amazing people who give their time to make it all happen. They need volunteers to make sandwiches (lots of them!) and pack fruit and snacks. It's a 6.45am start, but the atmosphere is always buzzing, and you'll be

amazed at what is achieved together *before 8am!* Whether you're coming once or every week, your help makes a real difference. Volunteer for 1 morning, 1 week, or 1 morning each week or random days - it's up to you. Email admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk to sign up and tell us when you're available.

Quinta Parish Weekend Away

If you have booked onto the Quinta weekend, then you should have received an email with your outstanding balance. If you've NOT received this, please let us know! Email quinta@stpetersparish.info Further details will follow... only 9 weeks to go!



Pray

Open Staff Prayers

Weds 16 July, 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

On behalf of Smithills Fellowship, Nigel Clarke prays about outreach. *See his prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward



Appropriate for anyone 11+. Tickets available from themarcoplayers.net

Good News for Romania Coffee Morning

Sat 18 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

Save the date! All invited to come along for the next GNfR coffee morning and bring and buy fundraiser.



25th Anniversary Celebrations at Parish Centre

Sun 26 Oct, 10.30am, Parish Centre

Save the date! All invited to join our celebration service commemorating the re-opening of the Parish Centre on 15 Oct 2000 following its redevelopment and extension. Let's reminisce on the past and all the amazing things that have gone on in the centre and look forward to the future with hope and excitement! More dets to follow.

NB: No 10.30am service in St Peter's on this date

Prayer from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Gracious God

Thank You for calling us to be Your hands and feet in this world. As we step out in faith to reach our neighbours, our communities, and those in need, fill us with compassion, boldness, and wisdom. Help us to see people the way You see them—with love, grace, and infinite worth. Let every conversation, every act of kindness, and every effort to serve be rooted in Your truth and guided by Your Spirit.

Open hearts to receive Your love through our outreach, and may lives be changed—not by our strength, but by Your power working through us.

Bless our teams, protect our steps, and make us instruments of peace and hope wherever we go.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 14 July			
10am-12noon 10am-12noon 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance Coffee Room ABL Weight Management	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 15 July			
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 tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 16 July			
9.30am	Open Staff Prayers	All welcome, just turn up	Parish Centre
9am-1pm 10.30pm-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session, all welcome Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Reflection on this Year's Programme – What next? Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 17 July			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-4pm	Oasis Holiday at Home Event	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	Parish Centre
Fri 18 July			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Friday Life Group Watercolours Class Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 19 July			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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