



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 29 June 2025

HEADLINES

- Mission Matters!
- Simon's Churchwarden Licensing
- Opportunities to Meet and Serve and Updates
- Prayer for the Week from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager (Bolton North)

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 29 June

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone with Communion
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service with Communion

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Café Church
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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...

Mission Matters!

It's thrilling to see our long-standing tradition continuing of St Peter's people going out on mission around the world. This week's newsletter looks like a special mission edition with Kath and Dave Richardson having just returned from another event-filled mission visit to Romania which has seen many examples of people receiving much-needed help, support and hope. And this week you'll see the second in our new series of **Mission Matters** articles, this time featuring news of Chandran Jepegnanam's recent incredible missionary journey to work at a hospital in the remote area of Kijabe in Kenya. It's also wonderful to read of the fantastic amount of money donated to the work of Release International during their visit to services at St Peter's on Sunday 15 June. Thank you and well done to everyone involved!

Twelve students from Canon Slade's Form 8L came to join in and serve at our Oasis service and coffee morning on Thursday.



It was part of the **'Love Your Neighbour'** mission initiative which sees every year 8 Form partnering with a local church to show God's love. The students brought cakes, worked in the kitchen, helped serve refreshments, enjoyed conversations with our regulars, and one of the students gave the bible

reading in the service. Everyone enjoyed the visit, the students behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Thanks to the school chaplaincy team, Paul Saxon and Zoe Eddleston, for accompanying them. We look forward to another group from Form 8L joining Oasis next Thursday.

Congratulations to Simon Scott who was officially licensed as our parish churchwarden at the special Archdeacon's Visitation service at Bolton Parish Church on Thursday night. Simon is doing a fantastic job, and I am hugely grateful to him for continuing to serve in the key role. I am also very conscious that we really need two wardens for our parish and want to continue to encourage anyone to consider serving in this way, I'm happy to chat through what's involved and provide an opportunity to try out the role.



Release International

Following services held on World Focus Sunday (15 June) in St Peter's, at which Allister du Plessis spoke about Christians suffering the effects of persecution, an amazing **£2,354.83** was raised to support the work of Release International. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection.



Reader's Licensing Service

Sun 6 July, 3pm, Manchester Cathedral

Joan Johnson, who has been with us for many years here at St Peter's Halliwell, is being licensed 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. All are welcome to come to the service at the Cathedral to support Joan. Please pray for her and other Readers being licensed at that service.



Kay and Salim's House-Sitting Request

Thu 7 Aug – 11 Aug

Do you have a property local to Bolton, or know of anyone that does, that would be available for our mission partners Kay and Salim Munayer to 'house sit' for just a few days when they are back in the UK during August? If you can help, please contact theweavers@ntlworld.com

Good News for Romania



Dave and Kath Richardson say 'Thank everyone for your love and prayers during our recent visit to Romania. It was a busy and emotional, but good, visit. Thank you!'

Save the date! The next GNFR Coffee Morning fundraiser will take place in the Parish Centre on **Sat 18 Oct from 10am-12noon.**



Year 6's Pizza Evening Invitation

Tues 1 July, 6.45pm-9pm, Parish Centre



Are you in Year 6 and do you want to try a new youth group? Come along to this **FREE** event, enjoy pizza, meet other Year 6's and stay to try out Tread (usually meets term-time 7.30pm-9pm).

RSVP by **Mon 30 June** to tread@stpetersparish.info.

Out and About Walk

Sat 5 July, 9.30am. meet opposite St Peter's Church

Dave Moffoot says "This is a lovely, lovely easy to moderate 6-mile walk based on Barley. Cafes and perhaps ice cream, what a treat. Good walking shoes for good views!" All welcome. For further details, contact Dave on 07767 055967.



CAP Money Course for Women

Thurs 3 July and Thurs 10 July, 10am-12noon (light lunch provided), Urban Outreach's 'Amber Centre', 20 Thomas Holden St, Bolton BL1 2QG



CAP Money Coaching is a **FREE** revolutionary money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. The course is devised by the award-winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty. The topics covered will include drawing up and balancing a personal budget and managing expenditure using the CAP Money system. For more details, contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103 or Sam on 07934 716509.



Mission Matters



This is our feature on the last Sunday of each month, focussing on stories and updates from our mission

partners. This time, we hear from Chandran Jepegnanam of his recent trip to Kijabe.



'I arrived in Nairobi on 30 Mar with all my supplies and didn't have any trouble with them as I entered the country. Thank God. The purpose of my visit was to relieve one of the consultants there to go

back home for a month. My time was spent in clinical work and teaching the resident doctors and non-physician anaesthetists. Friday of the week I arrived, we were preparing for a challenging case, one that I have not been involved in for a long time. That morning my reading was Psalm 144, the first verse, "Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle". This was such encouragement through God's word.

One of my desires on this trip was to get to know the physician anaesthesia residents a bit more. I also was able to hear their stories and their faith. We were able to encourage each other and have agreed to keep each other in prayer.

I have promised them that I will pass on their stories, challenges, prayer requests to those interested in the church and my hope is that people will continue to communicate with individuals and encourage them. If this is something you're interested in, please contact me and I will give you a short bio and means of contacting them. Each of them were really encouraged by the thought that people from church would be interested in them so please give it some thought and prayer and contact me.

Please do continue to pray for the hospital, its work and especially the financial challenges they face due to the non-payment of insurance money due for the work that has been done. This really is a challenge and severely affects the work they do. Also pray for the overseas doctors who are based there, special mention to Dr Greogry Sund and Dr Matt Kynes, the two resident Anaesthesia consultants. There seems to be some moves by the government to discourage overseas professionals by restricting their registration and exorbitantly increasing their professional fees. Please pray that this will not affect the work that is going on. Thank you, Chandran'

Working Together for the Benefit of the Community

Ian Hart has been a regular at Barrow Bridge for many years and has started a new initiative called **Friends of Barrow Bridge**. Ian says: "I'm not looking for a church activity, rather a small core of Christians to engage with passers-by and grow that way. Plenty of chats and interest, the start/finish is Mission and core message to those interested is care for

environment/creation. It's early days, and to that end the Group are staying on after Cafe Church at Barrow Bridge this week as a community café through the afternoon. We will post the café on local social media noticeboards and display in the Mission work done so far with a view to new volunteers.

The idea of the Friends of BB is outreach and in a small way to bring transformation."



The first project involved work on the info sign and masonry for the 63 steps in the car park and the road sign near the bridge – they cut vegetation back, straightened, washed and painted the sign, painted the lamp post, and re-set stone kerbs. The council have agreed to provide the missing kerb. If you'd like to get involved, simply call in to speak to Ian at Barrow Bridge this Sunday afternoon where you can enjoy refreshments and a friendly chat.



PrayerZone



Weds 2 July 7.30pm-8.30pm, Parish Centre

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

Prayer for the Week

Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager (Bolton North) points us to Psalm 9:8–10 (NLT): *'He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness. The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.'* **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

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 by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager (Bolton North)

Thank you, Heavenly Father, that you are a shelter for all those who are oppressed and enduring 'times of trouble'. You are the Almighty God; there is nothing that is too difficult for you. Thank you that you can restore all brokenness. We pray for all the CAP clients across the nation... that they would know your love, that relationships would be mended, sickness would be healed and that they would feel your peace. Above all that they would 'search for you' and decide to accept your saving grace through Jesus.

Lord Jesus, we also lift up to you all the staff and volunteers delivering CAP's services. Bless them as they meet in regions to be re-envisioned and equipped at the United Conferences. Let them shine for you and equip them to be your hands and feet in their work. Empower them by your Holy Spirit to bring faith, hope and love to all they meet. In your precious name we ask all these things! Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 30 Jun			
10am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance Coffee Room Art Group ABL Weight Management	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 1 July			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 6.45pm-9pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite KS2 Children's Group Yr 6's Pizza Evening (followed by Tread) Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 2 July			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-8.30pm	Open Door Ladies Group PrayerZone	African Wildlife. Val 07902 167971 Parish-wide prayer and worship, all welcome	Parish Centre
Thu 3 July			
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	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 4 July			
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 5 July			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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