



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Double Edition: Sundays 24th and 31st August 2025

Services

Sun 24 Aug and 31 Aug

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service (24 th) Morning Service (31 st)
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone (24 th) Worship for Everyone Communion Service (31 st)
*6.30pm	Parish-wide Communion Service (24 th) Parish-wide Service (31 st)

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Family Service (24 th) Family Communion Service (31 st)
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning Communion Service (24 th) Café Church (31 st)
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning Service (24 th) Morning Service (31 st)
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*Livestreamed: search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

this role and starts a PGCE in September. We thank her for the blessing she has been here at St Peter's and all she has done supporting our children's work.

Out and About Walk

Sat 6 Sept, 9.30am, meet opposite St Peter's Church



Join us for a walk of 7 ½ miles round Calderbrook and Crook Hill, near Littleborough.

Walking across open moorland with views of the sea. All welcome. Info from Jane Heath on 07472 926650

Josh's Licensing Service

Sun 7 Sept, 6.30pm, St Peter's Church



Please join us at this special service as Rev Josh Openshaw gets licensed by Bishop Matthew and starts here at St Peter's in his new role as

Pioneer Minister. All welcome so please do come and show your support for Josh, Jess and their boys.

Mission Matters



This is our feature on the last Sunday of each month, focussing on stories and updates from our mission partner. Today, we are focussing on Musalaha.

We pray for protection and wisdom for Kay and Salim Munayer and give thanks for them and their family in Jerusalem. These are their words which they share with us so we can hold them in prayer.

"We are trying to be faithful to God and His creation in humanity in a time when there is little fear of God. We live in Jerusalem endeavouring to encourage people to encounter God, reconciling them to Him and each other, acting justly, upholding moral and ethical conscience through:

Being a faithful family in challenging times in Jerusalem, Bible studies, standing and supporting the poor and marginalised and teaching discipleship.

We greatly appreciate and value you partnering with us and especially your prayerful support for our family and God's calling on our lives. Kay and Salim"



Holiday Club at St Andrew's

Lucy Hargraves, Children's Worker for Places Project says "A couple of weeks ago, a parish-wide team partnered with the Places Project to run a Holiday Club on Johnson Fold. It was a wonderful and fruitful time, with over 25 children taking part in one or more of the sessions throughout the week! The theme for the week explored different parables, concluding with the story of the Lost Son. During one group discussion, a child shared, "God knows how many grains of sand there are because He created them!" Moments like these reminded us how God is at work in young



hearts. On Sunday, a few of the children joined us at St Andrew's Church. Let's keep praying that the seeds sown will fall on good soil and bear lasting fruit." We wish Lucy well as she moves on from

PRAYER from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager (Bolton North)

'Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the LORD — rejoice in his presence! Father to the fatherless, defender of widows— this is God, whose dwelling is holy.' Psalm 68:4–5 (NLT)

Heavenly Father, thank you that you 'uphold the cause of the poor' (Psalm 82); we hold you at the centre of everything we do. In every life that's transformed, in every way our church is helping to 'set the oppressed free', we honour you. We're guided by your light as we reach into the darkness of poverty, freeing people from the shackles of a life lived in hopelessness and financial uncertainty. We pray that you would guide individual Christians, CAP and other faith-centred organisations to become ever more Christ-centred, reflecting your love, compassion, grace and power through their words and actions. Amen.

We ask that you will be with those who silently struggle in the grip of debt and poverty. May they feel your closeness in their darkest hours and be guided by your loving hand to seek the help they need.

We thank you for the work of ACTS 435 which enables us to support those in need and we give you thanks for the money helping with baby equipment, passports and school uniform this week. May you bless those who bless others in Jesus' name. Amen

Coming up

*****Please note, most activities are now paused for the summer break.**

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 25 Aug (Bank Holiday so no activities) / 1 Sept			
10am-12noon	Age UK Strength and Balance Class NB: 1 Sept ONLY	Classes full. Contact office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
6pm-7.30pm	Weight Management Programme - NB: 1 Sept ONLY	www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090	
Tues 26 Aug			
7.30pm	Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)	Peter Street speaking on 'Astley Bridge'. More info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Thu 28 Aug / 4 Sept			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 29 Aug / 5 Sept			
10am-12noon	Watercolours Class	Lucinda 07977 821119	Parish Centre
8pm-10pm	Stressbusters Badminton	Geoff 07835 388732	

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