



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 12 October 2025

HEADLINES

- Last Week's Parish Vision Service
- New Sermon Series' Start Sunday
- Harvest Services and Upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Prayer for the Week from Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 12 Oct

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Baptism
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service with Communion
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

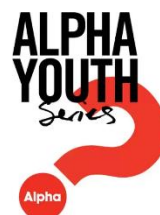
It was uplifting to worship with everyone in a packed church at our Parish Vision Service last Sunday - thank you to everyone who came and especially to everyone who served to help make it such a special occasion.

In the service, I reminded everyone of our commitment as **Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission**, to **give, serve, meet, baptise and share**, and **pray** – details of these can be found on this year's bible text card, so please get one at any of our services if you haven't already. Following on from this, I asked the question: What's your next step? And considered what's needed to help strengthen our fellowships drawing on our reading from Ephesians 4:11-16 in which the apostle Paul writes about the five-fold ministry of prophets, apostles, pastors, evangelists and teachers. I likened this to the cylinders of an engine and challenged us to consider how God might be calling us into these roles to help the church grow in strength as it fires on all cylinders. Could God be calling you into any of these roles?

Following this, Josh Openshaw gave an encouraging presentation on regeneration plans for Bolton town centre including business and residential building developments which will see hundreds of new homes and a growing population. Into this, Josh is preparing to plant a new church. Watch this space as new opportunities for prayer and ways to support Josh fulfil this vision. You can watch both mine and Josh's talks on our YouTube channel.



I'll update you more on the Message mission week



at Canon Slade High School in next week's newsletter, but at the time of writing, I am delighted to say that the week has been amazing. Josh, Paul Saxon and I are starting a Youth Alpha course in the school (Room B63) at 3.30pm on Tuesday's.

New Sermon Series' Start Sunday

This Sunday, we start two new sermon series'. In the morning, we continue with our overarching theme this year of **Fix Our Eyes** in a



series called **Jesus with People** to help us explore the examples of how Jesus interacted with people... What did he say to them when they were afraid? How did he invite them into his mission? How did he respond to their limitations? We will be instructed by Jesus, the master teacher, and seek to apply everything we learn. We will also examine what Jesus did when the crowds thinned, and he was alone with his Father.



In our Parish-wide 6.30pm services at St Peter's, we start a series called **Why Follow?** Which focuses on the book of Ephesians. We

ask an old question: "Why?" Why follow Jesus? With so many options to choose from concerning what we may follow in life, why choose to follow Jesus? The book of Ephesians lays out a compelling case for why following Jesus is the only appropriate response to God's decisive action in the world. Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus can be divided into two parts. First, Paul makes sure his readers are certain of what God has done for them in Christ. Second, he moves to help his readers understand how their lives must be reordered to reflect the new foundation Christ offers. The two parts of Paul's letters can be summed up like this: "You have been made alive in Christ; now live!" Why follow Jesus? Because God has made you alive through Jesus and you now have the opportunity to truly live. *At today's 6.30pm service, we will also be sharing stories from our Parish weekend at Quinta.*

Harvest Services across the Parish

Harvest services are being held at Smithills Fellowship TODAY, St Peter's and St Andrew's on 19 Oct and Barrow Bridge on 26 Oct. Please drop off packaged, dried and tinned goods (**not** fresh) so that these can



be passed on to Urban Outreach for distribution to those in need across Bolton.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Sun 26 Oct, 10.30am, Parish Centre

All invited to celebrate the building of the extension to the Jubilee School and re-opening as the Parish Centre on 15 Oct 2000. **Rev Alan and Rev Roger Oldfield** will celebrate the past and

St Peter's Parish Centre



25th Anniversary
2000 - 2025

look to the future. Historical articles, photos and specially designed artwork will be on display. Cake and refreshments following the service. **NB: No 8.30am or 10.30am services in St Peter's on this date.**

Income Survey 2025



For the next 4 Sundays, we are required by Manchester Diocese to complete the annual Income Survey. If you are over 16 and have attended a church in this parish at least 12 times in the last 12 months, please make sure you fill in a confidential and anonymous form – **it's simply one box to tick and then you just put the form in the sealed box!** By taking into account worshippers' incomes, the Diocese calculate the appropriate Parish Share we are required pay – this supports the work of ministers across the Diocese, the ongoing education and training of Readers and clergy and other support and development resources.

Youth and Children's Ministry Lead

Due to a change in circumstances, Jo Field will not be taking up the Youth and Children's Ministry Lead post. Please pray as we look to restart recruitment for this key role for the parish.

Café on the Green



Thanks so much to everyone who came and supported this last Saturday. Over £1100 was raised in aid of Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates.

The last Café on the Green of 2025 is on 1 Nov.



Baptisms

Sun 12 Oct

We welcome **Harper BREWSTER** (10.30am, Barrow Bridge) and **Gabriel URBAN** (2pm, St Peter's). Thank God for the gift of these children and their parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special day.



Bolton Repair Café

Weds 15 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thu 16 Oct, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee/cake and a warm welcome.

Info from joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180



GNfR Coffee Morning



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

All welcome at this Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy, raising funds to help support families in Barlad. Thanks in advance for your support. Info from davidandkath@hotmail.com

Mission Community Service

Fri 24 Oct, 7.30pm, Bolton Parish Church

All welcome at this service where the theme is 'Light in the Darkness'. Enjoy our joint choirs, refreshments, hymns and prayers. The guest speaker will be Phil Cansdale. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Choir 2025

Sun 21 Dec, St Peter's

To take part in this year's Christmas Choir, email your name, email address, mobile phone number to robandsue@stpetersparish.info. They will be performing 4 choir songs plus a few descants and words/music and recordings of voice parts will be available before rehearsals start (dates below). All are welcome.



3 REHEARSALS AT PARISH CENTRE:

Sun NOV 30th 12.30-2.30pm	Wed DEC 3rd 7.30-9pm	Sun DEC 14th 12.30-2.30pm
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1 REHEARSAL AT ST PETER'S CHURCH:

Thursday DEC 18th 7.30 - 9pm

Smithills Christmas Market: Can You Help?

Sat 6 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm



Are you a maker/crafter? We're always in need of offers to make and sell products at this amazing 'not-for-profit' street market, now in its 12th year of raising funds for Urban Outreach. Please contact j.t.platt@me.com if you can help with this or in any other way at all. Thank you.

Barrow Bridge Bonfire



Sat 1 Nov, Barrow Bridge Village Car Park

Tickets are available soon so look out for details of where and when to get them. A limited number are available so don't leave it too late!

Create Boltões Musical Extravaganza

Fri 7 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter's

CreateBoltonPresents...

FRIDAY
7th
NOVEMBER

MUSICAL
EXTRAVAGANZA



Performing a variety of show tunes, swing, marches and much much more...

**CC Concert Band+
Midweek Sax**

Fundraiser £10 £5 for +65 -18

Concert Starts: 7.30pm

St Peters Church, 419 Church Rd, Bolton BL1 5RH

For Tickets contact Cafe Create, Andrew K. Chandran, Church Office or by on www.createbolton.org.uk (Events)

www.createbolton.org.uk | createbolton@gmail.com



Pray

Prayer for the Week

At Harvest time, Carolyn Rigby invites us to take time to pause and remember that the earth and all that is in it belongs to God. Take a listen to this song, telling us of God's goodness - 'You Crown The Year (Psalm 65:11)' by Hillsong Worship. See her prayer on back page.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nbq0tQ0FA3w

Looking Forward

Disability Awareness Training

Sat 15 Nov, 9am-12.30pm, Parish Centre

Training event in conjunction with Through the Roof. Cost £5 (incl. refreshments and donation to Through the Roof) or FREE if you are currently serving on any teams in the churches in our parish. Sign up on sheets in church or book at:

<https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/dunontbf>

Prayer from Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Dear Lord

We thank you for creating this beautiful earth and all the varied life forms within it. Forgive us for having recklessly exploited it and depleted its resources. We confess to you our failure to be wise stewards of this world. Help us to recognise the interdependence of all of life and turn away from self-interests and greed, to protect the climate and the life which depends on it. May we live in such a way that we do not rob others of the means to live. We praise you for the provision of food in our town via Urban Outreach. We pray that the amount of food donated to the organisation is abundant and that enough people volunteer to sort out these goods so that it can be distributed most effectively where there's greatest need. Lord, give us generous hearts so that we're ever mindful of your command to love our neighbour, whether close at hand or in the wider world. In your mighty name. Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 13 Oct			
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 cake ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 14 Oct			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
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 15 Oct			
9am-1pm 10.30am-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	Quiz Time. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 16 Oct			
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 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 17 Oct			
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 18 Oct			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-12noon	GNfR Bring and Buy/Coffee Morning	davidandkath@hotmail.com	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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