



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 16 November 2025

HEADLINES

- 15 Years of CAP!
- Harvest Thanks from Urban Outreach
- We need 1000 Christmas Puddings!
- Prayer for the Week from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 16 Nov
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
10.30am	Adult service with Communion and Twinklers
6.30pm	*Parish-wide service: CAP Sunday

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Baptism service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Communion and Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

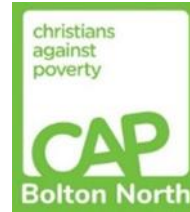
10.30am	Café Church
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

15 Years of CAP!

This Sunday at our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's, we are celebrating 15 years of our CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre which started back in 2010. During this time, our CAP Centre has made an incredible impact in the lives of many people across Bolton and beyond - we have seen 632 individuals or families helped, 224 of these are now debt-free, and 105 have committed their lives as followers of Jesus.



Of course, these statistics cannot adequately tell the whole story of love and transformation CAP has brought. This is due to the love and commitment of many who have followed God's call and served so generously - thank you and Praise God!

Let's not forget that poverty is so much more than going without. Poverty destroys lives. It robs people of joy, hope, and opportunities. It tears families apart, isolates those most in need of support, and leads many to believe there is no way out. This is why our continued support is so important.

Our service will be led by Sam Wolstencroft, our CAP Debt Centre Manager, with guest speaker Paul Jackson, Regional Director for CAP, and you will have the opportunity to join the celebration. You'll hear some of the history, be brought up to date with the latest developments, learn how you can get involved, and best of all, hear from some of our CAP clients – people whose lives have been transformed through this amazing project.





Baptism

Sun 16 Nov, 10am, Smithills Fellowship

We welcome **Sophia CHEETHAM** and thank God for the gift of this child and for her parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sun 30 Nov, 2pm, St Peter's Church

This annual service provides an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones and be reminded of the peace and comfort that comes from God, our Heavenly Father. Service followed by refreshments. All welcome so please do invite your family and friends to join us.



Mike Baines

Vivienne, Andrew and Peter would like to thank everyone for their kindness, love and support over the last few weeks and for making Mike's funeral on Weds 5 Nov so special.

Harvest Thanks from Urban Outreach



Dear Friends,

Wow - what an incredible Harvest season it's been! Thanks to your amazing generosity, kindness and teamwork, we received a staggering **12.3 tonnes** of food! That's enough to make **820** food parcels for people and families across Bolton who are struggling right now.

Every tin, packet and jar you donated will help bring comfort, hope, and a good meal to someone in need. We want you to know what a huge difference **you** have made!

At Urban Outreach, we see every day how powerful it is when people come together to care for their neighbours. Your Harvest giving reminds us that Bolton is full of compassion and community spirit.

From all of us - **thank you** for your generosity, your kindness, and your heart for others. You've helped fill cupboards, bring smiles, and share love where it's most needed.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Urban Outreach Team

"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

URBAN OUTREACH **Bolton FOOD HUB**

Christmas Tree Festival – Help Needed

Fri 12-Sun 14 Dec, Barrow Bridge Mission

Volunteers are needed to welcome on the door and serve refreshments. Donations of mince pies and biscuits would be much appreciated too. If you can

help in any way, please contact Janet Ainsworth on 07427 690087. Thank you. **See times on back page.*

We Need 1000 Christmas Puddings!

We need to collect **1,000 x 400g Christmas Puddings** (they should say *serves 4*) **by 1 Dec!** Why not help us reach this huge target by asking your colleagues, friends and family if they can pick up a pud when they go food shopping? Puddings can be dropped off in all fellowships and at the Parish Centre.



URBAN OUTREACH



If you'd prefer to donate money so we can buy the puddings on your behalf, please scan this QR code or go to: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/29358>

To nominate someone to receive a food hamper this year, please contact a member of the Leadership Team in your fellowship by **Weds 26 Nov latest**.

CAP Christmas Requests

We're giving clients' children a Meaningful Chocolate 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £5.50), please give donations to Sam via the Parish Office, thank you. Also, we'd really appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas and any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women / men. Please pass to Sam by **Sun 7 Dec**. Many thanks.



Primary School Form Signings 2026 Entry

Tues 2 Dec, 7pm-8.30pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but, in order to attend, you must book a timed slot by contacting office@stpetersparish.info /01204 599900. You will need to provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details and state which church you attend.



Bolton Repair Café

Weds 19 Nov, 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 20 Nov, 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

Horwich Healing Rooms

Weds 26 Nov, 10am-12noon, Hub at the Hope,
St Andrew's (Hope Centre)



Horwich Healing Rooms are part of this free and confidential Christian Prayer Ministry – available to

Christians and non-Christians alike – and are coming soon to Hub at the Hope. Their members are trained and experienced prayer ministers from a wide range of mainstream Christian churches. **No appointment necessary just turn up.**

Soul Sisters Wreath Making Event

Sat 29 Nov, 2pm, Parish Centre



*****Limited to 25 places so please book on ASAP.** All ladies welcome to this wonderful opportunity to be creative together, chat and start the Christmas decorating! Cost £25pp (incl. all natural materials) with all

money going towards Smithills Christmas Markets, supporting Urban Outreach. If you'd like anything specific on your wreaths – eg. baubles, lights, specific coloured ribbon – please bring these with you. For more info and to book, contact katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk



Quinta 2026 Fundraiser – Save the Date!

Sat 31 Jan 2026, 7pm, Old Links Golf Club

THE social event of the New Year! Comedian Andy Kind is coming. More info to follow.



Pray

Hurricane Relief Appeal for Jamaica

In the wake of Hurricane Melissa, prayers are requested for the people of Jamaica as they start the long recovery process and try to re-build their lives. Donations can be made at:

<https://foodfortheoorja.org/hurricane-melissa-relief/>
<https://www.supportjamaica.gov.jm>



A member of our church, Lorna Johnson - lornanewbiz@yahoo.co.uk /07533 833779 - is co-ordinating a response by collecting the following emergency supplies: non-perishable food items, tarpaulins, solar or battery-powered lights and personal hygiene products (bars of soap, nappies and menstrual products). Please drop items off at the Parish Centre or in St Peter's Church to then be taken to the drop-off point in Manchester. Thank you.

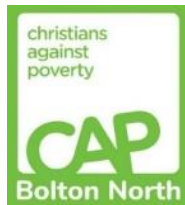
Open Staff Prayers

Weds 19 Nov, 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 CAP Sunday, Sam Wolstencroft says "We begin our prayer with a quote from a client: 'Broken. That's how



I felt. I'd left an abusive partner, and suddenly there wasn't enough money to pay the bills. I started using food banks and I got behind on Council Tax payments.' ***"See her prayer on the back page."***

Looking Forward

Christmas Choir 2025 – Carols by Candlelight

Sun 21 Dec, St Peter's

To take part in this year's Christmas Choir, email name, email address, mobile phone number to robandsue@stpetersparish.info. Rehearsals start on Sun 30 Nov, 12.30pm-2.30pm. All welcome.

Smithills Christmas Market



Sat 6 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Offers of help and people to craft/make and sell products at this amazing 'not-for-profit' street market needed. Contact j.t.platt@me.com

Barrow Bridge Christmas Tree Festival

Fri 12 Dec, 7.30pm-9pm; Sat 13 Dec, 10am-4pm;



Sun 14 Dec, 12noon-3pm

All invited to Barrow Bridge Mission to see beautiful trees decorated by various groups from across the parish and enjoy some festive refreshments.

Prayer from Sam Wolstencroft, Debt Centre Manager, CAP Bolton North

Today, we pray, loving Father, that all those who seek help from CAP will be able to see your light in their darkest moments. We pray you will come alongside them and guide them to get the help they need.

As we celebrate 15 years of our CAP Debt Centre at CAP Sunday this week we give thanks to you, Heavenly Father, for the lives that have been transformed – for those no longer living under the burden of debt and for those who have come to know Jesus for themselves. Thank you, God!

Through Christ, you taught us what it means to love our neighbour and how to do this – even in the face of hardship, struggle and adversity. We pray that you give us open eyes to see, strong voices to speak, and compassionate ears to hear what each of us can do to act in your name to end UK poverty. For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 17 Nov			
10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm	Coffee Room Art Group	Drop-in for coffee and cake ruthrobinson293@gmail.com	Parish Centre
Tues 18 Nov			
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	office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 19 Nov			
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	Beetle Drive. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 20 Nov			
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 21 Nov			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 7pm-9pm	Friday Life Group Watercolours Class Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 22 Nov			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-4pm	CPAS Training Day	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre

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