



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 9 November 2025

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- It's Remembrance Sunday
- Changes to Our Livestreaming
- Service of Hope and Remembrance Coming Up
- Launch of Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2025
- Prayer for the Week from Rev Alan

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SERVICES

Sun 9 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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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...

Remembrance Sunday. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and at all our morning services we are pausing to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. The bible reading at all our services this Sunday morning is John 11:1-37 - it's the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In the story we see how Jesus was deeply moved by the death of his dear friend, Lazarus, and the impact this had on the people around. The passage contains the shortest verse in the bible: **"Jesus wept"** (John 11:35). The story helps us appreciate the depth of God's love for us. As God sees us in pain, he grieves seeing us suffer for the pain of our own sin and rebellion. In spite of us rejecting him and not remaining faithful to him, our pain still pains God. It is a helpful reminder as we recall so much destruction caused by conflicts around the world.



Parish Centre 25th Anniversary Celebrations

We enjoyed a wonderful morning of celebrations on Sun 26 Oct. We heard from Rev Roger Oldfield, vicar in the year 2000 when the Parish Centre opened, who told the story of the creation of the centre, you can watch the service and listen to his fascinating and inspirational talk on our parish YouTube channel.



It was wonderful to see so many people representing many of the groups who benefit from use of the Parish Centre, plus regular worshippers from across all our fellowships. Huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success and especially to Barrow

Bridge's Banner Group for the gift of a beautiful new banner featuring our verse for the year; this is now on show in the Parish Centre reception.

Barrow Bridge Bonfire

Barrow Bridge bonfire and fireworks were a sizzling success last Saturday with well over 350 people from across the parish in attendance. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make this such a special experience for so many families.



Changes to Our Livestreaming



We are stopping livestreaming our 10.30am service at St Peter's on

YouTube each week. Instead, we will be livestreaming our parish-wide 6.30pm service from the start of the service, including the time of worship, the bible reading, and finishing at the end of the sermon. The reason for the change is to protect any young children from being inadvertently shown. If we find a satisfactory technical solution, we will resume the 10.30am livestream in future. If you are a regular viewer, or if you know of anyone affected by this change, we'd be glad to hear from you to help shape our plans going forward - please contact the Parish Office or any member of your fellowship's Leadership Team, thanks.

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.



Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2025

**URBAN
OUTREACH**

This year, as a parish we are again supporting this wonderful initiative led by Urban Outreach to help bring

light and hope to people in Bolton who have had to put Christmas on hold this year due to illness, sadness or financial problems. We have a target to collect **1,000 x 400g Christmas Puddings** (they should say serves 4) by 1 Dec. Puddings can be dropped off in all fellowships and at the



Parish Centre. 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.*

Café on the Green

Thanks to all who have supported the Café on the



Green events this year – another **£930** was raised last Sat to support Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates. *We look forward to seeing you again in 2026!*

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.



Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thu 13 Nov, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session. No need to book, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com

Disability Awareness Training

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

*****Next weekend - Have you booked on yet?*****



An opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of how to welcome and support people with disabilities in the church setting.



Disability Awareness Training Event



Saturday 15th November
9.00am-12.30pm
St Peter's Parish Centre
347 Church Road
BL1 5RR



COST £5
(Includes a donation to Through the Roof)



Booking details:

- Contact the Parish Office
- Sign up on the sheet at the back of Church
- Sign up via ChurchSuite

A relaxed and informal morning of training appropriate for all adults.

Being a welcoming church to everyone, is everyone's role. This is an opportunity to be more informed and upskilled, not just for church but also for life in general. Training in conjunction with Through the Roof. £5 (incl. refreshments and donation to Through the Roof) or FREE if you currently serve on any teams

in any of our churches. Sign up ASAP in church or at:
<https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/dunontbf>

Create Bolton

Sat 15 Nov, 10am-4pm, Café Create, Claremont House, Bark Street Entrance, BL1 2AX

All welcome so please come along - **FREE** entrance.



Bolton Repair Café

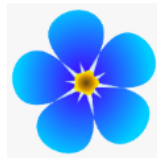
Weds 19 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



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

Soul Sisters Wreath Making Event

Sat 29 Nov, 2pm, Parish Centre



All ladies welcome to this wonderful opportunity to be creative together, chat and start the Christmas decorating! We'll be taught to make our own Christmas wreaths by Jan

Hunter from Smithills. There are 2 options available: decorate your own wreath from scratch with green pine/leaves (approx 2-3 hrs) OR decorate an already prepared wreath (approx 1 hr) and stay on to chat afterwards if you'd like! Cost is £25pp with all money going towards



Smithills Christmas Markets, supporting Urban Outreach. Cost includes all natural materials. If you'd like anything specific on your wreaths – eg. baubles, lights, specific coloured ribbon - please bring these with you. **The event is capped at 25 people and we expect it to be popular so please book on ASAP -**

katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk. Payment details will follow once your place is confirmed.



Pray

Good News for Romania Visit

4 Nov-19 Nov

Our mission partners, Dave and Kath, are currently visiting Romania. They've a very full itinerary so appreciate your prayers for their good health, safety as they travel around, and for positive interactions and relationships with the families GNfR support and all those they encounter during their trip.



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. If you want to help by making a donation, the major



Christian relief organisation that partners with the Jamaican government and the Jamaican government website specific for the appeal are:

<https://foodforthepeople.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 specifically requested emergency supplies for vulnerable communities in Jamaica: non-perishable food items, tarpaulins, solar or battery-powered lights and personal hygiene products (bars of soap, nappies and menstrual products). These can be dropped off at the Parish Centre or in St Peter's Church to then be taken to the drop-off point in Manchester. Thank you.

Prayer for the Week

On Remembrance Sunday, Rev Alan leads us in prayer. **See his 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

Prayer from Rev Alan for Remembrance Sunday

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded and disillusioned, those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 10 Nov			
10am-12noon 10am-12noon	AGE UK's Strength & Balance Coffee Room	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cake	Parish Centre
Tues 11 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 12 Nov			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Swap Shop. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 13 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-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 14 Nov			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 7pm-10pm	Friday Life Group Watercolours Class Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 15 Nov			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
9am-12.30pm	Disability Awareness Training Event	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre

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