



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15th March 2026

HEADLINES

- St. Andrew's Vision Sunday
- Easter Service at Open Door
- CAP Life Skills Course Coming Up
- Progressive Meal Next Saturday!
- Prayer for the Week from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 15 Mar

****It's Lighthouse week!**



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.30am*	Worship for Everyone **NB: No Lighthouse in the Parish Centre - it's on next week (22 Mar)
6.30pm*	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning 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...

St Andrew's Vision Sunday

Last Sunday St Andrew's held their Annual Vision Service. It was a wonderful occasion to look back on all that has been achieved over the last year. Their new leadership team was elected and now comprises of Diane Ball, Shirley Neal, Moira Platt, Rachel Flintoff, Victoria Nightingale and Jen Lloyd. We give thanks for Judith Gregory as her term of office ended now that she has moved away to be nearer family. We pray for them as they discern vision and lead St Andrew's Fellowship through the year ahead.



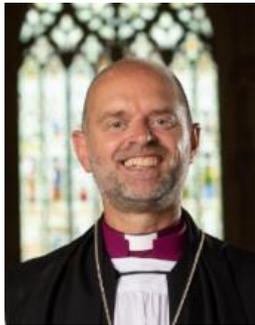
St Peter's Vision Sunday takes place next Sun, 22 March at 10.30am and we will be electing members of their leadership team for the first time ever. Please note that there will not be an 8.30am service that day so that everyone is available to attend the Vision Sunday service, thanks!

Our excellent sermon series on the Movement of God's People continues at our parish-wide 6.30pm

service this Sunday with Rev Josh Openshaw speaking on **40 Days and Elijah** from 1 Kings 19:1-13. Do join us if you can.



Easter Service at Open Door



Weds 18 Mar, 10am for refreshments, service 10.30am, Parish Centre

We are pleased to welcome the Bishop of Bolton, Bishop Matthew, who will be speaking at the Easter service today. Everyone - men and women - welcome to join us today.

Sylvia Collins

We are very sorry to inform you that Sylvia died at home on Weds 11 Mar. Sylvia was a committed member of St Peter's fellowship for many years and particularly enjoyed attending the 8.30am and Oasis services. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Funeral details to follow soon.



Easter Sunday Baptisms

Sun 5 Apr, 6.30pm Parish-wide Easter celebration service, St Peters

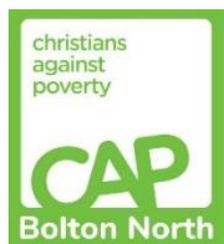
We're delighted that we've got a few people who are signed up to be baptised in our brand-new baptism pool. If you're still thinking about it, please contact Rev Alan or the Parish Office.



CAP Life Skills Course Coming Up

Weds 25 Mar – 13 May (6 Weds sessions), 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

CAP Life Skills is a friendly group that gives people the confidence and decision-making skills they need to survive life on a low income. Participants learn practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget, living healthily on less, making their money go further as well as taking part in sessions on



building healthy relationships. It's all about discovering new ways to live for a better future. This **FREE** 6-week course is open to anyone 18+ and includes lunch and refreshments at each session as well as all course materials you

require. The course will be run by fully trained CAP Life Skills managers, Sam Wolstencroft and Jane Hampson. There are limited places on each course so if you book a place and are unable to make it, please cancel in advance so we can give someone else the

opportunity to attend.

* Please be assured that you will not be required to share any personal financial information unless you want to. Use this link to sign up - <https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/340gdhku> – or contact the Parish Office.

Progressive Meal Next Saturday!



Sat 21 Mar, 6.30pm, various homes

Thank you to everyone who's signed up so far — we currently have over 40 guests! It's not too late to join the merry throng, but be quick — **the final deadline for signing up is 9pm on Sun 15 Mar**. We won't be able to accept anyone after that because of the need to draw up a schedule.

Don't worry if you don't drive, or if you can't afford it, or if you have dietary requirements — we can cover all these eventualities! Any queries? Contact Stephen or Rachel on 01204 433810 or 07954 995160 or thebrierleys@proton.me. To book, go to: <https://forms.gle/ZVwCm1ixS8VdcFiv7>

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 18 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews (Hope Centre)



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

Circle of Support for women who support and care for husbands / partners with a long-term illness

Weds 18 Mar, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

A fortnightly group offering a facilitated space for quiet conversation and sharing and an opportunity to meet with others whose lived experience is similar. Led by Sam Potts (07702 317481), a BACP registered counsellor and person - centred therapist.

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 Mar, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre



For those with dementia *and* their carers. Refreshments, quiz, fun and a very warm welcome. Info from joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Ignite KS2 Children's Group



Care for the Family: Tweens and Teens

Tues 17 Mar, 7.30pm-10pm, The Bridge Church Bolton, 109 Bradford Street, Haugh, BL2 1JX

This live event offers hope and help for parents through the turbulence of the leap from childhood to adolescence. Tickets £11 but the 2-for-1 deal means you can bring a friend for free! Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tweens-and-teens-what-every-parent-needs-to-know-bolton-tickets>

CreateBolton: Upcoming Workshop

Thurs 19 Mar, 7pm-9pm, Café Create

STOP LOOK CREATE

A time just to be....

- Press the pause button
- Look at God's world with fresh eyes
- Enjoy the freedom of spiritual creativity

An evening of fellowship, reflecting and listening to God's word for you.
A time to relax, share, create, pray and eat cake.
With Joy Kilpatrick.

Thursday 19th March
7pm -9pm
Cafe Create
£15 per person

To book online via
www.createbolton.org.uk
Click on 'Book Workshops' then
'Next Availability'
or call in to the cafe.

No experience necessary

To book your place on this workshop, and to see details of all the other exciting upcoming events at CreateBolton (Claremont House, Bark St, BL1 2AX),

please go directly to their website at:

<https://www.createbolton.org.uk/book-online>

Electoral Roll Revision

You need to be on the ER to vote at the **APCM (Thu 23 Apr in the Parish Centre)** and it's an important way to show your commitment to the parish of St Peter's and to its vision. Each fellowship has a copy of the names currently on the Electoral Roll. Please check to see if you are on it and, if not, complete a form before **Sun 29 Mar** and post it in the box available in each fellowship. To qualify you need to have been baptised, over 16, and consider yourself a regular member.



Easter Eggs for CAP Clients

Sam, our CAP Debt Centre Manager, says 'We're giving our clients an Easter Egg from the Meaningful Chocolate Co which are Fairtrade and include the Easter story. We're buying them in bulk



but would really appreciate any contributions from the church. They are now £6.99 per egg...please pass any money to Sam or the Parish Office. Thank you for your donations so far."



Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Thurs, 8.30am-9am, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

All welcome to come along and join us in prayer so feel free to just turn up. More details from Julie on 07835 014470.

Prayer for the Week

Nigel Clarke, on behalf of Smithills Fellowship, reminds us how the period of Lent encourages us to pause, reflect, and draw closer to God. *See his prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

Halliwell Local History Society Talk



Tues 31 Mar, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Peter Watson 'Funny You Should Say That.' All welcome. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

Out and About Walk

Sat 4 April, meet 9.30am opposite St Peter's



Pleasington – a moderate walk of 7/8 miles. Info from Janet 07427 690087

Prayer from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Loving God

During Lent, slow us down enough to notice Your presence in the quiet moments of our day.

Help us to turn our hearts toward You; to let go of what distracts us; to seek what is good and life giving; and to grow in kindness, patience, and mercy.

Teach us to care for one another, to listen with compassion and to act with courage where love is needed most.

May this time of reflection renew our faith, strengthen our community and draw us closer to You.

We ask this in hope and trust. Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 16 Mar			
10am-12noon 10am-1.30pm 6pm-7.30pm	Coffee Room Ageing Well with Strength and Balance ABL Weight Management session	Drop-in for coffee and cake. Everyone welcome. office@stpetersparish.info www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 17 Mar			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 11.30am-1pm 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers' Group Start! Course Ignite KS2 Children's Group Tread Youth Group	office@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 18 Mar			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session, all welcome Bring items for repair. Stay for refreshments.	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 12.30pm-2pm	Open Door Circle of Support for Ladies	Easter with Bishop Matthew, Bishop of Bolton. Val 07902 167971. Men also welcome today. Sam Potts 07702 317481	Parish Centre
Thurs 19 Mar			
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	Dementia Friendship Support Group	joan@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 20 Mar			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 7pm-9pm	Friday Life Connect Group Watercolours Class Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 21 Mar			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
12am-6pm	CATALYST Youth Weekend Away	External booking	Parish Centre

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