PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th May 2026

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- **Rev Alan on Bolton FM Radio**
- **Dreaming the Impossible Quiz Night**
- **Alpha Course – It's not too late to join!**
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SERVICES

Sun 10 May

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

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service

ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service

*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes…

Supporting our missionaries through NIM

Last Sunday, we dedicated our 10.30am and 6.30pm parish-wide services to the work of **NIM – National and International Ministries**. In last week's newsletter, I wrote about the incredible history and legacy of NIM in supporting missionaries sent out from St Peter's Parish to share God's love in practical ways – fighting injustice, bringing about reconciliation, reaching out to the poor and those in need and proclaiming the Gospel.

On Sunday, we heard from some of those missionaries and it was a great inspiration! Craig and Elaine Watson flew in especially to update us on their amazing work with Holy Trinity Algiers. Andrew Kilpatrick shared about the love extended to scores of people across Bolton through Café Create and their creative arts projects. Lucy Hargraves gave testimony on how God had called her to mission work in Montenegro. Dave Moffoot told his story of being called to set up Education India, to name a few. Everyone who shared spoke of the importance of the friendship and support offered to them by all of us across the parish and particularly how the funding from NIM has made it possible to do their amazing work.

Following the presentations, I shared how we can all get behind their work and keep our incredible legacy of missionary work going for years to come. We're asking everyone to please consider a monthly contribution of £10 to our NIM fund – standing order and gift aid forms are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our website: www.stpetersparish.info/nim.

Rev Alan on Bolton FM Radio

On Wed 6 May, we welcomed presenters Tony and India from Bolton FM to broadcast their **Community Corner** show live from the Parish Centre.

They interviewed 10 members of our local community including representatives from Halliwell History Society (pictured). Rev Alan had the first 'slot' – you can listen to what he had to say here: https://www.boltonfm.com/listen-again/?Day=3&Hours=18-19-20&id=7643&Date=2026-05-06

96.5 BOLTON FM

Meet

Dreaming the Impossible Quiz Night

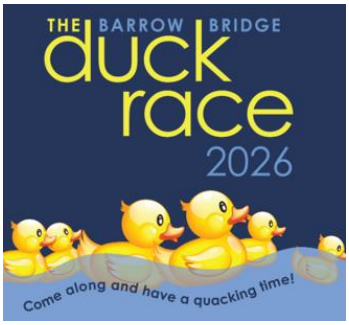
Sat 6 Jun, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

Alpha Course – It's not too late to join!

Thursdays, 8-9.30pm, Parish Centre

Our new course started this week**. There's a seat for you. Talk about what really matters at Alpha**. A great way to find out more about the Christian faith. This is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. See https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha. Book your place at office@stpetersparish.info

Barrow Bridge's Annual Duck Race



Sun 10 May, 1pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

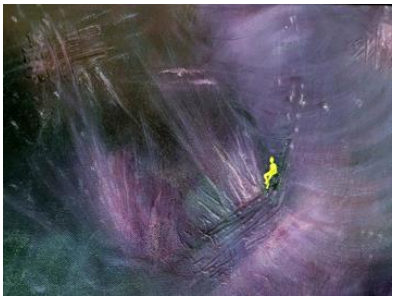
All welcome to come and join the fun. Ducks only £1. Funds raised will go to Mission funds and the Ugandan orphanage.

See you there!

Octave Exhibition at St Andrew's

Sun 10 May, 1.30-3.30pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Octave is a series of 8 paintings by Elizabeth Gray-King that encourage us to pause and ponder how we see ourselves in the world and how we relate to others. Come and take time for you and listen to what God is saying to you. Refreshments and cake. **FREE**. Info from Diane Ball 07950 244749/ Joy Kilpatrick 07981 550374



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

Weds 13 May, 12.30-2pm, Parish Centre

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

Newcomers' Dinner

Sat 16 May, 5.30-7pm, Parish Centre

Anyone who joined us over the last year or so or considers themselves new to St Peter's Church is invited to come for dinner. Children welcome. Please

RSVP by Sun 10 May to sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com with details of any allergies/dietary requirements

Good News for Romania Coffee Morning

Sat 16 May, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

Raising funds to support families in Barlad, ahead of Dave and Kath Richardson's upcoming trip to Romania in June. Your support is much appreciated, thanks.

Soul Sisters Ladies Ministry Events

Weds 20 May, 7pm, Ruby Rose (Lee Lane, Horwich)

A fashion show and catch up. Tickets £5 incl. a glass of prosecco, available from Rachel Cowling.

Also coming up soon…

Fri 19 Jun, 7.30-9pm, Parish Centre

A Praise Party! Join us for loud, upbeat worship music. Led by Brandi, we'll dance the night away with flags, banners and our best moves! **FREE**. For space purposes, please let us know if you're coming. More info about both events available from katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 20 May, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews (Hope Centre)

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

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 21 May, 2-4pm, Parish Centre

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

CAP Transport Request

Do you have an estate car, van or trailer that you would be willing to use to do the occasional collection and delivery of furniture for CAP clients? If so, please contact samwolstencroft@capuk.org

Prayer for the week

Nigel Clarke, on behalf of Smithills Fellowship, invites us to pause in the midst of all the things going on in our lives, to remember some of the things that ground us: faith, community, and hope. ***See his prayer on the back page***.

Looking Forward

Out and About Walk

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

A 6-mile walk around Heysham. Info from Janet Ainsworth on 07427 690087.

Café on the Green

Sat 6 Jun, 9am-1.30pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, Limefield Rd, BL1 6LA

Delicious food and excellent service. All welcome. Proceeds to Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates.

Worship Unplugged

Sun 7 Jun, 6.30pm, St Peter's All welcome so please do join us.

Prayer from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Loving God, in a world that moves quickly, help us to be still enough to notice your presence.
In moments of uncertainty, give us courage to trust your guidance.
Where there is division, make us instruments of peace.
Where there is need, open our eyes and hands to serve with compassion.
Bless our community—those near and far, those celebrating and those struggling.
Remind us that small acts of kindness matter, that hope can grow in unexpected places, and that your love is at work in and through us every day.
Go with us into the week ahead, that we may live and serve You with purpose, speak with grace, and reflect your light in all we do. Amen.

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 11 May			
10am-12noon 10am-1.30pm	Coffee Room Ageing Well with Strength and Balance	Drop-in for coffee and cake. All welcome. office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 12 May			
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 13 May			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am 12.30pm-2pm 12.30pm-2pm	Open Door Ladies Group CAP Life Skills Circle of Support for women	Rev Alan Saunders. Val 07902 167971 samwolstencroft@cap.uk Sam Potts 07702 317481	Parish Centre
Thurs 14 May			
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
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 15 May			
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 16 May			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-12noon 5.30pm-7pm	GNfR coffee morning/bring and buy sale Newcomers' meal	davidandkath@hotmail.com sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com	Parish Centre

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