



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 14th June 2026

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- *Rev Josh writes... We've moved!*
- *Rev Alan writes...3 Peaks Challenge by Rail*
- *Our Churchwardens admitted to office*
- *St Andrew's Holiday Club: Can you help?*
- *Prayer for the week from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church*

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 14 Jun

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse (session postponed from last week)
2pm	Baptism service in Smithills Chapel

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with 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 Josh writes... .

Hi everyone! Two weeks ago, Jess, the boys and I moved over to Markland Hill. We are so happy to finally be in Bolton and to be able to spend more time with you all. Thank you so much for all the kind cards and gifts you have given to welcome us here – we feel very blessed! We are nearly there with all the unpacking and furniture building; just my office, the spare room, and a garage clear-out remain!



Plans for the town centre church plant continue to progress and come together. Please keep praying for the team that is forming, for the space where we will gather as a worshipping community, and for all the people we hope to reach with the good news of Jesus in and around the town centre. Last week I met in Bolton town centre with Trevor Hutton, the new Head of Church Growth and Evangelism for the diocese. I was greatly encouraged by his experience of planting churches and by his support for us as we step out in faith towards the launch of the town centre church.

As this is inevitably a busy season for our family, we would really value your prayers. Jess is now taking on the challenge of commuting to Hale, where she continues to serve as a high school Head of Languages. The boys are settling in well and are enjoying their new home, the parks, and, of course, the train station! Next week I will be away for three

days, leading worship and helping facilitate a prayer room at the Swanwick Leadership Conference for clergy from across the Diocese of Manchester.

Please be assured of our prayers for you all as you seek to follow God's call through every season of life, with its ups and downs, challenges and joys. We count it a real privilege to share this season with you and are so grateful for your support in the lead-up to the church plant in January.

With every blessing - Josh, Jess, and the boys.

Rev Alan writes...

Many of you will be aware that I had a career in the rail industry before ordination. I've been invited to take part in the national three peaks challenge by rail from 25-27 Jun – it's a gruelling physical challenge

climbing to the summits of Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis – the highest peaks in Wales, England and Scotland. It's all in aid of a worthy cause – a charity called the **Railway Children** which seeks to support vulnerable children alone and at risk on the streets and at transport hubs



in India, Tanzania and the UK, you can find out more here: <https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk/>. I'd love for my pain not to be in vain, and so I'm inviting you to sponsor me through my fundraising page: <https://railwaychildren.enthuse.com/pf/alan-saunders> - **thank you so much!**

Our Churchwardens

Simon Scott and Chris Ward were officially admitted to the office of Churchwarden for St Peter's by



Archdeacon Rachel Mann at Bolton Parish Church on Weds 10 Jun. We are so grateful for them and ask that you keep them in your prayers as they faithfully serve our church in this way. Pictured left with Chris' wife, Rev Sheena

Ward, a retired vicar who so wonderfully supports our services and the team here at St Peter's.



Baptism

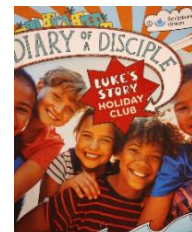
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We welcome **Louie James RICHMOND** (2pm, Smithills Chapel) and thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

St Andrew's Holiday Club: Can you help?

Tues 30 Jun, 7pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

A holiday club for primary school aged children from Tues 4 Aug – Thurs 6 Aug, 1-3pm at the Hope Centre. If you can help out with this, please come to this short meeting, or let Victoria Nightingale know if you are available, by texting her on 07704 029814. Any help at all would be appreciated - for 1, 2 or all 3 days. Thank you.



Café on the Green – Thank you!



Last Saturday's Café on the Green at St Peter's School raised a fantastic £930 for Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates.



Bolton Repair Café

Weds 17 Jun, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews (Hope Centre)

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



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

Weds 17 Jun, 12.30-2pm, Parish Centre

A facilitated space for quiet conversation and sharing, an opportunity to meet others whose lived experience is similar. Info: Sam Potts 07702 317481

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 18 Jun, 2-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Refreshments, quiz, fun, a warm welcome.

Info: joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180



Soul Sisters Ladies' Ministry - Praise Party

Fri 26 Jun, 7.30-9pm, Parish Centre

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 more info and space purposes, please let us know if you're coming - katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk



Dreaming the Impossible Quiz Night

Sat 18 July, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

Book now for this fundraiser led by our young people.



FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT 18TH JULY
ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE
347 CHURCH ROAD, BL1 5RR

Join us for a Quiz Night led by our young people. Money raised is going to help fundraise for our young people's trip to Dreaming the Impossible later this year

BOOK TICKETS
P: 07512 753201
E: ben.latham@stpetersparish.info

BOOK ONLINE:
ticketsource.com/dti

OR SIGN UP AT A SERVICE:
Tickets can be paid for at the service or on the door at the event.

TIME: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

PRICES
Adult (18+): £11.00
Child / Young Person (Under 18): £6.00
Family Ticket: £27.00
(2 Adults / 2 Under 18's)

FOOD
Hot Pot Pie Supper with a Pastie or Sausage Roll for younger people plus refreshments will be served midway through the event.

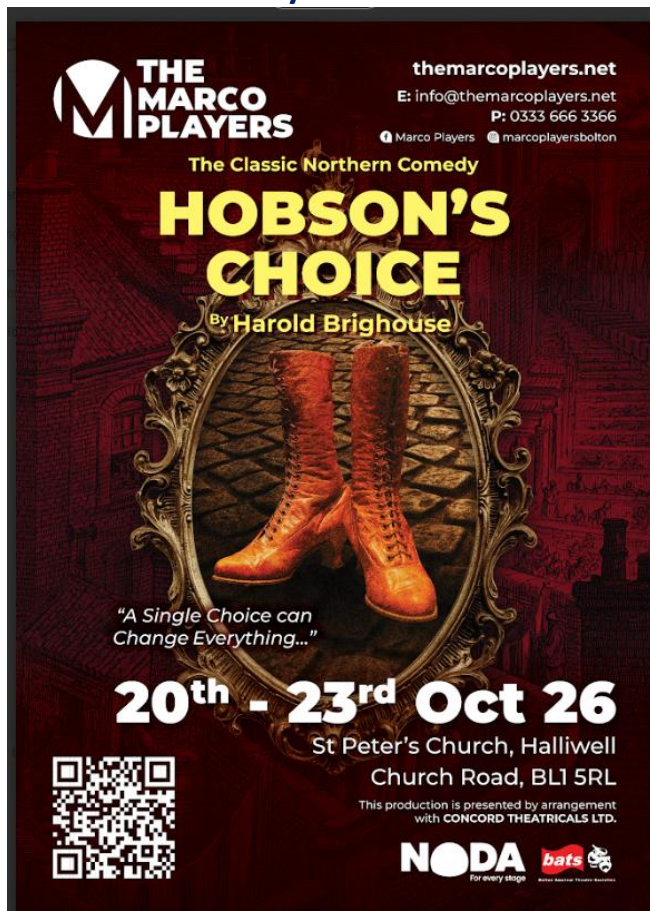
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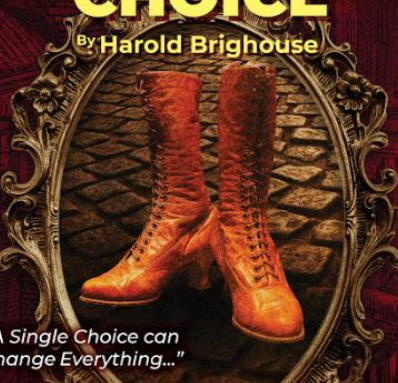
Contact Ben Latham - 07512 753201 - for more info.
To donate to support our young people going to DTI, please go to: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/30537>

Save the date: Play in St Peter's Church



THE MARCO PLAYERS
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The Classic Northern Comedy
HOBSON'S CHOICE
By Harold Brighouse




"A Single Choice can Change Everything..."

20th - 23rd Oct 26
St Peter's Church, Halliwell
Church Road, BL1 5RL

This production is presented by arrangement with CONCORD THEATRICALS LTD.

NODA bats For every stage



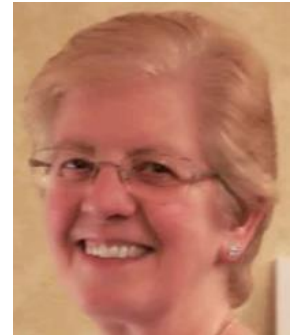
Tues 20 – Fri 23 Oct, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

The youngest daughters of curmudgeonly bootmaker, Hobson, are anxious to marry and have eligible suitors but must wait until eldest daughter, practical-minded Maggie is promised in marriage. Maggie, however, has other plans which include freedom from her father's tyranny, a business and husband of her own. Her choice: Hobson's shy apprentice, Will Mossop. For tickets, please book at: themarcoplayers.net/bookings or phone 0333 666 3366.



The Prayer Chain

Ruth Robinson says "The Prayer Chain evolved from a small group of us headed by Paul Hardingham under the banner of "Catch the Wind" some 20+ years ago! Dorothy Wood and Helen Johnson led it and then I took over a few years later. Initially, it was intended just for urgent prayer requests but gradually came to include prayer for all kinds of needs. Requests are not exclusively from our four fellowships. The group is completely confidential, and any information given to us by means of a prayer request remains **strictly** within the group. There have been many encouraging answers



to prayer and certainly people often feel surrounded by prayer and they are greatly appreciative. Should anyone wish to take advantage of these faithful "pray-ers", you are welcome to contact me by email: ruthrobinson293@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07767310279 or phone: (01204) 492637. If you feel led to join this prayer group, there is room for one or two more people. We would be grateful for your prayerful support for this group; we have to deal with very distressing or sensitive issues at times. Thank you."

Prayer for the week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St. Peter's Halliwell, invites us to think about whether we pray differently when we are away, on holiday or in different places. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Out and About Walk

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

All welcome to join this 7.5mile, moderate walk of



Kendal/Scout Scar return. Details from Janet Ainsworth on 07427 690087.

Prayer from Hilary Peake on behalf of St. Peter's Church

Each week we share prayers for the week ahead. I was wondering if how we pray changes when we are in different places. Do we pray differently or for different things? Do we leave our prayers behind when we go on holiday? Do we forget those we don't see? Or do we pray for where we are?

The one thing I do know is God is the same yesterday, today and forever, His love and his promises do not change. Wherever you are this week, pray for those around you, the colleague, the shop assistant, the neighbour, family, stranger - notice what's going on. Thank God for where you are. He cares for you, where you are and what you do and for those away from you. Pray and know the Lord is with you. Let him lead you in prayer in each place. Let him touch your heart as you bless others. He watches over you and those in your prayers. He is with you always wherever you are and however you feel. Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 15 Jun			
10am-1.30pm 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance Coffee Room Art Group ABL Weight management	office@stpetersparish.info Drop-in for coffee and cake. All welcome. ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 16 Jun			
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 17 Jun			
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 12.30pm-2pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Circle of Support	Bible study – Christine Butcher. Val 07902 167971 Sam Potts 07702 317481	Parish Centre
Thurs 18 Jun			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group Alpha Course and Life Group	joan@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 19 Jun			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon	Friday Life Connect Group Watercolours Class	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119	Parish Centre
Sat 20 Jun			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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