



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 21st June 2026

HEADLINES

- Fruitfulness on our Frontlines
- Rev Alan's 3 Peaks Challenge
- 300 poppies so far; we need 700 more!
- St Andrew's Holiday Club: Can you help?
- Prayer for the week from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager on behalf of St Peter's Church

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 21 Jun
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at the Parish Centre
10.30am*	Adult service with Communion and Twinklers
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 prep
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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...

Fruitfulness on our Frontlines.

As I've been reflecting on our current morning sermon series – **Movement on our Frontlines** – it's got me thinking about how we can all make a positive difference by the way we live out our faith.

Galatians 5 talks about the **fruit** of the spirit – when we are in a relationship with Jesus his spirit produces: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If you put these qualities together you have a character description of Jesus.

When we display this cluster of fruit of the spirit, each of these qualities demonstrates to others that there is an alternative to how to live life – and people notice!



God has given us the Holy Spirit – and like it or not this will shine through when we interact with people!

Someone once told me that **Christianity is caught and not taught!** Certainly, my journey to faith

FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE. was greatly influenced by the character of people I met I knew to be Christians – and it wasn't the ones who had seemingly perfect lives who impressed me the most – it was the normal people who had the joy of Christ in their hearts.

I wonder what this looks like for you? How can you live out your faith in a way that others are attracted to? At the end of your life what would you want people to say of you? Or even God: "good and faithful servant"?

It's living our lives as God intends that will draw others to him.

Rev Alan's 3 Peaks Challenge

Thurs 25 – Sat 27 Jun

Only 4 days to go! Please support Alan's fundraiser for the Railway Children charity (find out more at <https://www.railwaychildren.org.uk/>). He's taking



part in the national three peaks challenge by rail – a gruelling physical challenge climbing to the summits of Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis – the highest peaks in Wales, England and Scotland. Please sponsor him at:

<https://railwaychildren.enthuse.com/pf/alan-saunders>. Thank you so much!

300 poppies so far; we need 700 more!

Do you knit or crochet? Barrow Bridge Banner Group need your help to create a cascade of 1000 poppies for Remembrance Day. You can knit or crochet using any pattern you like or use one provided by the group.

If you can use your own wool that would be greatly appreciated but we can supply it, if needed. If you have any wool that you no longer want but would like to donate it, that would be

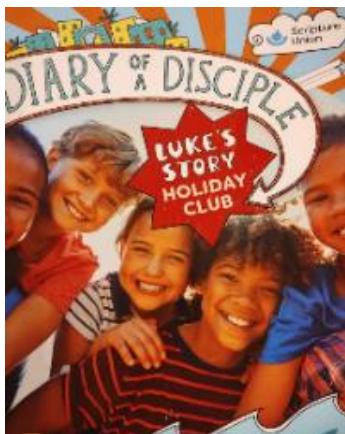


great too! There's a box for donated wool along with copies of a simple poppy and crochet pattern at the Parish Centre. Thank you for all the wonderful poppies created so far. NB: Please drop your completed poppies off at Barrow Bridge Mission or the Parish Centre, thank you. Look out for more info to follow on events to be held at Barrow Bridge Mission relating to Remembrance Day. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/ 01204 599900

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. Thanks.

Wedding Congratulations



We are delighted to announce the wonderful news that **Joseph Kenyon and Rebecca Booth** were married in Smithills Chapel last Saturday (13 June). May God

bless their marriage in the years to come. Please also keep them in your prayers as they start out in married life. *Congratulations Mr and Mrs Kenyon!*



Barrow Bridge: Banners, Bakes & Banter

Sat 4 July, 2-4pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

All welcome so please drop in for refreshments and to see the wonderful, hand-made banners on display.

Banners, Bakes & Banter @ Barrow Bridge Mission

Come and join us for refreshments and see our beautiful, hand made banners.

Saturday 4th July 2026
2:00-4:00pm

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thurs 25 Jun, 2-3pm, Parish Centre

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

Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 30 Jun, 7.30-9pm, Parish Centre

Derek Cartwright will be speaking about '120 Years of Rivington'. All welcome.

Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk



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



Out and About Walk

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

All welcome to join this 7.5 mile, moderate walk of Kendal/Scout Scar return. Details from Janet Ainsworth on 07427 690087.



Dreaming the Impossible Quiz Night

Sat 18 July, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

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

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.

SCAN ME TO BOOK ONLINE 



Petition re: Traffic Speeds on Church Rd

Are you concerned about road safety and traffic speeds on Church Road and New Church Road? This stretch of road serves the whole community including those accessing the Parish Centre and St Peter's Church, together with Church Road Primary School, Moss Bank Park and playing fields and Heaton Cricket Club...and more. A recent survey conducted over 2 weeks by Bolton Council showed that of the 56,967 vehicles using this road, a total of




4,317 were speeding – a significant number were recorded at over 60mph, and the highest speed was 76mph! A local resident has produced a petition which you can sign at the Parish Centre or in St Peter's

Church. If you feel that more needs to be done by the council and police to help reduce speeds on these roads, please ensure you sign this petition.

School of Transformed Supernatural Life Sept 2026 – July 2028, Grace Church Bolton

Learning together how to live the normal Christian life that Jesus modelled Acts 10:38

"Royalty is my identity. Servanthood is my assignment. Intimacy with God is my life source"



The course runs over 2 years Sept 2026 - July 2028
Registration is now OPEN
For full details: www.tslbolton.org

Bookings are being taken for the next 2-year course starting in Sept at **Grace Church Bolton**. Register now to enjoy all the refreshment and inspiration this fascinating course brings. For info, take a look at their website - www.tslbolton.org - and the promotional video <https://youtu.be/aUGuZy3IMTO>. Price breaks for applications are 20 July and 10 August.



PrayerZone

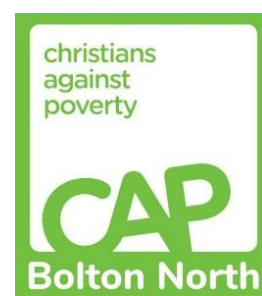


Prayer Zone

Weds 1 July, 7.30-8.30pm,
St Peter's Primary School

Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship.

Prayer for the week



Sam Wolstencroft, our CAP Debt Centre Manager, reminds us of God's great love for us, invites us to pray for those who are suffering and asks for God's blessing over the staff and volunteers who deliver CAP's services. *See her prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

Save the Date: Marco Players - Hobsons Choice



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

Join us for this classic Northern comedy by Harold Brighouse. Go to: themarcoplayers.net/bookings or phone 0333 666 3366 for more info and tickets.

Prayer from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your great love for us, made known through Jesus: the love that accepts us as we are, whatever our failings; the love that freely forgives; the love that watches over us day by day; the love that gives us the strength to overcome all difficulties and provides us with the power to show love to all others.

Despite our hopes and efforts, Lord, we fail and things go wrong. We pray for those who are suffering, either from their own mistakes, or from the mistakes of others: for children separated from one parent and cut off from grandparents; for parents who see their children for only part of the week; for families who have many problems and lack hope; for families who face death, illness or disability, and feel they cannot cope; for the unemployed who feel hopeless and unwanted and for those addicted to drugs. We lift them all up to you Lord and ask for your Spirit to break out with your healing love. We also lift up to you all the staff and volunteers delivering CAP's services. Bless them as they meet in regions to be re-envisioned and equipped at the United Conferences. Let them shine for you and equip them to be your hands and feet in their work. Empower them by your Holy Spirit to bring faith, hope and love to all they meet. In your precious name we ask all these things! Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 22 Jun			
10am-1.30pm 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance Coffee Room ABL Weight Management	office@stpetersparish.info Drop-in for coffee and cake. All welcome. www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 23 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 24 Jun			
	NB: No Hope at the Hub today		St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies' Group	Summertime. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 25 Jun			
8.30am-9am	Prayer meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew'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
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 26 Jun			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon	Friday Life Connect Group Watercolours Class	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119	Parish Centre
Sat 27 Jun			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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CAP Debt Centre Manager: Sam Wolstencroft E: samwolstencroft@capuk.org / M: 07934 716509 / P: 01204 599903

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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