



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 28th June 2026

HEADLINES

- I Lift my eyes to the Mountains!
- 25 Years of Ordained Ministry
- An Evening with Bishop Matthew
- Mission Matters: Create Bolton
- St Andrew's Holiday Club: Can YOU help?
- Prayer for the Week from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

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SERVICES

Sun 28 Jun

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service with communion
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Worship for Everyone 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...

I Lift my eyes to the Mountains!

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?*

² *My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;*

⁴ *indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

As I've been preparing to walk the national three peaks, I've been reminded of Psalm 121 'I lift my eyes to the mountains'.

Perhaps by the time you read this I'll have safely completed my challenge – I start climbing Snowdon late on Thursday night, then Scafell on Friday

morning, and Ben Nevis Saturday morning.

Travelling by train and coach between them all. I'm daunted by the challenge and in all honesty don't feel adequately prepared. But it's for a great cause and I let myself be persuaded to do it by old friend from my railway days. So, it'll be good to share the experience, and pain (!), with them.

Whenever we face life's challenges, it's good to be reminded to look to God – where our help comes from – after all, as the Psalmist points out: "He made the heaven and earth", which means He can give us the strength to face up to and carry our challenges. Psalm 121 ends with reassuring words:

⁷ *The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;*

⁸ *the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

My prayer is whatever challenges you are facing you will be strengthened by God. Huge thanks to everyone who has sponsored me, if you'd still like to support the Railway Children charity, which works with vulnerable children in India, Tanzania and the UK you can do so here:

<https://railwaychildren.enthuse.com/pf/alan-saunders>



25 Years of Ordained Ministry

Rev Sheena Ward says *"On 1st July 2001 I was ordained priest by the Bishop of Newcastle, Rt Revd Martin Wharton. All my licensed ministry was served in Newcastle Diocese and if you'd told me in 2001 that I'd be celebrating my 25th anniversary in Bolton I'd have been very surprised! We came here 5 years ago because God called us. It's a great joy to be in this parish, exercising my ministry in "retirement" and I'm looking forward to many more years serving God and the people of St Peter's, Halliwell. Thank you for all your love and support."*



An Evening with Bishop Matthew

Thurs 16 July, 7pm refreshments, session 7.30pm-9pm, St Peter's Church



All are invited to An Evening with Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton, regarding discipleship and spiritual practices - the theme is: *Reading*. Rev Josh Openshaw will lead us in worship and Bishop Matthew will take over from 7.45pm.

Judith Gill

Mon 13 July, 12noon service in St Peter's Church

We are very sorry to inform you that Judith - mum to



Alison, Susan, Jane and Joanna - died on Sat 14 Jun. Judith was known to many across the parish. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Her family welcome all who knew Judith to her funeral, details above.

Mission Matters: CreateBolton

This month's focus is on our local partner CreateBolton. Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick say "We want to start by giving thanks to all those that have been or will be fundraising for us.



It really is inspiring and encouraging as all the proceeds go to advancing the work we do in Jesus' name from the town centre. We have been overwhelmed by the incredible

donations to our most recent initiative, 'Paying it Forward'. We can bless people with free food and drink in the Café all because of God's provision and the generosity of His people. We can now also invite

people to creative workshops and social events that people would not have been able to afford. This is such an amazing way to show God's love and to encourage positive 'creationships'.

Please pray for us as we are speaking at different places in June and over the summer. Pray that we would positively reflect Create and represent the difference that Jesus is making through our charity. We hope it may also prompt those that are, or who know, people that are lonely or isolated to come to Café Create and discover the services we provide. We look forward to welcoming the young people from Romania to Café Create in July. They are visiting the UK thanks to Good News for Romania. We pray for safety, fun and a positive creative experience for each of the young people and we pray they will come to know their worth in Him. Lastly, please pray for those we serve whose physical and mental health isn't always what they'd hope it would be. Pray for patience, perseverance and love.



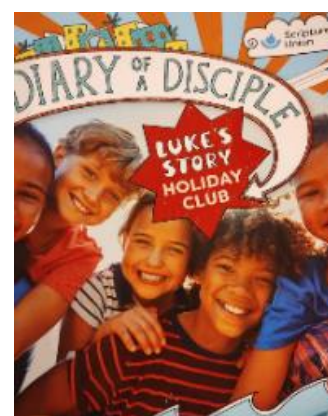
Proverbs 3: 6 *'In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'*

With many thanks to you all for your continued support and prayers, Andrew and Joy"

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.



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 & Barter @ Barrow Bridge Mission



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



Saturday 4th July 2026

2:00-4:00pm



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



Out and About Walk

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

All welcome to join this 7.5-mile moderate walk of

Kendal/Scout Scar return.

Details from Janet

Ainsworth on 07427

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Urban Outreach Job Vacancies

Our Mission partners, Urban Outreach, are looking for compassionate, highly motivated and skilled individuals to join their **Food Services Team**. *Does the thought of working for a Christian charity appeal to you? Do you want to make a positive difference to the lives of people in Bolton?* They are looking for:

- A **Food Services Support Worker (LWP)** to develop and deliver our Local Welfare Provision community café in partnership with Bolton Council
- A **Food Services Project Worker** to deliver food-related anti-poverty services from our Food Hub.

Ideally, this position is full time (35hrs per week), however part-time may be

considered. The full-

time salary for this position is **£24,486** pa. To find out

more about these opportunities and how to apply,

please go to: <https://urbanoutreach.co.uk/join-the-team/>. The closing date and time for applications

is 5pm, Fri 17 July 2026.



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 more needs to be done by the council and police to help reduce speeds on these roads, please sign this petition **ASAP**.



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

Nigel Clarke, on behalf of Smithills Fellowship, prays for all those in our parish and beyond. **See his prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Dreaming the Impossible (DTI) Quiz Night

Sat 18 July, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

Join us for a Quiz Night led by our young people to raise funds for their trip to DTI. All welcome. Ticket price includes supper. Contact Ben Latham - 07512 753201 - for info. To donate to this cause, please go to: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/30537>

SCAN ME
TO BOOK ONLINE



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 Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Heavenly Father

We thank You for the gift of our church family and for Your faithful presence among us. As we gather in worship and service, help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. Bless our homes, our schools, our community, and all who are in need of comfort, healing, or guidance. Strengthen those who are weary, encourage those who are lonely, and inspire us to be instruments of Your peace. As we look ahead to the coming weeks, fill our hearts with gratitude for Your many blessings and give us the courage to follow Christ more closely each day. May the Holy Spirit lead us in all that we do, so that our parish may be a welcoming sign of Your love to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 29 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 30 Jun			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-9pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers' Group NB: No Ignite today Tread Youth Group Halliwell Local History Society	office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Weds 1 July			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
	NB: No Open Door today – meal out	Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 2 July			
8.30am-9am	Prayer meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 3 July			
10.30am-12noon 7pm-9pm	Friday Life Connect Group NB: No Watercolours class today Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 4 July			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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