PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th June 2026

HEADLINES

- **Movement on Our Frontlines sermon series**
- **Worship Unplugged – 6.30pm this Sunday!**
- **Message Mission Week**
- **Pentecost at Barrow Bridge**
- **Prayer for the week from Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission**

Read on to find out more…

SERVICES

Sun 7 Jun
It's Lighthouse week!

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Vision Service
10.20am	*(no Lighthouse in Parish Centre, it's taking place instead in church today)*
10.30am*	Lighthouse Takeover and Twinklers
6.30pm*	Worship Unplugged parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service (*NB: no Lighthouse today, next one 14 Jun*)
2pm	Baptism service in Smithills Chapel

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse

ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service with Communion

*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes… .

Movement on Our Frontlines Sermon Series

In our morning services, we have started an exciting new sermon series called ***Movement on Our Frontlines*** which builds on our overarching theme of **Movement** throughout 2026, with the aim to help us learn that the church is a movement that we can all play a part in. It is based on the ***Fruitfulness on the Frontline*** initiative from LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity). You may remember we looked at this as a parish in 2017.

It is based on the principle that where you are now truly matters to God. We all have an everyday context that's significant to God, full of people who matter to God. But can we see how God might have been working in and through us on our frontlines? And can we imagine what more God might want to do there?

The series is full of biblical insights and practical steps, that I hope will spark your imagination and enrich your sense of wonder at the greatness and grace of the God who invites us to join his glorious work. We will explore **six 'M's** – six expressions of fruitfulness:

01 Modelling godly character. On our frontlines, godly character is both modelled and displayed.

02 Making good work. There is dignity and value in the everyday tasks we do.

03 Ministering grace and love. God has shown us grace and love, how might we minister to those around us?

04 Moulding culture. How can we influence the culture on our frontlines so people flourish more?

05 Mouthpiece for truth and justice. Becoming champions of right living and fair dealing on our frontlines.

06 Messenger of the gospel. Growing in confidence in talking about Jesus with people on our frontlines.

If you want to find out more and explore any of these themes more deeply, then look at the LICC website: https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/fruitfulness/

It's our **Vision Service** at 8.30am this Sunday. We will look at the vision and strategy for developing this service, so please do come along to find out more.

Our 6.30pm parish-wide service this Sunday is **Worship Unplugged**. Some of our amazing worship leaders and musicians will provide an opportunity to go deeper in worship, that can help us unplug from the hassle of life and focus on God. The theme will be the **Promises of God** and we will hear stories of ways God has fulfilled his promises backed up by passages of scripture. Join us for what promises to be a special evening of worship.

Message Mission Week

It's been a marvellous week of mission with the Message School of Evangelism team. They have visited Church Road Primary, Canon Slade High, and St Peter's Primary, leading interactive lessons on the themes of resilience and wellbeing. They've also taken part in our weekly Tread youth group, PrayerZone, and joined the service at Oasis.

Sharing the good news of Jesus and how he can transform our lives! The team were: Daniel from Brazil, Kirsten from Netherlands and Raja from Germany. Huge thanks go to Carolyn Rigby and her helpers for the organisation and hosting.

Pentecost at Barrow Bridge

The fire of Holy Spirit came to Barrow Bridge on Pentecost Sunday at their all-age service led by Carolyn Rigby. Activities included a celebratory birthday cake with a candle that wouldn't blow out, and Rev Alan shared a Pentecost message of how Jesus invites us to come to him, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and go out into the world to share God's love.

Bolton Ironman this weekend

Fri 5 – Sun 7 Jun

Please be mindful that road closures may impact your journey to church on Sunday! For details, please go to https://www.ironman.com/races/im703-bolton/traffic-impact

Lighthouse Takeover

Sun 7 Jun, 10.30am, St Peter's

This Sunday, it's a Lighthouse Takeover and we can't wait to bring you a service full of fun, energy and even a bit of challenge. We are exploring what it means to be an authentic follower of Jesus. When we leave church on a Sunday, are we just getting back into our usual habits and routines or are we letting what Jesus teaches us have an impact on our lives? At our last Lighthouse session, we looked at how Jesus washed his disciples' feet and the challenge is similar this weekend. Are we ready to get our hands dirty as Jesus did for our sakes, to bring the Gospel to a world that really needs to hear it! Come along and see how you can be a part of God's BIG plan.

Baptise and Share

Baptism

Sun 7 Jun

We welcome **Lottie DERBYSHIRE** (2pm, Smithills Chapel) and thank God for the gift of this child and for her parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

Meet

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thu 11 Jun, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

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

'All who are thirsty...' ReSource Day

Sat 13 Jun, 10am-4pm, St Andrew's Church Over Hulton, Crescent Ave, Bolton, BL5 1EN

ReSource has a particular calling to support spiritual renewal in 'little, local, ordinary' churches. These churches form the backbone of the Church but sometimes we feel isolated and dry. This day is for anyone who thirsts for more. Led by Jolyon Trickey, the Ven David Picken and others, this day is an opportunity for teams and individuals to:
Worship and encounter God afresh; Renew our faith in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; Discern how God is calling us in this particular season.

We will also pray for each other, enjoy a good quality lunch, and have the option of receiving prayer ministry and/or anointing with oil. Tickets £20 (lunch incl. Book at www.resourcingrenewal.org/events

NB: Change of date
Dreaming the Impossible Quiz Night

Sat 18th July, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

Book now for this fundraiser, led by our young people. 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**

CAP Client Report 2026

Last week, we mentioned that our CAP Centre, based in the Parish Centre, was chosen to be one of two churches featuring in Christians Against Poverty's 30 years anniversary Impact Report. Please click on https://stpetersparish.info/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/CAP-Client-Report-2026.pdf and read the impact of our 15 years! We feature on pages 18 and 19. In case you missed it, this article was published in the Bolton News last week: https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/26140557.christians-poverty-speak-debt-crisis-poverty/

Pray

Prayer in St Peter's Church

Do you want prayer? We have several ways you can ask for prayer; we shall be telling you more soon! For now, if you are in a church service and want 'in person' prayer, then please seek out a purple or yellow lanyard and the person wearing it will be happy to pray for you!

Good News for Romania

Dave and Kath Richardson are currently in Romania with a very full itinerary visiting the families they support through GNfR. They return home on 15 Jun 2026 so please keep them in your prayers, especially for good health and safety as they travel.

Prayer for the week

Carolyn Rigby, from Barrow Bridge Mission, shares that June is the **National Month of Prayer for toddler groups** and the theme is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Toddler groups from all around the country sent in a "sheep" from their group to be taken to the Houses of Parliament on Mon 1 June. The groups were prayed for, and the sheep have now been taken away by people who are going to pray for that group.

Carolyn says '*Our toddler groups offer an amazing space for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers to play, experience a warm welcome and develop a supportive community. They come in all shapes and sizes. They are a place where the love of God can be experienced in so many ways and they are a place where life in all its fullness can be celebrated. So, we pray not only for the two toddler groups that run in our parish but for all those groups who engage with pre-school children*.' ***See her prayer on the back page***.

Looking Forward

Soul Sisters Ladies' Ministry – Praise Party

*****NB: Change of date*****
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

Prayer from Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Loving God, thank You for each little one who comes through our doors. May they feel safe, happy, and loved. Help them explore, play, and grow with joy and a curiosity for you. God of comfort, bless every parent and carer who joins us. Bring rest to the weary, courage to the anxious, and friendship to the lonely. May they feel welcome and valued. Lord, give the team of volunteers patience, gentleness, and energy. Help us notice the small things, support one another, and create a warm, peaceful space for every family. Holy Spirit, fill Tots on Tuesdays, Little Wiggles, Twinklers and other groups in our parish for pre-schoolers with peace, safety, and belonging. Let our conversations be kind, our play be joyful, and our time together reflect Your love and point to Jesus.
Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 8 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 9 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 10 Jun			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies' Group	This is me! Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 11 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 12 Jun			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon	Friday Life Connect Group Watercolours Class	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119	Parish Centre
Sat 13 Jun			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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