



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Double edition: Sundays 26th July and 2nd August 2026

HEADLINES

- Oasis 'Summer Special'
- Upcoming Events: Reunion Service and Parish-wide Vision Service
- Goodbye, Elaine
- Prayer for the Week from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 26 July

Sun 2 Aug

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service (26 th and 2 nd)
10.30am*	Worship for Everyone service (26 th and 2 nd)
6.30pm*	Parish-wide service with Communion (26 th), parish-wide service (2 nd)

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service in Smithills Chapel today only, not school (26 th), Family Service (2 nd)
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Worship for Everyone service (26 th and 2 nd)
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service (26 th), morning service with Communion (2 nd)
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

As we move into the summer, many of our regular activities are taking a break to give our dedicated leaders and volunteers a well-earned rest.

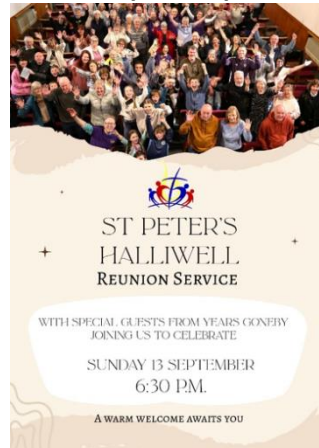
An Oasis 'Summer Special' took place at the Parish Centre on Thursday, where everyone was treated to a fascinating talk from special guest John Platt about

twenty objects that have shaped his life, followed by a tasty buffet lunch together. Oasis meetings will continue throughout the summer at 10.30am until 12noon each Thursday at St Peter's Church.



Looking forward, there are two events coming up after the summer that I'd like to draw to your attention.

Sun 13 Sept, 6.30pm – Our parish-wide 6.30pm



service will be a special **Reunion Service** where we are inviting church members and leaders, past and present, to celebrate all that is St Peter's. Rev Paul Hardingham will be our guest speaker. Please use the opportunity to invite anyone back to St Peter's to share in this special occasion.

Sun 18 Oct, 10.30am – This will be our annual **Parish-wide Vision Service**. This will be the only service that day to enable everyone to join together as we share vision and encouragement for the future of our fellowships and parish. Location is to be confirmed but is likely to be St Peter's Church.

Please pray for our young people and their leaders as they attend the DTI Summer Camp (29 July-3 Aug) and for St Andrew's Holiday Club (4-6 Aug).

Ken Slater

Ken Slater died peacefully at Bolton Hospice on Tues 21 July. Ken and his wife Carol have been faithful servants at St Andrew's for many years. Ken was a great friend to many of us, deeply loved and respected and will be sadly missed by everyone.



Please hold all his family and friends in your prayers, especially his wife, Carol, and children, Trudi and David. Ken's funeral will be on **Tues 11 Aug, 10am** at St Peter's Church, followed by a reception at St Andrew's Hope Centre. There will be a private family service of committal at Overdale Crematorium. May Ken rest in peace and rise in glory!

Collection in Memory of John Nuttall

Kathleen Nuttall wishes to thank everyone who donated to the collection in memory of her husband, John, who died in March. A wonderful £476 was raised for SASRA (the Soldiers and Aviators Scripture Readers Association) – thank you.

Goodbye, Elaine

After 7 years on our staff team as the Parish Finance Officer, Elaine Vincent is preparing for her move down south. Her last working day with us is **Weds 29 July**. We thank her for her faithful service, for being incredibly conscientious and going above-and-beyond



in this role and for being a caring, supportive staff team member and part of our church family for many years – we will miss her! Please keep Elaine, Craig and John in your prayers as they move into their new home and start this next exciting chapter of their lives.

Worship Band in St Peter's

Feeling a nudge to sing or play in the Worship Band? Ask Chris Ward, Keir Simister or Sue Wilding about how to get involved. The next rota (for Oct-Jan) is being prepared soon - why not volunteer a couple of dates for morning or evening to get started?! We'd love to welcome anyone new who plays or sings to the team.

Good News for Romania Visitors



A very warm welcome to the staff and school children from Romania and Moldova who are currently visiting us here in Bolton as guests of our mission partner, Good News for Romania. Please do say hello to them when you see them!

Lost Property in St Peter's

Are you missing your favourite cup, bag or brolly? Please take a look to see if it's in the lost property collection on display at the back of church during August. Please note, all uncollected items will be donated to a charity shop in September.



CAP Fundraiser



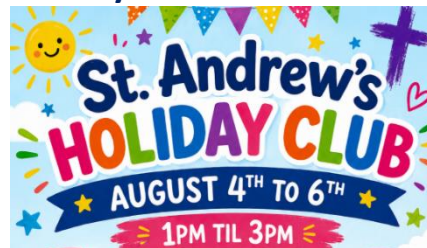
Do you want to get fit and be part of helping to 'stop poverty in its tracks'? As part of CAP's 30 years' celebrations, we would like to invite you to take up a 30-day challenge: walking or running 30km during the 30 days of September. You can do 1km a day or 5km on 6 days...or any combo you like! You can get sponsored by friends and family or just send a donation to our fundraising page

- https://www.justgiving.com/page/samantha-wolstencroft-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=LFCFRUK_42DaysToEvent

All monies raised will be used by CAP in Bradford so they can continue to provide the best debt help to those in need. For more info, check out our JustGiving page (above) and email Sam

- samwolstencroft@capuk.org to let her know you are in!

Holiday Club at St Andrew's



Thank you for all the support and offers of practical help for the upcoming holiday club at St. Andrews. If

you would like to help financially by giving a small monetary gift, please put an envelope labelled 'St Andrew's Holiday Club' into the collection in any church in our parish – thank you. If there is any money left over from donations made, this will be used for

general parish youth work. We'd also appreciate your prayers for the children and adults, during the preparations for, and the actual club running from 4 - 6 Aug.

Parish Office Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our friendly, small staff team for a **Finance Officer** - a part-time role, 18 hours per week - based in the Parish Centre.



Interested? Please see this link -

<https://cdn.email.cdn.churchsuite.com/xWlw94RoTgOI4FJs6Fsn> - and contact Amanda in the Parish Office in the first instance to discuss further. If you know someone who may be suitable, please do share!

Closing date for applications is Fri 31 July 2026.

Youth and Children's Ministry Lead

We are advertising again for this key role for our parish with an increased salary offer. Please share as widely as you can and get praying! Visit:

www.stpetersparish.info/jobs for info. **Closing date**

for applications is Tues 1 Sept 2026.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEAD

- ✓ £27,000 - £31,000
- ✓ Excellent Support Package
- ✓ Full Time

Closing date 1 Sept, 2026
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St Peter's Halliwell, Bolton

St Peter's School Nursery Consultation



Let Your Light Shine

St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School is consulting on an exciting proposal to expand its Early Years provision by opening a school-based nursery for two- and three-year-olds from September 2028. The proposed nursery would provide

high-quality early education within a caring Christian environment, helping children to develop and thrive from an earlier age. It would also support smoother transitions into Reception, offer greater continuity for families, and enable earlier identification and support for children with additional needs. The consultation is open until **Fri 7 Aug 2026**, and the school would welcome the views of parents, carers, church members and the wider community. Responses can be sent directly to the school by email - office@spsd.bolton.sch.uk - or in writing. For further information, please contact St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School directly.



Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 28 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Parish Centre



This month's guest speaker is Marilyn Shalks with 'My Early Life in the Theatre, TV and Films'. Info from

enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

Alpha Course

Our next Alpha Course starts on **Thu 3 Sept, 8pm** at the Parish Centre. Register interest with Amanda in the Parish Office.

Stay Curious Try Alpha

Alpha Course
Starts Thu 3 Sept 2026, 8pm-9.30pm
Parish Centre
Sign-up
amanda@stpetersparish.info



'Dreaming the Impossible' Summer Camp Weds 29 July - Mon 3 Aug, Staffordshire Showground



Please pray for our team of 15 young people and adults who are attending the DTI summer camp. Please pray for safety as they travel to/from the camp, for good health, and also that the young people

would go deeper in their faith as well as their relationships with one another during the week - plus that the whole team would be blessed in all the opportunities they have during this time away.

Prayer for the Week

Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Primary School, looks back over the last term in school and looks forward to the new start in September. **See her prayer on the back page.**



Looking Forward

Save the Date: Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thurs 24 Sept, 10.30am, St Peter's Church

All are most welcome to join us at Oasis for our coffee morning to raise valuable funds for this very worthwhile cause.



Prayer from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

We give thanks for a busy, fun and enjoyable term, for all that the children have learned and the challenges that have been met! We give thanks for those children and young people who have grown in their faith. Help them always to remember that You are with them. We pray for those who have been challenged by what they have heard about You; may the seeds that have been sown produce fruit in the coming months.

We pray for those leaving Year 6 and transitioning to their new high school, that they might make new friends and cope with the new environment.

We pray for Lucy Hargraves and Kirsty Davies, the 2 new teachers starting at St Peter's in September, asking that they might quickly settle in and feel part of the team. We pray that Alison Slater might enjoy her retirement, thanking You for her outstanding contribution to the life of St Peter's.

We pray too for all the teachers, assistants, helpers, carers and volunteers who teach and nurture our children and young people. We ask for Your blessing, Your joy, Your wisdom and Your patience as they re-charge their batteries over the summer break, ready for the new term!

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Coming up

*****Most activities are now paused for the summer break*****

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 27 July			
10am-1.30pm 5.30pm-7.30pm	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance ABL Weight Management Session	office@stpetersparish.info www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 28 July			
7.30pm-9pm	Halliwell Local History Society (inc. Smithills)	enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Thurs 30 July			
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
Fri 31 July			
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

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