



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Double Edition: Sundays 23rd and 30th August 2026

Services

Sun 23 Aug and 30 Aug

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service (23 rd and 30 th)
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone (23 rd and 30 th)
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service with communion (23 rd), parish-wide service (30 th)

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Family service with communion (23 rd), joint service with Barrow Bridge (30 th)
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Worship for Everyone (23 rd), joint service at Smithills today (30 th)
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service (23 rd), Café Church (30 th)
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*Livestreamed: search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Over the years we've seen a dramatic increase in examination performance because teachers are very keen to put our active-based strategies into effect. Thanks for your support and do pray for health, safety and all the preparation required to make this trip God-honouring." All donations to the work of NIM are gratefully received and are such a blessing and encouragement to our mission partners. Please go to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12903#!/DonationDetails>

Ken Slater

Carol Slater and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many kind words, prayers, messages of love and support they have received during these past few weeks following the loss of their beloved Ken. Carol says "Thanks also for the many cards and beautiful floral tributes, and for the generous donations made to Bolton Hospice in Ken's memory. We have been deeply touched by the kindness shown to us and are truly grateful. Your love, prayers and friendship have meant more to us than we can adequately express. Thank you."

Halliwell Local History Society



Tues 25 Aug, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Speaker Gareth Winrow - 'Charles Hornby: Pin Mill, Flash St. Mills.' All welcome.

NIM News: Mission Matters



This feature focusses on stories and updates from our mission partners – this month it's **Dave Moffoot from Education India**.

Dave says "I am delighted that 7 members of the team will be going to India this year during October. Two of the members will be 'newbies' from Australia who are both teachers with previous missionary experience. We hope to visit at least 6 schools in the Tamil Nadu area, all of which have been visited before. We want to see real progress in both the quality of teacher delivery and the extent to which everyone in the schools is responding to the Gospel. The headteacher is sometimes the ONLY Christian in the school and we make a big effort to come alongside to encourage, pray and offer advice where we can deal with issues. Please bear in mind that most children and staff are Hindus and there is an increased level of opposition within India to anything that is Christian oriented.

PrayerZone



Weds 2 Sept, 7.30-8.30pm, Parish Centre

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

Alpha Course Starting Soon

Thurs 3 Sept, 8-9.30pm, Parish Centre

There's a seat for you. Talk about what really matters at Alpha. A great way to find out more about the Christian faith.

All welcome. Info: <https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha>.

Book at (01204) 599900 / office@stpetersparish.info



Out and About Walk

Sat 5 Sept, 9.30am, meet opposite St Peter's Church



Barrowford to Barley. 8.25 miles, moderate. Info: Janet 07427 690087

PRAYER from Diane Ball on behalf of St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Being prepared

Joshua 3 "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. 4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before... 5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

Joshua and the people of Israel were at the start of something new, going where they didn't know what was ahead. As well as the physical preparations they were to consecrate themselves - make themselves ready for God's leading. It's a time of preparation - getting ready for a new term; a new school or college; a new Job; a new session for the groups we run; a new season for Josh and the team. As well as buying the new shoes, let's not forget about dedicating the future to God.

Father, we thank you that you are a God of new beginnings. We pray for all those making preparations for school, work, ministries or new church. In the midst of all the practical things, we pray that each one will take time to prepare themselves, and their families, for the amazing things that God will do ahead. May You be the first thing we remember, not be the thing we have forgotten on the first day.

AMEN

Coming up *Please note, some activities are now paused for the summer break.**

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 24 Aug / 31 Aug (Bank Holiday Monday)			
10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Strength and Balance Class (24 th only, not 31 st) Weight Management Class (24 th only, not 31 st)	Contact office@stpetersparish.info www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 25 Aug / 1 Sept			
7.30pm-9pm	Halliwell Local History Society (25 th only, not 1 st)	enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Weds 26 Aug / 2 Sept			
7.30pm-8.30pm	PrayerZone (not 26 th , 2 nd only)	Prayer and worship. All welcome.	Parish Centre
Thurs 27 Aug / 3 Sept			
8.30am-9am	Prayer meeting (not 27 th , 3 rd only)	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group (not 27 th , 3 rd only)	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 28 Aug / 4 Sept			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 7pm-9pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Connect Group Stressbusters Badminton (not 28 th , 4 th only)	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre

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