



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Double Edition: Sundays 9th and 16th August 2026

Services

Sun 9 Aug and 16 Aug

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service with communion (9 th) Morning service (16 th)
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone service with baptism (9 th) Worship for Everyone service with communion (16 th)
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service (9 th) Parish-wide service (16 th)

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Family service (9 th) Family service (16 th)
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Worship for Everyone service (9 th) Worship for Everyone service with communion (16 th)
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service (9 th) Café Church (16 th)
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*Livestreamed: search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish



Baptism

Sun 9 Aug, 10.30am, St Peter's

We welcome **Kingsley WILDE** and thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

Oasis in St Peter's

Every Thu, 10.30am-12noon, St Peter's Church

All welcome to join us in the church Lounge on Thursdays all year round for refreshments and cake from 10.30am. If you like, you can then join us at the short service in church at 11.30am, with a different speaker each week. We'd love to see you so please feel free to just turn up.



Alpha Course Starting Soon

Thu 3 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm at Parish Centre



Good News for Romania School Visit



Dave and Kath Richardson thank you for the support and help given to their latest visitors from Romania and Moldova. They had a wonderful time taking part in various activities including our 10.30 service, a Cafe Create treasure hunt and visits to Conwy Castle, Bolton Museum and Smithills Farm... and more!

Progressive Meal – Book Now!

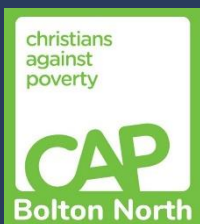
Sat 19 Sept, meet 6.30pm at Parish Centre

Fancy a 3-course meal with the church family? **Enjoy 3 different courses, all with 3 different sets of guests, at 3 different houses!** It's a great way to get to know people, and to raise money to subsidise the costs of our Quinta weekend in 2027 (we ask for £15 to cover the costs.) *No transport?* No worries - we can provide lifts between all courses and home again afterwards. *Dietary requirements?* No worries - we can make sure these are accommodated. *Haven't got £15?* No worries - we'll pay for you. Any questions? Please contact Stephen or Rachel Brierley on 01204 433810 or 07954 995160.

Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/eLmAiUuMELNbqnoM8>

PRAYER from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Bolton North Debt Centre Manager

'Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars?
He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name.
Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.'
Isaiah 40:26



These verses speak out the truth of just how BIG God is and yet we know he cares about our prayers and petitions, and the minutiae of our lives – and the lives of our CAP clients.
"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29
This week we focus on those who are facing unemployment as the unemployment rate in the UK is currently 5.1% and 18% of UK adults in work report being in insecure work.

Heavenly Father,
We know how much poverty weighs on your heart, and we pray for all those people stuck in cycles of unemployment. Please bless those looking for work with the strength and resilience to overcome any barriers they face to entering work. Whether that's poor health, family commitments, or a crowded job market where they just can't seem to break through, we know that you're above all these things.
We pray for an abundance of opportunities in the job market so that your children can provide for themselves and their families. Bless the churches that have provided CAP job clubs throughout the UK, and guide those who need it to the help that's available. And with this, we pray for financial freedom for all those shackled by the chains of poverty and joblessness.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Coming up

*****Please note, most activities are now paused for the summer break.**

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 10 / 17 Aug			
10am-1.30pm 6pm-7.30pm	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance ABL Weight Management Programme	office@stpetersparish.info www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Thu 13 / 20 Aug			
8.30am-9am	Prayer morning	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 14 / 21 Aug			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 7pm-9pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Connect Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre

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