



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 27th September 2026

HEADLINES

- No More Knives Initiative
- Parish-wide Vision Service and Lunch
- CAP September Challenge
- Quinta 2027 Fundraiser Progressive Meal
- Prayer for the week from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Bolton North Debt Centre Manager

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 27 Sept

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 Baptism
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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...

No More Knives!



I am thrilled to introduce you to the **No More Knives** initiative from the Message Trust. Knife crime is a major issue in towns and cities across the UK and sadly Bolton is no exception.

Often teenagers struggle to put together a strong link between their actions and the consequences of their actions. Many victims of knife crime are young people who carry a knife in the belief it will protect them only to find that it becomes the weapon used against them. The good news is that knife crime is reducing - although Greater Manchester is amongst the highest levels nationally. There are great examples of community-led initiatives delivering positive results through educating young people towards good choices and healthy alternatives.

So here is a positive way we can all play a part in helping stop knife crime and educating young people across our town. How about we pray with a vision not just to reduce knife crime but to eradicate it completely. So, let's take a stand as a movement of God's people across this wonderful town to put a stop to knife crime.

I'm part of a small group of church leaders who are inviting Christians from across the town to unite together at the **Grace Church on Tuesday 29 September at 7pm**. It will give the opportunity to hear the vision, see the Message team in action, and hear from people in other areas about how **No More Knives** has delivered great results. And you learn about ways you can get involved. Hope to see you there!



Baptism

Sun 27 Sep, 10am, Smithills Fellowship

We welcome **Rose CRITCHLEY** and thank God for the gift of this child and for her parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

Vision Service

Sun 18 Oct, 11am (refreshments 10am), St Peter's



This will be a parish-wide all-age/worship for everyone service with a Twinkler's pre-school session available in St Peter's Church Lounge. Following the service, there will be a lunch for everyone in the Parish Centre. Please join us for what is sure to be a wonderful opportunity to unite the whole parish in worship and share our vision for the year ahead. **This will be the only service in the parish on Sun 18 Oct to give the opportunity for everyone to come.**

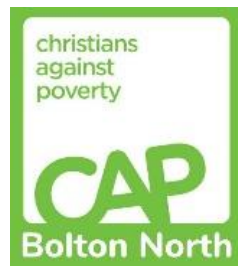
Vision Service Lunch: Help Needed



Following the Vision Service on Sun 18 Oct in St Peter's, there will be a lunch (jacket potatoes and fillings, and cake) for everyone in the Parish Centre. Can you help by preparing food for the lunch? Are

you able to be part of the team setting up the room, serving lunch and clearing up? All offers of help will be much appreciated. Please speak to Elaine Weaver or Janette Daeth or email eats@stpetersparish.info.

CAP September Challenge



The month of September is nearly over! Our faithful fundraisers have been keeping active and have almost achieved their goals! Katie has averaged 12.5km a day; Sophie, Reuben and Joel have one more 5k run to go and everyone else is on

track! Please donate at the link below to show your appreciation of their efforts and to help CAP do what they do so brilliantly! Many thanks.

https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=ABB7InYiOjEslmQioJuwMDZ9AAYAAAAABUnF_W2KWNjig-1vc1iTYP3AKL7GrlddV4dzhMHgxycsuMU1MoV2cJU MiBVncjnZWHU5lwalxbsUYFpfckN0wlDB0Aovxb7pMsMw

Quinta 2027 Fundraiser: Progressive Meal



A wonderful evening was had by all those who attended last Saturday's progressive meal. They enjoyed a delicious 3-course meal with each course taking place in a different home, with different guests. We had 46 guests and 15 hosts in total. Huge thanks to the chefs and hosts who did a simply amazing job!

Can You Help?

Our wonderful caretaker, Dave Park, will be on sick leave for 6 weeks following an operation scheduled for 2 Oct. We're able to cover some aspects of his role in his absence but if you can help support us by volunteering to Hoover or clean in the Parish Centre or at St. Peter's Church, *even as a one-off session*, please can you let Amanda know ASAP - amanda@stpetersparish.info / 01204 599900. Please keep Dave in your prayers, especially that his operation will be a success and he will make a good recovery. Thanks for your support.

Piano Available - Free to a Good Home

The current piano (a Rogers, plus stool) at Barrow Bridge Mission is being replaced and is being offered free to a good home (a donation to Mission funds would always be appreciated.) **Please note, you will need to make your own arrangements for collecting and removing and transporting it.** It needs going ASAP.

Interested? Please contact the Parish Office –

amanda@stpetersparish.info / 01204 599900.



Out and About Walk

Sat 3 Oct, meet 9.30am, opposite St Peter's Church
Wigan's Royalty walk starting from Hall Lane, Wigan. 6 miles, easy walking through Woodland and canal paths with a lunch stop at Haigh Hall. Bring packed



lunch/ drink and wear suitable footwear and clothing. Info: Janet Ainsworth 07427 690087

GNfR Fundraiser Ceilidh

Sat 3 Oct, 4-7pm, Parish Centre

Fun for all the family! Raising funds for our mission partners, Good News for Romania. **Limited tickets available so get yours now.** Contact Kath on 07903 546008 or the Parish Office to book your tickets (including hot food).



Halliwell Local History Society



Tues 29 Sept, 7.30pm, Parish Centre
Speaker Charlie Boardman: 'The Great Tree'. All welcome. Info: enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

...and Local History Fair

Sat 3 Oct, 11am-4pm, St Peter's Church

All are invited to this local history fair, organised by Halliwell Local History Society, where 3 other local societies will also be present plus Bolton Steam Museum, Friends of Smithills Hall, the Woodland Trust and a philatelist society. There will be displays of old photos, newspaper cuttings and artefacts, slideshows and stalls selling second hand maps/books/photos. Admission FREE. Refreshments available.

Circle of Support for women who support and care for husbands / partners with a long-term illness

Weds 30 Sept, 12.30-2pm, Parish Centre

A facilitated space for quiet conversation and sharing, an opportunity to meet others whose lived experience is similar. Info from Sam Potts (07702 317481), a BACP registered counsellor and person - centred therapist.

High School Form Signings for 2027 Entry

Thurs 1 Oct, 7-9pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but you **must book a timed slot** at office@stpetersparish.info / 599900. Please provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details, and which church you attend.

Café on the Green

Sat 3 Oct, 9am-1.30pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, Limefield Rd, BL1 6LA

Delicious food and excellent service. All welcome. Proceeds to Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates.



PrayerZone



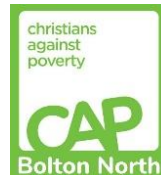
Prayer Zone

Weds 7 Oct, 7.30-8.30pm, Barrow Bridge Mission

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

Prayer for the Week

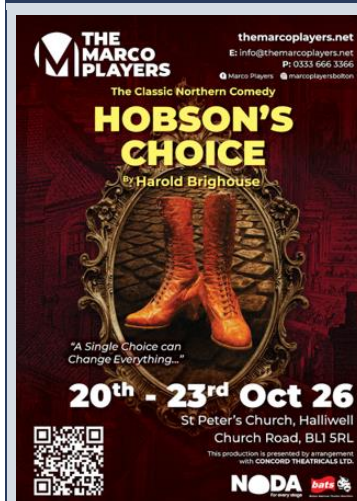
Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Bolton North Debt Centre



Manager, notes that in chapter 6 of Isaiah, we read of his response to God's call: 'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"' – Isaiah 6:8. But God didn't send Isaiah on a foreign mission – he called him to serve in the place he already lived. Isaiah was called to engage with his community and today, God is calling us to do the same. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Marco Players: Hobson's Choice



Tues 20 – Fri 23 Oct, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

Rehearsals are underway for this not-to-be-missed play! Book your tickets on 0333 666 3366, online via QR code, or at the Parish Office.

Prayer from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Bolton North Debt Centre Manager

Lord God

Thank you that your heart overflows with love for the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Thank you that you see the hidden needs in our community. We praise you for the lives you have already changed and are continuing to change. We pray for all those who are trapped in poverty in the UK to be set free from the darkness of their situations. We pray that those who are afraid to speak up and ask for help would find the courage they need to reach out. We especially pray for those who are adjusting to losing the Universal Credit uplift this month. Thank you that you use ordinary people and organisations like CAP to bring hope and practical help to others. We pray that through CAP's work, more people's lives will be changed as they find freedom from debt and respond to Jesus.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 28 Sept			
10am-1.30pm 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance Coffee Room Weight Management session	office@stpetersparish.info Drop-in for coffee and cake. All welcome www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 29 Sept			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesdays	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers' Group Ignite KS2 Children's Tread Youth Group Halliwell Local History Society	office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk	Parish Centre
Weds 30 Sept			
9am-12noon	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 12.30pm-2pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Circle of Support	Smithills Estate Talk. Val 07902 167971 Sam Potts 07702 317481	Parish Centre
Thurs 1 Oct			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 2 Oct			
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
Sat 3 Oct			
9am-12noon 4pm-7pm	INTERACT Performing Arts GNFR Fundraiser Ceilidh	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531 Kath 07903 546008	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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