



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 6th September 2026

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- Welcome Back!
- World Focus Sunday with CreateBolton
- A Day at the Palace! – Chris Winstanley
- Associate Minister Advert – Please Share!
- Reunion Service Next Week
- Prayer for the week from Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry team

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 6 Sept
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
10.30am*	Adult service with Twinklers
6.30pm*	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service with Communion
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

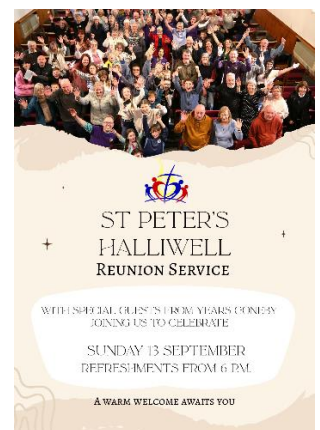
Rev Alan writes...

Welcome Back!

I'm always tempted to wish everyone a happy new year at this time of year as the schools go back and the holiday season ends for many of us. I hope, like me, you feel refreshed and have enjoyed some good summer weather.

As things ramp up in our weekly routines, I'm happy to highlight some things coming up over the coming weeks in addition to our regular activities which can be found inside our newsletter.

- **Alpha Course** – started last Thu but you're still welcome to join it this week, 8pm at the Parish Centre.
- **Reunion Service** – Sun 13 Sept, 6pm refreshments, 6.30pm start at St Peter's.
- **Parish-wide Vision Service** – Sun 18 Oct, 10am refreshments, 11am start at St Peter's. This will be the only service that Sunday.



Please do come to our Parish-wide 6.30pm service this Sunday as it is special service led by our National and International Ministries team and there will be a special focus on the incredible work of Create Bolton led by Andrew Kilpatrick.

So, Happy New Year! **(there, I've said it!)** I hope and pray that the months ahead are a time of blessing for you and our parish as we enter an exciting new season filled with opportunities.

World Focus Sunday



CreateBolton is the focus of today's 10.30am and 6.30pm World Focus Sunday services in St. Peter's and the theme is 'Where is Your Heart

Planting? The morning service will be

based on The Treasure Within: Finding God's Power in Our Brokenness (2 Corinthians 4:1–12). The evening service will be based on Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9 then v18-23). People connected to CreateBolton will be reading, praying and sharing a story of the difference Create makes in their lives. Please do come along and show your support for the amazing work of CreateBolton.

A Day at the Palace!

Our wonderful Safeguarding Officer, Chris Winstanley, took part in a reception and meeting with the Archbishop of York at Bishopthorpe Palace this week. Chris was selected as part of a small team to represent Manchester Diocese in this special meeting to reflect on safeguarding practices across the church. Her involvement reflects her skills and the high regard in which she is held. We are fortunate to have her in this key role for our parish, so please continue to support her, especially if she is chasing you for DBS applications or training, thanks!



Associate Minister Advert

We're pleased to confirm that advertising is now live for our parish Associate Minister role. This is a clergy role to support Rev Alan in the leadership of the parish. Please pray for the right person and share around anyone you think might be suitable. You can find the advert on the Parish, Diocese and New Wine Jobs pages. Closing date for applications is 7 Oct.

Reunion Service Next Week

We're excited to announce the following former leaders and partners so far have confirmed they will be coming to the Reunion Service next week: **Revs Paul** Hardingham and Kathryn, **Alison** Bailie, **Gilbert** and Uzma David, **Oli** and Jo Preston, **Steve** and Steph Openshaw, Steve and **Steph** Mawhinney...and there may still be more! The service will start at 6.30pm with refreshments served from 6pm to allow the opportunity to meet our guests. Please use the opportunity to invite back to St Peter's any old friends or people who may have slipped back from regular attendance, it will be great to reconnect with people!

Nepal Flood Emergency Disaster Appeal

If you would like to donate to help the victims of the recent flooding in Nepal, please do



so through NIM (St. Peter's Mission Fund) **using the link below** and we will send all donations directly to local Christian churches, ensuring that all donations are used where needed. Thanks for your support. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12903#!/DonationDetails>

Poppy Update

Barrow Bridge Banner Group say *"You've done it! Thank you to everyone who has knitted and crocheted poppies. We have reached our target of 1000 poppies, but if you still have poppies completed or nearly done, please keep sending them in. They can be dropped off at the Parish Centre or Barrow Bridge. Thank you too to everyone who donated wool. We hope you will join us at Barrow Bridge for our Remembrance event, details to follow shortly."*



Holiday Club – a BIG thank you!

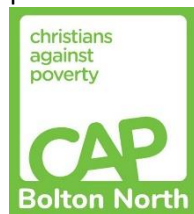
A BIG thank-you to everyone who supported the Holiday Club at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer. Simon Nightingale says *"We had 25 children attend over the three days, enjoying crafts, games and Bible stories, and hearing about Jesus' love, death and resurrection. It was wonderful to see God at work and seeds being sown in young lives."*

We're excited to be starting a monthly Sunday Club in the afternoons, continuing to build relationships with the children and share Jesus' love with them. Please keep praying for the children and their families."



CAP'S 30-day September Challenge!

For the last 15 years we at St Peter's Halliwell have partnered with a fantastic charity (CAP). We have



seen over 200 families released from the burden of problem debt during that time. The CAP Support Hub in Bradford works hard to provide an excellent debt advice service for the clients we meet here in Bolton but

they need our donations to keep this service free to those in need. Various members of our church are taking up a challenge during September and we would love it if you would encourage them by donating using the link below. Katie is doing 10k every day for 30 days; Tom and Sam are doing 10,000 steps every day; Sophie, Joel and Reuben are doing 6 x 5k runs over the month and others are doing the 1k per day for the month.

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

Also, are you interested in knowing more about helping with the work of our CAP Ministry? If so there is a **Befriender Training Day on Tues 15th Sept in the Parish Centre, 11.30am- 2pm** and includes lunch. Please let Sam know if you would like to come by Tues 7th Sept! samwolstencroft@capuk.org

Volunteers Needed for Hub at the Hope Weds, 9am-12noon, St. Andrew's

These drop-in sessions re-start on **Weds 9 Sept** – NB: new time! Sadly, due to poor health a couple of volunteers have stood down. Could you consider joining the Hub team? There's flexibility as to whether you help on a weekly or less regular basis. Interested? Please contact Steve (stevetwalsh59@gmail.com)



KS2 Group Ignite

Tues (term-time), 6pm-7.15pm, Parish Centre

Ignite re-starts on **Tues 8 Sept!** It is an evening of games, refreshments, Bible teaching and prayer and craft activities. We're looking forward to welcoming back those who've been faithfully attending but we would also love to see any KS2 pupils, including those who have just moved into Y3. Please contact the Parish Office to register your child's interest. See you soon!



Alpha Course – It's Not Too Late!

Thurs 10 Sept, 8-9.30pm, Parish Centre



Started last week. 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. Book at

office@stpetersparish.info/ 01204 599900

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thurs 24 Sept, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's Church (followed by short service at 11.30am)

All welcome. Donations of cakes, preserves etc will be very much appreciated – please contact Val Perris on 07984 070364. We hope to see you there!



Progressive Meal: Only TWO weeks to go!

Sat 19 Sept, 6.30pm start, Parish Centre



It's less than a fortnight until the next Progressive

Meal. Have you signed up yet? If not, here's the

link: <https://forms.gle/fU1pF6YtgowNyH4F7>.

Not sure what it's about? Loads of people have been before, so just ask someone — or contact Stephen or Rachel (07954 995160 or thebrierleys@proton.me).

Worried about allergies? Let us know, we can sort it.

Worried about transport? Let us know, we'll organise

lifts for you. *Not sure about the £15 contribution?* No

problem, we'll pay for you. *Would like to do it with a*

friend/as a group? No problem, we can sort that too.

Got another issue? Let us know so we can work round

it!! **The deadline for signing up is Sat 12 Sept.... Don't**

delay, act today!



Prayer for the week

Our prayer this week is from Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry team. **See his prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

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

Good News for Romania Fundraiser Ceildih



Sat 3 Oct, 4pm-7pm, Parish Centre

Fun for all the family! Contact Kath on 07903 546008 or the Parish Office to book tickets – meal included.

Halliwell Local History Society: History Fair

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



All invited to come and support this local history fair where many other local societies will also be present.

Displays of old photos, newspaper cuttings and artefacts. Slideshows and stalls selling second hand maps/books/photos. Admission free.

Prayer from Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry team

Almighty and everlasting God. Creator of all things from atoms to galaxies, microbes to humankind. We are your children, your hands, feet and voice on earth. We ask for your forgiveness when we put ourselves first, when we ignore the things you've asked of us and go our own way. We recall all the wonderful things you have done for our ancestors and ourselves. Things to prosper us, things to help us in our daily lives and those things we don't even recognise as coming from you. We ask that you teach us to love each other as you love us. Give us tolerance to accept one another regardless of religion, gender or race. Soften the hearts and minds of those who persecute your children, often in your name.

This prayer we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour.

Amen

(Prayer based on Nehemiah's Prayer, Nehemiah Ch:1 and Rev Roger Oldfield's 'Bulldozer Prayer' interpretation)

Coming up

Continuing up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 7 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 8 Sept			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers' Group Ignite KS2 Children's Tread Youth Group	office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 9 Sept			
9am-12noon	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies' Group	Finding Out. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 10 Sept			
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 11 Sept			
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 12 Sept			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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