



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 18th October 2026

HEADLINES

- A Vision for Bolton!
- Florence Odonga and Barbara Rea
- The Churchwardens need your help!
- Harvest Service Thanks
- CAP Thanks and Advent Calendars
- Prayer for the week from Rev Alan

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SERVICES

Sun 18 Oct

It's our Vision Service today!

ST PETER'S CHURCH

11am	Parish-wide all-age Vision Service with Twinklers in Church Lounge
After service	Family lunch at Parish Centre
NB	No 8.30am/6.30pm service today

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

	<i>Join us in St Peter's today!</i>
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

	<i>Join us in St Peter's today!</i>
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

	<i>Join us in St Peter's today!</i>
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

A Vision for Bolton!

At our Parish-wide Vision Service this Sunday, Rev Josh and I will be sharing plans for the church plant in Bolton town centre.

We are both tremendously excited by the opportunity to plant a new church into Bolton town centre – especially at a time when new opportunities are coming through housing developments with the expected increase in the town centre population and the likely increase in the number of young adults.



It is a huge opportunity for St Peter's to have a bigger impact across Bolton and fulfil our vision to ***Transform Bolton together in Jesus' name.*** We are grateful to Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Commissioners who have placed their faith in St Peter's in this way. Throughout our preparations so far there has been a real sense that God has been guiding us. We believe the incredible response from people willing to be sent out from St Peter's is testimony to that call, and that God is opening new doors of opportunity.

We also recognise the cost of the plant on St Peter's and that we are leading the church in taking a significant step of faith – trusting that God will help fill the gaps in people and finances at St Peter's that this plant will create – and trusting that we will experience new growth at St Peter's. It's a time to all pull together as Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission!

Parish-wide Vision Service TODAY

Sun 18 Oct, 11am, St Peter's

This is the only service taking place in our parish today and you are all invited! It's an all-age service with Twinklars taking place in the Church Lounge for pre-schoolers. **Join us from 10am for refreshments.** The service will be followed by lunch for all (jacket potatoes plus fillings and cake) in the Parish Centre.

Florence Odonga

Sat 31 Oct, 12noon, St Peter's Church



We are sad to inform you that Florence Odonga died on Tuesday. Florence was a wonderful Godly woman who touched the lives of many in our fellowships and throughout her career as a paediatric doctor. She was born in Uganda. She was a Great Aunt and guardian to Max. All her family are immensely grateful for the love and support provided to her by her church family and want to offer their sincere thanks. There will be a Thanksgiving service in St Peter's on Sat 31 Oct, 12noon followed by lunch in the church lounge and her family would love for her church family to join them. A burial will take place at Heaton Cemetery during the following week. Please hold all her family in your prayers, especially Max, and her sisters, Brenda and Judith, and brother Stephen.

Barbara Rea

We are sad to inform you that Barbara died on Thurs 8 Oct in hospital. Many of you may remember her as she attended St. Peter's for a number of years and was very involved with Keith Wills' ministry in the 80's and 90's. Up until recently, she was also part of one of our Connect groups. Please keep Nicky, Gino, Andrew and Christopher and all the wider family and friends in your prayers at this time. Her funeral details will be shared when known.

The Churchwardens need your help!



There have been structural problems with the church tower at St Peter's for several years and, as time passes, the need for repairs is becoming more urgent. The PCC intends to set up a team of people to manage fundraising for this project. This would involve applying for grants as well as encouraging donations, and support for this is

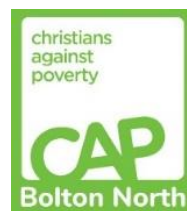
available from the Diocese. Do you have skills in this area which you could offer to your church? Or is it something new that God might be asking you to get involved with? Please contact Chris or Simon (wardens@stpetersparish.info) for more information.

Harvest Services Thanks

**URBAN
OUTREACH** (BOLTON)

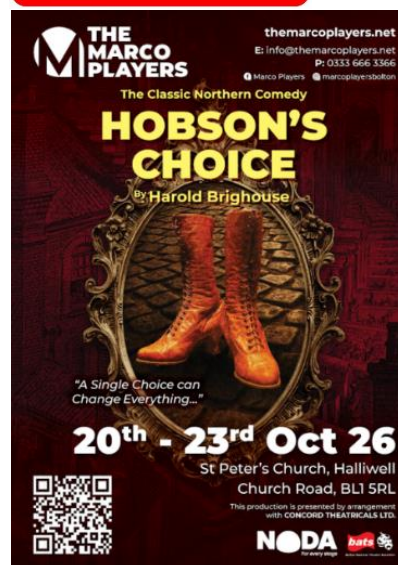
Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the Harvest food collections in church last Sunday; your donations have now been passed to Urban Outreach for distribution to those in need in our town. It's not too late! You can still donate money at <https://urbanoutreach.co.uk/get-involved/donate-money/>

CAP Thanks and Advent Calendars



The total raised for CAP as a result of the September Challenge is £990; with Gift Aid this will be almost £1200! **Thank you so much to everyone who played their part in exercising or donating - or both!**

Also, we're giving clients' children a Fairtrade 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £4.95), please give donations to Sam via the Parish Office. Thank you!



Play in St Peter's Church

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

The Marco Players present Hobson's Choice by Harold Brighouse, a not-to-be-missed play! Tickets from 0333 666 3366, online via this QR code, at the Parish Office or on the door.

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 21 Oct, 10am-12noon, St Andrews *NB: New time

**REPAIR
CAFE** BOLTON

Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thurs 22 Oct, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session. No need to book, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com

National and International Ministries - Algerian Evening

Sat 24 Oct, 6.30pm, Parish Centre

Only a handful of tickets remaining! All welcome at this special Algerian evening with Craig and Elaine Watson. It starts with a meal, provided by a local restaurant based on an Algerian menu Elaine has suggested – yes, there will be couscous but also so much more! Following food, Craig and Elaine will lead the rest of the evening featuring updates about their work in Algiers, some Algerian themed games to give you a flavour of their life there and a time to chat and ask questions. There's a suggested donation of £15 per head, to cover the cost of food, but if that would be a problem, please don't let it stop you coming. Book promptly by emailing how many places you need and names of who is attending to phil.weaver@stpetersparish.info.



Save the Date for the 13th Smithills Christmas Market

Sat 5 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm, Redcar Rd, Bolton

Offers of help and people to craft/make and sell products at this amazing 'not-for-profit' street market needed. Please contact j.t.platt@me.com

Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date 5th DECEMBER 2026

SMITHILLS CHRISTMAS MARKET

URBAN OUTREACH

13th year 'not-for-profit street market'

12:30-15:30 Redcar Rd Smithills.

Contact: j.t.platt@me.com

Christmas Choir 2026

Enjoy Christmas? Enjoy singing? This year, the Christmas Choir has two opportunities to share their songs in St Peter's! Firstly, in concert on **Sat 28 Nov, 4pm with The Mastersingers 'Prelude to Christmas'** and, secondly, at the **Carol Service on Sun 20 Dec, 6.30pm**. Rehearsals begin on Sun 1 Nov. To join the choir/for info, email: robandsue@stpetersparish.info
Tickets are now available for 'A Prelude to Christmas', simply use the QR code below or pick them up from the Parish Office – get yours now!

St Peter's Church, Church Road
Halliwell, BOLTON

A Prelude to CHRISTMAS

THE MASTERSINGERS

WITH GUESTS
THE ST PETER'S PARISH Christmas Choir

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

4.00PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD, HALLIWELL
BOLTON

TICKETS £12 | **UNDER 16s FREE** | **BUY TICKETS ONLINE**
Scan the QR code

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM ST PETER'S PARISH OFFICE



Prayer for the Week

Ahead of our Parish-wide Vision Service this Sunday, Rev Alan reminds us of this year's Prayer of Commitment. *See the back page.*

Looking Forward

Create Boltone's Fundraising Concert

Sat 21 Nov, 7pm, St Peter's Church

In support of Boltone's and the Evergreen Cancer Unit Bolton. A brass ensemble of musical excellence. All welcome. Tickets only £5. Book online via createbolton.org.uk (scroll down to 'Events') or call in to Café Create (Claremont House, Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 1AX).

Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sun 29 Nov, 2pm, St Peter's Church

This annual service provides an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones and be reminded of the peace and comfort that comes from God, our Heavenly Father. Service followed by refreshments. All welcome so please do invite your family and friends to join us.



Prayer from Rev Alan - Our Prayer of Commitment 2026



Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of the church as Jesus' family on Jesus' mission.

During 2026, help us to grow in our commitment to one another as your family here in St Peter's Parish.

Help us to grow in our commitment to your mission.

Help us to grow in our love of you and our neighbours.

Give us strength, faith and wisdom throughout the year, to follow you and play our part in building your church and seeing your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.

Amen

Coming up

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 19 Oct			
10am-1.30pm 10am-12noon	Ageing Well with Strength and Balance Coffee Room	office@stpetersparish.info Drop-in for coffee and cake. All welcome	Parish Centre
Tues 20 Oct			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesdays	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
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 21 Oct			
9am-12noon 10am-12noon	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session, all welcome Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies' Group	Beetle Drive. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 22 Oct			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Alpha Course and Connect 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 23 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 24 Oct			
9am-12noon 6.30pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Algerian Evening	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531 phil.weaver@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre

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