PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th November 2026

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SERVICES

Sun 15 Nov
It's Lighthouse week!

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service with Lighthouse

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Communion service with Lighthouse

ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church

*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

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Rev Alan writes…

16 Years of CAP!

This Sunday at our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's, we are celebrating 16 years of our CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre which started back in 2010. Our CAP Centre continues to make an incredible impact in the lives of many people across Bolton and beyond.



The service will be led by Sam Wolstencroft, our CAP Debt Centre Manager. You'll be brought up to date with the latest developments, learn how you can get involved, and best of all, hear from some of our CAP clients – people whose lives have been transformed through this amazing project. I always find this service so inspiring, and it is a highlight of the year for me.

To encourage us in this important area of ministry, I asked Sam to share an example of the feedback she receives from CAP clients about the positive impact it has had on their lives. Here is what one client had to say…

"Before CAP, life felt unmanageable. I felt that my finances were too big of a task to face. I felt overwhelmed and I felt that the only way I could manage at that point was to avoid and bury my head even further. I didn't know how I was going to get out of it. I now feel like I can hold my head up high. Like there's now light at the end of the tunnel. I feel more in control and financially free. This has given me peace of mind and enabled me to prioritise my own health needs. I no longer need to avoid looking at letters and answering the phone. I'm no longer filled with dread. I wouldn't have been able to achieve this on my own and will be forever grateful for your service. I can now concentrate on my future and moving forward in life."

To hear more and to be inspired, please join us at Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's.

Remembrance 2026 at Barrow Bridge Mission - Thanks



A huge thank you from the ladies of Barrow Bridge Banner Group for the tremendous response to our call for poppies and the utterly overwhelming support and attendance over the Remembrance weekend.
It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many new, as well as familiar faces, to the Mission and be able to chat and spend time together. All donations received are for Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes - our total to date is an amazing **£835.75**. Thank you!

National and International Ministries: Algerian Evening

Around 40 people attended the recent Algerian Evening to hear more from Craig and Elaine Watson about what it means to live and work in Algiers. A fun-filled evening was had by all, set around a delicious



Algerian themed meal provided by the Turkis Chargrill. Many congratulations go to Steve and Steph Openshaw who won the inaugural St Peter's turban tying competition! The picture above captures the attention being given to Craig's highly informative "Washing line of History", as he explained how modern-day Algeria came to be. We're sure it won't be long until this new method of teaching is adopted far and wide! A huge thank you to everyone who made the evening possible and to all those who turned out during storm Boelo to support it.

Canon Slade Y10's Fundraiser - Thanks



Emily Gilbert and Isla Rowland wish to thank everyone who supported their cake and craft sale after the 10.30 service in St. Peter's on Sunday. They raised **£751.30** and were blown away by everyone's kindness – this has really set them on their way to achieving their goals for their 2027 conservation trip to Costa Rica.

Consultation on Bolton Resource Church

The Bishop of Manchester has started formal consultation on the Bishop's Mission Order. This is the legal document which will allow the establishment of the Bolton Resource Church plant. If you wish to participate in the consultation, then you can access the documents on the diocese website: https://www.manchester.anglican.org/consultation-on-new-bolton-resource-church/. Please send any feedback to Rev Alan Saunders who will collate and send it on behalf of the parish. **The consultation concludes Mon 30 Nov 2026.** Subject to consultation, approval and readiness, it is hoped the Resource Church will begin formally in Spring 2027.

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Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2026

We need to collect **1600 x 500g ready-to-eat custard in Tetra Paks and 900 x jars of cranberry sauce.** Please bring them ASAP to church or the Parish Centre. If you'd prefer to donate money so we can buy items on your behalf, scan this QR code or go to: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/31402

To nominate someone to receive a food hamper this year, please contact a member of the Leadership Team in your fellowship by **Weds 25 Nov at the latest.**

Primary School Form Signings 2027 Entry

Thurs 3 Dec, 6pm-8pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but, in order to attend, **you must book a timed slot** by contacting office@stpetersparish.info /01204 599900. You will need to provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details and state which church you attend.

Meet

An Hour by the Cross

Sun 22 Nov, 2pm-3pm, Smithills Hall Chapel

Looking for a moment of quiet before the busy Advent season is upon us? If so, why not join us at this reflective service. There will be no sermons just gentle music, prayerful readings, and space to sit in quiet reflection by the cross. One hour to rest in God's presence. All are welcome.

Wreath Making Workshops – Book Now!

Fri 27 Nov 7.30pm (wicker wreath) and Sat 28 Nov 9.30am (moss wreath), St Peter's Primary School





Limited places are available at these two brilliant workshops

so book your place now. All are invited to join us (men and women). Cost £30 with all profits going to Smithills Market in support of Urban Outreach. For more information and to book your place, contact Jan Hunter via email Jan.hunter3@icloud.com ASAP

Sunday Club at St Andrew's

Sun 15 Nov, 12.30-2pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

The first Sunday Club took place in October and was a fantastic afternoon. 7 children came along, all excited to learn about Jesus walking on water. The children enjoyed a Lego story, discussion, craft and games as well as lunch. Please pray for this session and the one on Sun 20 Dec and if you feel you could help at them, please contact Vik Nightingale on 07704 029814.

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

Weds 18 Nov, 12.30pm-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.

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 18 Nov, 10am-12noon, St Andrews *NB: New time

REPAIR CAFE BOLTON

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

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 Nov, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Refreshments, quiz, fun and a very warm welcome. Info from Joan on 01204 840180



The Mastersingers 'A Prelude to Christmas'

Sat 28 Nov, 4pm, St Peter's Church

Not to be missed! Featuring St Peter's Christmas Choir! All welcome. Tickets (£12, u16's free) from https://www.ticketsource.com/mastersingers/prelude-to-christmas/2026-11-28/16:00/t-mjrqznd or from the Parish Office or Rob and Sue Wilding.

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. The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome so please do invite your family and friends to join us.



Pray

Youth and Children's Ministry Lead



We are advertising again for a Youth and Children's Ministry lead. **Please spread the word and pray that we can find the right person to help lead and develop our youth and children's ministry**. Rev Alan is happy for anyone to contact him for an informal conversation about the role. Closing date is Tue 1 Dec 2026. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.stpetersparish.info/jobs.

Prayer for the Week

christians against poverty CAP Bolton North

Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager, reminds us that '*What is impossible with man is possible with God.' Luke 18:27*. CAP has been going for 30 years and has seen all the wonderful ways God is working in hearts, churches and households across the UK. What hasn't changed is the devastating impact debt and poverty have on people in the UK. From joblessness to in-work poverty, living on credit to deficit budgets, there's still so much to pray for. ***See her prayer on the back page.***

Also, we're giving our CAP 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. We would also really appreciate £5 or £10 supermarket vouchers to give to families at Christmas and any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men. Please pass to Sam/drop off at the Parish Centre by **Sun 6 Dec**. Many thanks.

Looking Forward

13th Smithills Christmas Market

13 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. Please spread the word and invite your friends, families and neighbours to this brilliant festive event!

Prayer from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Bolton North, Debt Centre Manager

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your goodness and faithfulness to CAP over 30 years. We know that your heart breaks for those across the UK who are struggling to simply survive through the rising cost of living. Help us, God, to know how to respond so that we would be your hands and feet on earth. We pray for people who are struggling with money worries, grief, mental ill-health, relationship breakdown, fear and worry. We ask you to lift the burden from their shoulders and bring them your peace.
As we celebrate 16 years of our CAP debt centre at CAP Sunday this week, we give thanks to you, heavenly Father, for the lives that have been transformed – for those no longer living under the burden of debt and for those who have come to know Jesus for themselves. Thank you, God! We pray that you give us open eyes to see, strong voices to speak, and compassionate ears to hear what each of us can do to act in your name to end UK poverty. For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Some Activities Coming Up…

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 16 Nov			
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 17 Nov			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesdays	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	St Peter's Baby and Toddler Group Ignite KS2 Children's Tread Youth Group	office@stpetersparish.info ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 18 Nov			
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-11.45am 12.30pm-2pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Circle of Support	Swap Shop. Val 07902 167971 Sam Potts 07702 317481	Parish Centre
Thurs 19 Nov			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group Alpha Connect Group	Joan 01204 840180 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 20 Nov			
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 21 Nov			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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