PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th November 2026

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SERVICES

Sun 8 Nov
Remembrance Sunday

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.30am*	Worship for Everyone service
6.30pm*	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse

ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service

*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

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Rev Alan writes…

Remembrance Sunday.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and at all our morning services we are pausing to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. I am delighted that Barrow Bridge Banner Group has created an incredible cascade of poppies which can be seen adorning the bridge to the mission building. The article in the Bolton News says that contributors ranged in age from just six to 94, with church members, local residents and friends and relatives from across the country and overseas getting involved. Read more **here**.



Be sure to call in to Barrow Bridge Mission to view the display over the weekend (from 1.30-4pm each afternoon, refreshments will be available.) Donations received will be sent to the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. At 2pm on both afternoons the Last Post will be played on the Mission bridge. We look forward to seeing you!



Also, at this Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service in St Peters, we are delighted that Dr Salim Munayer will be our guest speaker. Salim's talk will be on *Redemptive Remembrance* so please do come along and join us if you can.

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. As part of the process, a meeting open to all will take place on Thu 12 Nov 2026 at 7.00pm at St Paul and Emmanuel Centre, Vicarage Street, Deane, Bolton BL3 5LE. 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.

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.

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.**

Nancy Hall

We are sorry to inform you that Nancy died on Thurs 22 Oct. St Peter's was a big part of her life until she moved to Leeds 7 years ago. All are welcome at Nancy's funeral on Fri 20 Nov at 1pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hall Lane, Horsforth, Leeds. For catering purposes, please contact Nancy's daughter, Becky, if you are coming - procterbec@gmail.com. If you wish to pay tribute, please make a donation to a dementia charity of your choice in Nancy's memory.

CAP Christmas Requests

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. 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.

Meet

Canon Slade Y10's Costa Rica Fundraiser

Sun 8 Nov, after 10.30am service, St Peter's Church

Isla Rowland and Emily Gilbert are selling crafts and cakes to raise money to fund a 2027 conservation trip to Costa Rica. Come along to find out more today!

True North Men's Wellness Group

Weds 11 Nov, 12.30pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

A group for men taking place on the 2nd Weds of the month. '***Whatever worries or niggles you've got, chances are another bloke in the room has felt it too. Space to talk or listen.***' No need to book, just turn up. To help with catering for the FREE lunch, please email office@stpetersparish.info if you're coming.

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thurs 12 Nov, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

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

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 next one on Sun 20 Dec and if you feel you could help out at them, please contact Vik Nightingale on 07704 029814. Thank you.



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.

Steadfast Love: Lamentations Morning

Sat 14 Nov, 10am-12noon, Barrow Bridge Mission

All welcome for a gentle morning focussing on loss and lament through the book of Lamentations. Bereavement and loss touch all our lives in different ways. Earlier this year, these were subjects that came up frequently during the Diocese's Lay Leaders' Wellbeing Morning, particularly as we considered how experiences of loss can affect our health and wellbeing. This morning offers anyone who would like to attend - lay leader or members of the congregation - an opportunity to pause and reflect together on what Scripture can teach us about lament, grief and hope. There will be a short act of worship, time to explore the book of Lamentations together, and light refreshments. Afterwards, you are very welcome to spend some quiet time enjoying the peaceful surroundings of Barrow Bridge**. No booking is needed, and everyone is welcome**. For info, please contact imalomax@manchester.anglican.org.

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.



NIM News: Mission Matters

Here is an update from our mission partner, Urban Outreach Bolton. Please continue to hold them in prayer. Dave Bagley says "*Dear Friends -*



Firstly, please accept our thanks for your amazing generosity following the Harvest appeal; it never ceases to astound us just how kind folks are. My gratitude also for your ongoing prayers as we have been a little battered of late from some very personal attacks which are just lies. We have chosen to not give the author any of our attention as this just serves to feed their fire, but from time to time the words get through and that can be painful. For our work, we would value your continued prayers as we plan this year's Christmas Dinner on Jesus - it is a remarkable opportunity to share God's love at this time of year with 1000's of people. Please also pray for ongoing preparations for the *No More Knives tour coming next year; we have been privileged to be able to support the initiative by underwriting the full amount to enable the Message team to get into every school - this might also attract a matching pound-for-pound for our contribution. We have a new group of people working alongside us, our Changing Futures Team - seven people we have helped previously with rough sleeping, domestic abuse and addiction who are now being employed to support those still in difficulty: it is an amazing privilege to see how God has brought them from the darkest places to now be helping others. And finally, please pray as we are drawn into the discussions about the Borough's preparedness for the winter pressures; this winter could prove to be one of the hardest for many vulnerable people and we sense God's encouragement to be ready for what may come. Thank you again for your faithfulness in prayer and support, we have always considered it a privilege to partner with you in God's call to see His Kingdom Come here in our great town."*

Pray

Praying for Bolton Resource Church

Rev Josh says "*Prayer is the engine that drives mission. As Bolton Resource Church takes shape, we want to make more space to pray together, seeking God's guidance and asking that people in Bolton will encounter Jesus and find belonging. We are beginning a new rhythm of prayer this week leading up to the church launch in the New Year. Please pray that we would be a people of prayer. Please continue to pray for the planting team and their households as we discern what church will look like for BRC. Pray for wisdom, unity and openness to the Holy Spirit as we listen and plan. Thank you for sharing in this through your prayers. God bless*."

Prayer for the Week

Carolyn Rigby has a Remembrance Sunday prayer for peace for us**.** See this link to We The Kingdom 'Peace' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uW6xcmqfiY4&list=RDuW6xcmqfiY4&start_radio=1 . ***See her prayer on the back page.***

Looking Forward

The Mastersingers 'A Prelude to Christmas'

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

Featuring St Peter's Christmas Choir! Everyone welcome. Tickets £12, under 16's free. Use this QR code or buy from the Parish Office or Rob and Sue Wilding.

13th Smithills Christmas Market

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

Prayer from Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Lord, today on Remembrance Sunday we remember that you are a God of justice and peace. We pray for those who have been injured or disabled through war; for those who have lost homes and security through conflict; for those who have lost loved relatives in wars; for those who face danger and take risks for peace; for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts; for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

Lord, we remember those who campaign for peace, who seek and encourage reconciliation and non-violent resolutions to conflict. Loving God, bring healing to communities, forgiveness where there is hurt, compassion where there is hatred, love where there is fear. You have taught us that every adult and child is our neighbour. You have commanded us to love, love, love -help us to obey that command and rest in Your peace.
Amen

Some Activities Coming Up…

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 9 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 10 Nov			
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 11 Nov			
9am-12noon	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.45am	Open Door Ladies' Group	Remembrance. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 12 Nov			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group 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 13 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 14 Nov			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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