

## Prayers by Linda Foster, Reader, St. Peter's Halliwell

### Prayers for Alpha

Thank you Lord for the amazing privilege you have given to every Christian to be able to pass on the most powerful message in the world, the message that transforms lives, communities and cultures.

Thank you for giving us the Alpha Course, this tool that's available to us as we serve the church in its mission, to help people discover and develop a relationship with *Jesus*.

We pray for the team in our parish helping to organise the Alpha Course in September. We pray that the hosts and helpers will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be able to greet and connect with each guest and make them feel welcome.

We pray that each person who comes will find a space where they can connect with one another and with Jesus.

Thank you Lord for all the ways you have given us to advertise, promote and invite people to come on the course and we ask you to help us to use all the resources we have to reach out to our families, friends, parish and community.

Lord would you prompt us by your Spirit to invite people. Would you lay people on our hearts and give us the courage to personally invite them to come.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. All glory to him for ever. Amen.



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**Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:**  
**St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship**  
**One Parish—One Church—One Vision**

**Sundays 30th July and 6th August 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** I'm thrilled that from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August there are 17 young people from St. Peter's Parish and Christ Church Pennington with a team of youth leaders going to DTI (Dreaming The Impossible), a Christian Youth Festival - here's what **Kristen Allen**, the team leader has to say...



"Over the next 5 days we are going to be having a lot of fun, including sport competitions, silent discos and ninja assault courses! We will also be growing in friendship with one another as we spend 5 days camping, eating, laughing and growing in our relationships with Jesus together. DTI are passionate about seeing young people meet Jesus and fearlessly follow him, believing that nothing is impossible with God! Do we want that too for our young people?"

Every day at 11am and 7pm we will be gathering with 3000 other people to worship Jesus, to hear his word preached and experiencing ministry in the power of the holy spirit. It is during these meetings that we witness God doing awe inspiring things - would you join us in prayer during these times as we ask God to meet with our young people? Praying for miracles, signs and wonders, for salvation and life changing encounters with the love and presence of Jesus that would last a lifetime!

Thank you for getting behind our young people in making this trip happen, we smashed our £3000 fundraising target (and raised £651.57 at last week's cake sales alone!) which means we can put money towards running trips like this again in the future. And we can't wait to come back with stories full of what God has done in our lives during DTI!" **Huge thanks to Kristen and the team, and for everyone's generosity, in making this possible – we can't wait to hear the stories!**

**Phil Hart's Funeral – Thursday 3rd August, 3pm at St Peter's Church:** Rev. Alan met with Phil's wife Steph and his daughter Laura this week and on behalf of the whole family they want to thank everyone for your prayers and support following Phil's tragic death. They invite everyone to join them for his funeral on Thursday in church and at the Wake following straight after at the Premier Suite BWFC (University of Bolton Stadium). There is no dress code although you are encouraged to wear odd socks. Family flowers only, private committal service, donations in Phil's memory to the British Heart Foundation.

### Church services across the parish on:

**Sunday 30th July: St. Peter's Church** 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/hFfeil9IDyY>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/EIudPqyEO6l>.  
**Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Café Church) and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

**Sunday 6th August: St. Peter's Church** 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/zAUox4jd4JQ>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/s1K4lZciB1E>; **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).

### General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

**Monday 31st/7th: The Coffee Room is closed** and will re-open on 4th September; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Age UK's Strength and Balance class. The registers for these classes are currently FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info).

**Tuesday 1st/8th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles 'Summer Social'; Tread is closed** and will re-open in September, date to be confirmed.

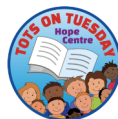
**Wednesday 3rd/10th: Open Door is closed** and will re-open on 6th September.

**Thursday 4th/11th: Aerobics is closed** and will re-open on Thursday 17th August; **The Well Toddler Group is closed** and will re-open on Thursday 7th September.

**Friday 5th/12th: 10.30am Friday Life. Closed on 5th/open on 12th August.** Everyone welcome. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

### General Activities at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre):

**TOTS Parent and Toddler Group is closed** and will re-open on Tuesday 5th September at 9.45am. **The Hub Drop-in session is closed** and will re-open on Wednesday 6th September at 9am. *We look forward to seeing you again in September. Happy summer.*



**Job Vacancies at St. Peters:** **Caretaker/Cleaner:** A full-time (37.5 hours per week), permanent position. Closing date is **Friday 25th August**. See this link: <https://www.stpetersparish.info/caretaker> **Children and Families Worker:** A part-time position (22.5 hours per week, open to discussion about possible flexible working times), 3 year contract. Closing date is **Monday 4th September**. See this link: <https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/30803/children-and-families-worker/>

**Baptism:** Please pray for **Dylan LEE** who is being baptised on **Sunday 30th July at 2pm in Smithills Chapel**. We thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.



**Fred Prest:** It is with great sadness that we must inform you that Fred has died after a long battle with cancer. Please remember his wife, Margaret, children and grandchildren and all his family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time. His funeral will be held at Overdale West Crematorium on **Tuesday 8th August at 2pm**.

**New Midweek Service:** We are very excited to announce the launch of **OASIS** - a new midweek service and time of fellowship and friendship at St Peter's Church. On Thursday mornings, **starting on Thursday 31st August**, refreshments will be served in the church lounge from 10.30am with a service in church from 11.30am – 12noon for those who would like to attend. Do come and join us – everyone is welcome for part or all of the time.



**Thanks from Craig and Elaine Watson:** *'We would like to thank the Parish for their continued support for our work in Nepal. We were delighted to be able to tell Barrow Bridge that the trainee teacher they had supported has just passed his teacher training and to share with many of you the work that God has been doing through KISC. Your welcome and encouragement has been highly valued and we think of you often in Kathmandu.'*



**Quinta:** Payment for the Quinta holiday is due by **Monday 31st July**. If you have not had an email regarding your balance due, please email [quinta@stpetersparish.info](mailto:quinta@stpetersparish.info). Further details about the holiday will be emailed in early August.



There is **NO PrayerZone in August**. The next session will take place on **Wednesday 6th September at 8pm** in St. Peter's Primary School.

**Barrow Bridge Mission:** You are warmly invited to join us at Barrow Bridge Mission on **Mondays 31st July and 7th, 14th, 21st August** from 1.30pm-4pm for tea, coffee, cake and chat. *No charge*. An opportunity to bring your friends and neighbours, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**St. Peter's Family Picnics:** Taking place in Moss Bank Park after the 10.30am services on **6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August and 3rd September**. Bring your own picnic and join us for games, fellowship and fun. All welcome.

**Leaving collection:** To contribute to this for our caretaker/cleaner Ben, donations can be left at the Parish Office or you can donate online via CAF Bank - St. Peter's Halliwell, A/C 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. Thank you.

