

Prayers by Hilary Peake on behalf of St. Peter's Church

VACATION, STAY-CATION, NO-CATION

"Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest." Matthew 11v28

As we move into the holiday season for many and face the challenges and disruption of travel, traffic jams, train and plane cancellations, we pray for safety for those able to have a few days, a week or two weeks away. We pray there will be fun, rest and refreshment. For those where the school holidays raise problems for child care and the need for extra meals, we pray for help and support. We give thanks for the Holiday Clubs and Food Hubs providing activities and meals. We pray for the volunteers who help make these possible and that they may also find time for rest.

Prayers for those facing painful and difficult times

"The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and with those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34v18

Pray for all who are in pain. There are many facing difficult circumstances, hard situations and decisions. Times where life has suddenly been turned upside down. Pray that they will find a way through the darkness. There will be love and kindness. Sensitivity and support. That they have a safe place.

We ask all these in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Sunday 23rd July 2023

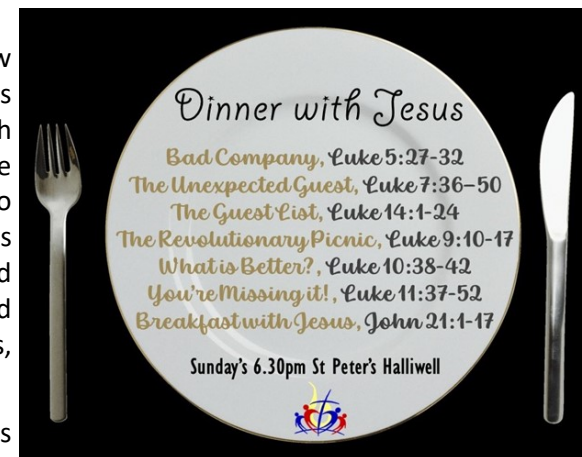
Rev. Alan writes... What's on the Menu this Summer? Summer is a time to relax and enjoy good company – that's why I am excited to launch two fantastic new opportunities.

'Dinner with Jesus' is our new 6.30pm parish-wide sermon series looking at Jesus' ministry through his interactions during meals. We can use meals, like Jesus did, to minister to those around us. Meals welcome others into our lives and helps them feel invited and included. It runs for 7 weeks, starting on 30th July.

'Summer Socials' links with this new sermon series and is a simple initiative for us all to get together for social time/meals over the summer – it's an opportunity to deepen and form new friendships. Why not set something up yourself? Ruth and I will have an **Open Home** at the Vicarage on Saturday 26th August. And you can get involved with any of the following opportunities:

- **Urban Outreach Bolton Lunches** for children over the summer holidays, see: www.urbanoutreach.co.uk
- **St. Peter's Little Wiggles 'Summer Socials'**, Tuesdays 25th July and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August from 10am-11.30am in the Parish Centre.
- **St. Peter's Family Picnics** in Moss Bank Park after the 10.30am services on 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August and 3rd September. Bring your own picnic and join us for games, fellowship and fun.
- **Barrow Bridge Mission 'Open Church'**, Mondays 31st July and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August from 1.30pm-4pm. Drinks and cake - see overleaf.
- **Open Home at the Vicarage** (1 Sefton Road) Saturday 26th August between 2pm-5pm, and 7.30pm-late. Join us anytime for tea, cakes and refreshments!

Let's make it a summer of fun, food and friendship!



Church services across the parish today:

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/PQMI8MVkt0Y>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching with Communion. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/t7uU8jXjqt5>; **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Baptism); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Some activities are pausing for the summer break.

Monday 24th: 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.

Tuesday 25th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles 'Summer Social';

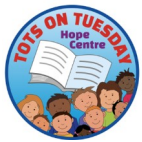
Thursday 27th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;

1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900;

Friday 28th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

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

Activities are pausing for the summer break.



TOTS Parent and Toddler Group will re-open on Tuesday 5th September at 9.45am.

The Hub Drop-in session will re-open on Wednesday 6th September at 9am.



We look forward to seeing you again in September. Happy summer.

Baptism: Please pray for **Hamilton RICHMOND** who is being baptised **TODAY (23rd) at Smithills Fellowship.** We thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.



Good News for Romania: Huge thanks to all those who came along to see the play 'A Man of Letters' in the Parish Centre last weekend. It was amazing and raised a wonderful **£732.51** which will help so much to support those families in need. Thank you!



Parish Bake Sale TODAY (23rd): Taking place after all the services across the parish. This is our last push to raise funds towards the costs of taking our young people to DTI (Dreaming the Impossible Christian youth festival) this summer. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thanks for your support.

Phil Hart: It is with great sadness that we need to inform you that Phil has died. Please remember his wife, Stephanie, children, Joe and Laura, and all his family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time.

Midweek Service at St. Peter's: Thanks to all of you who have been in touch with such positive feedback about the idea of a midweek service. There will be a meeting **NEXT Wednesday (26th) at 11am at the Vicarage (1 Sefton Road)** for those interested in planning for, at this stage, a day time service. Do come along if you feel you can help and commit to this new venture. We will be sharing our thoughts and ideas as to how the service might work and how we can best meet the needs of those who might attend. We hope to get going with this in the next couple of months. Do join us! Liz Nicholls (Liznicholls@gmail.com)

Job Vacancy at St. Peters: As announced last week, Ben Latham, the caretaker/cleaner for St. Peter's Church and the Parish Centre, is moving on at the end of August. Therefore, as of 1st September there is a vacancy for this role - a full-time, permanent position which will require a DBS check. **We are looking for someone who is adaptable, self-motivated, conscientious and enthusiastic to join our team—is this you?** If you would like to have an informal chat in the first instance about what this job entails, please contact Amanda in the Parish Office on 599900.



If you'd like to contribute to a leaving collection for Ben, donations can be left at the Parish Office. Alternatively, donate online via CAF Bank—St. Peter's Halliwell, A/C 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. Thank you.

Barrow Bridge Mission: You are warmly invited to join us at Barrow Bridge Mission on four Monday afternoons this Summer - **Mondays 31st July and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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.

Keys for St. Peter's Church: If you have previously been issued with keys but no longer use them, please return them to the Churchwardens or Amanda in the Parish Office so they can now be re-allocated, thus avoiding unnecessary key cutting costs.