

Prayers by Worship Words (edited) for Father's Day

On this Fathers Day, we remember all the people who have nurtured us, especially the important men in our lives. Hear our prayer for fathers around the world.

We remember fathers, whose families are torn apart by jealousy, fighting and misunderstandings. We remember fathers who are older, but who still bear the responsibility of raising children and grandchildren. And we remember fathers who mean well, but make mistakes. Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who are unable to support their children, and are forced into unimaginable decisions, who have to sell a child into marriage or human trafficking in order to feed his other children. Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember men who, because of various circumstances, are unable to become fathers. We remember fathers who have adopted children and fathers who given up their rights as fathers. Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember fathers who rejoice in the achievements of their children. Who joyfully watch a new generation take hold. We remember fathers who are single parents, who through personal sacrifice and perseverance provide a loving home for their children. Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, thank you for those who have nurtured us. Open our eyes to the plight of so many fathers around the world for whom life is difficult. Help us share your love and mercy with them. Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Amen

Please pray for: (no names at present). E-mail office@stpetersparish.info if you want your name to appear on this list as consent must be given by the individual concerned.

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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 18th June 2023

Rev Alan writes...

This Sunday is the final week of our **Kingdom Mission** sermon series. I introduced this series after Easter saying:

"Jesus commanded us in Matthew 28:19-20 to "go and make disciples of all nations." Jesus promises that as we are going he will guide us, strengthen us, equip us, and empower us to be disciple makers. He also promises us that when we surrender fully to him and his kingdom we will find remarkable peace and joy as we partner with him. My hope is that this series will equip us to practically live out the calling to be make disciples and reflect God's kingdom wherever he has placed us."

The questions I'd like us all to reflect on is – has it helped? Do you feel better equipped and challenged to follow Jesus' calling through the Great Commission? What steps can you take, and can we all take as a community of believers to continue to develop our ability to follow this call?

These are great questions to reflect on as we continue to listen to God and discern his will for our lives and church. My thanks to our amazing team of preachers for their prayerful preparation and delivery. We are blessed to have such a fantastic and dedicated team, and I'm hugely grateful for them.

I am thrilled that we will be joined by Craig and Elaine Watson for our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St. Peter's on Sunday. Please come along to welcome them and listen to their news and talk as they share on the next in our new sermon series on Acts: Building a People of Faith, looking at **People of Courage, Acts 18:1-17.**

Do Lunch, Do Life: Taking place from **11.45am (following straight after Lighthouse) in the Parish Centre on Sunday 2nd July.** All are welcome to join us for bacon butties, brews and cake with all donations going towards taking our young people to the Dreaming the Impossible (DTI) Christian festival this summer. Please let Janette know ASAP if you can help on the day or bake a cake! janette.daeth@gmail.com/ 07982 035706. *Thank you in advance for your support.*



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/CMv2HXuu9QI>; Twinklers in the lounge 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/KcMfLUBktF8>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Communion) and 10.30am St. Andrew's.



Lighthouse (Ages 4-13): TODAY in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am. Contact Ben on 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 19th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. These classes are FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info; 1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com
Tuesday 20th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.
Wednesday 21st: 10am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Coffee 10am-10.20am. 'The Wonder Club' - Val Caffrey. Contact Sandra on 846490.
Thursday 22nd: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900;
Friday 23rd: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.
Saturday 24th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

Tuesday 20th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.
Wednesday 21st: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Curry Nights coming up this week: Taking place at 7.30pm at Achari (near Sainsburys), 148-152 Crook Street, Bolton, BL3 6AS. Ladies Curry Night on **Monday (19th)**—contact Nicola on 07753 427329 ASAP and Blokes Curry Night on **Tuesday (20th)**—contact Jonathon on 07753 427329 / blokescurrynight@outlook.com ASAP. With inspirational guest speakers. Set menu £18. (The Way Church, Bolton)

Baptism: Please pray for Nina KELLY who is being baptised TODAY (18th) in St. Peter's Church. We thank God for the gift of this child and for her parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.



Good News for Romania: David and Kath thank everyone who sponsored the intrepid Alan, Ben, Mark and Jack to do the Infinity Bridge challenge last Saturday. Over £700 has been raised in sponsorship so far which helps the families so much, thank you! It's not too late to sponsor the team if you still want to — please go to <https://gofund.me/04bf49ef>. Thank you.



Would you like to join a parish-wide group booking for Spring Harvest at Butlins Skegness 1st to 5th April 2024?: It is a holiday packed full of inspiration, a safe space to find Spiritual refreshment, hear God's voice and be inspired to make a difference. With a brilliant team of Speakers and Worship Leaders, they'll be exploring the 2024 theme: 'Up and Alive – Living the life we are made for'. Situated on the Lincolnshire Coast, Butlins Skegness is a great venue to for all the family to reconnect with God and each other. In addition to the Spring Harvest programmes for all ages, there's loads to do including laser tag, bowling, arts and crafts and, of course, the huge Splash Waterworld. Contact our Group Organiser, Ruth Saunders at springharvest@stpetersparish.info for a booking form. To find out more, speak to Ruth and/or visit: www.springharvest.org. Early Bird booking discount ends 31st July 2023.



St. Paul's Halliwell Celebratory Concert - 175 years: NEXT Thursday (22nd) at 7pm, with The Eden Singers and St. Thomas' School Choir. Tickets (£7 incl. refreshments) from West Bolton Team (843060) or reserve at the Parish Office on 599900.

Rev. Layfetta Masih: Layfetta is being licensed as vicar in the Gower Ministry area of Swansea, Wales on Sunday 30th July. All are invited to come and say farewell to Layfetta, Nabeel and the family **NEXT Sunday (25th) at 3pm at St. Catherine's Church, Highfield Road, Farnworth.** Followed by refreshments and fellowship. *Please join us if you can.*



Out and About Walk: The next walk is on **Saturday 1st July** at Blackstone Edge in the Pennine hills. Lovely views and natural beauty. Meet outside St Peter's Church at 9.30am. All welcome. *Please note, there will be no Out and About walk in August.* Contact Jane for more info - 07472 926650/janeheath@heathnet.plus.com.