

Prayers by Diane Ball, St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

*'But joyful are those who have the God of Jacob as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

⁶ *He made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.*

⁷ *He gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.*

The Lord frees the prisoners.

⁸ *The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.*

The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.

The Lord loves the godly.

⁹ *The Lord protects the foreigners among us.*

*He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.*

¹⁰ *The Lord will reign forever.' Psalm 146*

Thank you, our creator God, for all that you have created this earth to sustain us and for us to enjoy. At this time of harvest services help us to remember that all things come from you and are there for the whole of creation. Help us to be grateful, and to be generous with what we have.

In these difficult times, help us to keep our eyes on you and look to you for guidance as we seek to pray for justice, freedom, hope and protection for all who are suffering, thinking about the troubles in the Holy Land in particular at this time, but also in many other places around the world. Show us where and how we can bring justice, freedom, hope and protection here in Bolton, among our neighbours and communities, knowing that our hope is in you, our God, and that You will reign forever, whatever our eyes are seeing and ears are hearing.

In the name of Jesus our Saviour we pray, 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 22nd and 29th October 2023

Rev. Alan writes... I love it when a plan comes together!



I grew up watching the A-Team, and loved the phrase I love it when a plan comes together! I feel like it sums up the events of the last couple of weeks. I'm so proud of how we have pulled together as a church. Last Sunday evening's DTI youth takeover service was awesome. The young people led it so confidently and like many who

came I was blown away by the testimonies of how God is working in the lives of so many of our young people. And it was great to introduce many of them to the AYF Choir of Uganda at the Tread meeting on Tuesday night.



Everywhere the AYF choir have visited has resulted in an outpouring of joy. They have an incredible gift to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds, from toddlers, through teenagers and to older people. It is incredible to witness! As I write the mission is far from over but already, we've had some brilliant sessions at toddler groups, primary schools and high schools.


Behind the scenes there has been an army of helpers providing lifts to keep the mission on the road. Huge thanks to everyone involved so far. Climax of the visit is our Praise Night concert on Sunday evening 22nd October, 6.30pm-8.30pm at St. Peter's. It will be an incredible night and not to be missed.



And another bit of exciting news is that we have an opportunity to expand our Pais team with a third team member. Gabriel, age 25, from South Africa is currently in the UK serving with the national office and is keen to join us. It would make a huge difference to our team of Gleise and Michelle and enable us to expand the schools they are visiting. To make this possible we need another host home. Please get in contact with me or Amanda in the Parish Office if you can help, expenses can be paid.

Parish Services: 22nd October: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/S34ExBYBNbw>; **6.30pm** AYF Ugandan Choir Praise Night Concert. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/F6HD7jQgMG8>. **Our sister churches: 10am** Smithills Fellowship (Communion); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge (Communion/Harvest); **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

29th October: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service with Communion. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/eg8vmNCJOD4>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching with Communion. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/HyaHj7fYWP8>. **Our sister churches: 10am** Smithills Fellowship ; **10.30am** Barrow Bridge (Café); **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

Midweek service on Thursday 26th/2nd in St. Peter's Church: Refreshments from 10.30. **Service 11.30am-12noon.** All welcome. 

Regular Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 23rd/30th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. ***Closed on 30th. All welcome; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon** Strength and Balance class. FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info;

Tuesday 24th/31st: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All welcome ***Closed on 31st; **TREAD** Youth group Yrs 7+. *** Closed 24th/31st **7.30pm-9pm.** Ben 07512 753201.

Wednesday 25th/1st: 10am-11.30am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Quiz—Val Caffrey. Contact Sandra on 846490. ***Closed on 1st November.


Thursday 26th/2nd: 10am Aerobics. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **The Well Toddler Group** is now closed until 9th November. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900; **8pm-9.30pm** Alpha Course. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900. ***No Alpha on 2nd November.


Friday 27th/3rd: Watercolour Classes. ***Closed on 27th/3rd **10am-12noon** Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; **10.30am** Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; **8pm** Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 28th/4th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531 ***Closed on 4th November.

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

Tuesday 24th/31st: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details. *** Closed on 31st.

Wednesday 25th/1st November: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities. 

Musical Extravaganza Fundraiser in St. Peter's Church: Friday 27th October at 7.30pm the CC Concert Band and Midweek Sax will perform a variety of show tunes, swing marches and much more. Tickets £10 (£5 for over 65's/under 18's) from Café Create, Andrew Kilpatrick, Chandran Jepegnanam, the Parish Office or email —createbolton@gmail.com — and on the door. 



Light Party: Tuesday 31st October, 6pm-7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. An alternative celebration to Halloween and lots of fun for primary school aged children (4-11). Suggested donation of £2 payable on the door. Contact Ben for info—ben.latham@stpetersparish.info / 07512 753201.

Smithills Christmas Markets: Celebrating 10 years of this wonderful market! Taking place on **Saturday 2nd December from 12.30pm-3.30pm** on Redcar Road, BL 1 6LL. If you'd like to get involved and help make, bake, create or assist on the day, contact John and Adele Platt on 431150/j.t.platt@me.com. *We look forward to seeing you there!*



Bonfire for the Parish: Barrow Bridge Car Park on Saturday 4th November, from 7pm. Tickets now on sale from the Parish Office, Barrow Bridge Mission and in St. Peter's School playground. *These tickets sell out fast - don't delay getting yours!*

Thank you from Steph Hart: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who attended Phil's funeral, standing room only! £920 was sent to the British Heart Foundation in memory of him. I am so sorry if I didn't get to speak to you on the day but I am so thankful for your support. Phil was passionate about his music and singing, he loved being part of the Smithills worship group for many years and recently at St. Peter's. I have donated Phil's piano to the church in his memory and I am sure he is delighted that it is being played every week to worship God. With love, Steph and family x "



Baptisms by Immersion: St. Peter's Church on Sunday 3rd December during the 6.30pm parish-wide service. If you would like to be baptised in the baptism pool, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance to register your interest.

Out and About Walk: Saturday 4th November, an 8 mile walk at Burnsall in Wharfedale, in the Yorkshire Dales. Meet at 9:30 am on the road opposite St. Peters Church. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome. Further info from Brian Johnson.

Shirley Clark's funeral: Wednesday 25th October at 1pm at St. Mary's Church, Garforth, LS25 1NR. More info from Adrienne on 07540 664361.