

Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Prayer for schools

During this time of Lent we pray that schools would accurately teach and explain the significance of Easter so that pupils understand that Easter is about much more than chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies!

We pray for a swift and just resolution to the current teachers dispute regarding pay and conditions of service. Give Headteachers and school managers wisdom as they deal with issues arising from this situation.

We pray too for pupils preparing for examinations in the next few weeks. We pray that they would be peaceful and diligent in their study, so that their results accurately reflect their capability.

We pray for relationships in schools both between teachers and pupils and between pupils themselves. We ask that they would be positive and provide mutual encouragement.

We ask all these prayers in Jesus' name.

Amen



Please pray for: Christine Cocker. 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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Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name



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 12th March 2023



Rev. Alan writes... Much of our focus is on the Kingdom of God at the moment. In my talk at last Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service I spoke about the time we now live in. It is an 'in-between' time between the ascension of Jesus to heaven and a time when he will return and all will be made new. You can watch it on our YouTube channel.

We look forward to that time when we will have perfect resurrected bodies, when there will be no pain or suffering, or darkness, the light will be the glory of Christ! But in the meantime there is pain – my family is working through the grief of losing Cobey, our beloved Labrador who died suddenly last weekend after a seizure. It is a stark reminder of the fallen and at times painful world we live in. But the message of the kingdom is not just one of hope for the future when Jesus returns, it is also a message of hope for today. In the middle of our pain the Holy Spirit is close by, ministering to us. And God call us to be agents, playing our part in bringing signs of his future kingdom to the here and now. The parables of Jesus recorded in Matthew's Gospel teach us how to live during this in-between, that's why we calling our Sunday morning Lent series **Kingdom Stories**.

This Sunday at our 6.30pm parish-wide service we launch a new 9-week series looking at the whole of the book of Philippians. We're calling it **Discovering New Joy**. Paul the apostle discovered the "secret" of true joy and wrote about it in this letter to the church at Philippi. What makes this letter so fascinating is not just his words of encouragement, but the environment in which he wrote them. Paul wrote it in the confines of a prison cell which could have signalled the end of his life on earth. He not only found great joy in these circumstances, but also in a church that had gone to great lengths to demonstrate the gospel with their own lives. I would love you to join us on this journey through Philippians.



PrayerZone - worship. pray. seek: An hour of dynamic prayer on **TOMORROW (13th) at 8pm at St. Peter's Primary School. All welcome.**

Do Lunch, Do Life in St. Peter's Church: TODAY (12th) after the 10.30am service. Food provided, suggested donation £2 per person. All welcome.

Church Services Today: 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/DTK9OzbtfuJ>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion and baptism); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Café Church).

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 13th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info; 1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com

Tuesday 14th: 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 15th: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Bible discussion – Rev. Alan Saunders. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

Thursday 16th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900: 2pm-4pm Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers (see opposite).

Friday 17th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 18th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

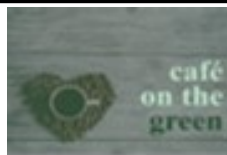
General Activities at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre):

Tuesday 14th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

Wednesday 15th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Café on the Green: NEXT Saturday (18th), 9am-2pm in St. Peter's Primary School, Limefield Rd, BL1 6LA. Supporting work in Kenya, providing operations for children with cleft lips and palates. *Everybody welcome.*



Parking for St. Peter's Church: If you drive to St. Peter's, please use the church car park which has its access located on Moorside Avenue. This will help reduce parking congestion in the area and will be appreciated by our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.



Baptism: Please pray for **Thomas SMITH** who is being baptised **TODAY (12th)** in Smithills Fellowship. We thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

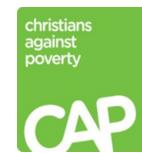
Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers: NEXT Thursday (16th), 2pm-4pm in the Parish Centre Lounge. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. For details, call Joan on 01204 840180.

6.30pm Service Hospitality Team: Volunteers needed on the rota for once a month (or less). Can you help? Please contact breanna.smithley16@houghton.edu.

Quinta Fundraiser—Progressive Meal: Starting at the Parish Centre 6.30pm on Saturday 15th April, finishing by 10pm. **Have you signed up yet?** If not, we have a new link to book: <https://forms.gle/nrocNwyza9hqpdW4A>. If you have, there's no need to rebook. Book soon! Places are going faster than Jamie Oliver can chop a bunch of basil! Info from Stephen/Rachel Brierley — 01204 433810 or 07954 995160

Quinta Fundraiser—'Really Awful Orchestra' in concert: A selection of music including film and TV themes, pop favourites, light classics, Latin and jazz. **Friday 28th April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.** Refreshments available. Advance tickets available from the Parish Office or Peter Fletcher on 07848 818276.

CAP Requests: Sam says 'We will give our clients an **Easter egg from the Meaningful Chocolate Co** (Fairtrade with the Easter story!). Contributions (£4.50 per egg) welcomed to Sam or the Parish Office please.



Pais Team Update: Ilukena from Zambia and Manka'a from Cameroon are still planning to join us just as soon as their Visa applications have been finalised and approved. Please do keep them in your prayers.



Ilukena Moola Manka'a Ngwa Che-Ambe



Coronation Weekend, 6th-8th May 2023:

Our plans are: Saturday (6th) Watching the Coronation together in St. Peter's Church, Sunday (7th) Eating together and Monday (8th) Serving the Community together. **Could you be part of a team to help organise these events?** If so, please speak to a member of Leadership Team, Alan or Amanda by **Sunday 16th April.**



Powerful Praise 2: Learn and sing worship songs in a day! **Saturday 1st April, 10am-5pm in St. Peter's Church.** Book your place (£10) by emailing robandsue@stpetersparish.info. *All welcome.*