



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 1 September 2024

HEADLINES

- Welcome Back!
- Upcoming Visit by Bishop of Bolton and Vision Service
- Lots Coming Up Soon!
- Prayers for New Starts – Nigel Clarke

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

*Sun 1 Sept
It's Lighthouse week!*



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
***10.30am	Adult service with Twinklers
***6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.30am	Joint service at Barrow Bridge Mission with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Communion Service
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*** Livestreamed: search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the summer holiday time, I hope like me you are feeling refreshed and ready for the next chapter in the life of our parish. Ruth and I had a wonderful holiday in Croatia where we took the opportunity to visit Janet and Daniel Berkovich in Zagreb, who were supported by St Peter's for many years in their mission work. They send their love and greetings to everyone.



Whilst the summer has been a time to relax, and many of our regular activities have taken a well-earned break, I am delighted that we have been active with mission in two key areas. Firstly, Lucy Hargraves and a team from Children Changing Places and church volunteers have run a children's holiday club at St Andrew's. You can read more details in this newsletter. Secondly, St Andrew's has been at the heart of Urban Outreach's Bolton Lunches initiative to provide lunch for children who normally receive free



school meals. They have provided well over a hundred meals every day. Thanks and well done to everyone involved!

Looking forward, there is plenty to be excited about over the coming weeks. We have a special parish-wide service with Matthew Porter, our new Bishop of Bolton, on **Sun 22 Sept, 6.30pm**. And plans are in progress for a parish-wide **Vision Service on Sun 6 Oct, 11am** at Bolton School. *God bless, Alan*



St Peter's Halliwell

PARISH-WIDE VISION SERVICE

Sun 6 Oct 11am Bolton School
Refreshments from 10am

MY CHURCH COMMITMENT

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED
BRING AND SHARE LUNCH





Halliwell Local History Society

HLHS (incorporating Smithills) held their monthly meeting for the first time in the Parish Centre on Tues. Guest speaker Steve Fielding gave a very interesting talk to a packed



room about 'The Hangman's Record'. Meetings to be held here on the last Tues of the month, next one on Tues 24 Sept. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

Wheels for the World

Moira Platt from St Andrew's is part of a team currently in Rwanda until 7 Sept with this programme which is part of 'Through the Roof', a UK Christian charity (www.throughtheroof.org). Millions of people worldwide do not have the money to buy the wheelchairs or walking aids that they need. This team are fitting and distributing 145 re-conditioned wheelchairs and buggies and issuing walking aids and giving advice where necessary. Please keep this team in your prayers as they carry out this amazing work.

'In Christ we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us'
Romans 12 v 5 and 6,

Announcements

Wedding News – Mr and Mrs Perris

Many congratulations to Edward Perris and Rowan



Payne on their wedding on Sat 24 Aug. Please keep them in your prayers as they start out in their married life together.

What's Gone On

Holiday Club, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)



The team at Children Changing Places and a team from our parish worked together to run an Olympic themed holiday club at St Andrews last week and it went really well. The children enjoyed everything, engaging with fun race day

activities, a bible-based craft and teaching time too. It was a joy and privilege to serve on the estate. When asking the children about their favourite activities throughout their day they always replied saying 'Everything!' It really was a lot of fun! A big thanks to all the volunteers, without whom this club simply wouldn't have been possible.

Coming Up

Parish-wide 6.30pm Service

Last Sun, Rev Alan spoke on Samson, part 1. Watch his talk here: youtube.com/watch?v=Xdsh-F8Sqzg. This Sun, Keith Forrester continues with Samson, part 2.

Ignite

Tues 3 Sept, 6pm-7.15pm, Parish Centre

Our fun-packed weekly KS2 children's group starts back this Tues. For info and to register, email:



ignite@stpetersparish.info

PrayerZone



Wed 4 Sept, 7.30pm-8.30pm,
St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship.

Out and About Walk

Sat 7 Sept, meet 9.30am outside St Peter's Church Embay along Rylstone Edge. A medium-difficulty walk of approximately 8 miles. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Rick or Jane Heath 07472 926650 / janeheath@heathnet.plus.com

Christian Meditation

Sat 7 Sept, 10am-12.30pm,
Parish Centre

Join us for coffee from 9.30am. All welcome at this introduction session. For info and booking, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com



INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Be Still and Know That I am God"
Psalm 46:10

Alpha Group

Starting Thu 12 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre.
Interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? E-mail Amanda in the Parish Office to register.



Soul Sisters Christian Mindfulness Walk

Fri 13 Sept, meet 7pm outside Parish Centre.



Ladies are invited to join a slow, relaxed walk around Moss Bank Park. Session includes a taught breathing technique and body scan relaxation exercise. We'll then go to The

Finishers pub at 8pm so join us for the walk and/or pub. Info from katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk

Churches and Chapels on the Air

Sat 14 Sept, 10am-4pm, St Peter's Church

Churches and Chapels on the Air is an annual event where churches make contact with each other using Amateur Radio. With the help of Oldham Amateur Radio Club, we will be taking part in this special event at St Peter's, based in the new entrance area. Anyone is welcome to visit, enjoy refreshments, and have a try.

CAP Money Coaching

Mon 16 Sept 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Parish Centre

A FREE revolutionary money management course, led by Peter Caffrey, designed to help anyone get more in control of their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. Book on via the Parish Office or samwolstencroft@capuk.org



High School Form Signings for 2025 Entry

Tues 17 Sept 7pm - 9.30pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but in order to attend, you must book a timed slot by contacting office@stpetersparish.info / 599900. You will need to provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details and state which church you attend.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thurs 26 Sept, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's Church

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Donations of cakes, preserves etc will be very much appreciated. Thanks for your support.

Quinta Fundraiser

Sat 28 Sept, 7.30pm-midnight, Café Italia



Tickets on sale at all church services and also available from the Parish Office. Cash payment or BACS transfer to account name: St Peters (NB:no apostrophe) Parish Halliwell PCC, account number- 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. **Make sure you use the reference 'Café Italia'**. Limited tickets so get yours soon!

Prayer for the Week

See Nigel Clarke's prayer on the back page.

Looking Forward

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 Sept, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

A group for those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. Info: joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Release International Volunteer & Supporters Day

Sat 21 Sept 12noon- 3pm, Parish Centre

For those interested in the ministry of Release International. Speakers are Allister du Plessis and Mark Lipdo from a Christian-based human rights, advocacy and relief organisation working to address violent conflict in Nigeria. Free lunch at 12noon. Book on at office@stpetersparish.info

PRAYER from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

As September approaches let us pray for all those known to us who are due to start new chapters in their lives, particularly remembering all our children and young people starting new schools, new classes, new colleges, universities and jobs.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for Your blessing and protection on all those about to start new chapters in their lives. Help all those about to experience new beginnings to approach them with hearts open to the abundance of opportunities and blessings You have in store for them. We thank you for the promise of fresh starts and the potential they hold. Please shower them with Your blessings and align their paths with opportunities that will lead to growth and fulfilment. Let these new chapters in their lives be a testament to Your love and grace, and may they recognize and seize the blessings that come their way. **AMEN**

Activities Re-starting Dates

Mon 9 Sept, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre: The Coffee Room warmly invites you back. All welcome.

Tues 10 Sept, 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre: Little Wiggles re-starts. Fun for babies and pre-schoolers.

Tues 10 Sept, 9.45am-11.30am, St Andrew's (Hope Centre): Tots on Tuesdays re-starts. A warm welcome awaits.

Wed 11 Sept, 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre: Open Door starts back with 'Finding Out'. All ladies welcome.

Wed 11 Sept, 9am-1pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre): Hope at the Hub. Drop-in community session. A warm welcome awaits.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 2 Sept			
9.30am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Weight Management Programme	Classes are full, contact Parish Office Sign up: www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 3 Sept			
6pm-7.15pm	IGNITE KS2 Children's Group	ignite@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 5 Sept			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 6 Sept			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 7 Sept			
10am-12.30pm	Christian Meditation Event	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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