

**Prayer By Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship**

**Luke 10 vs 38-42 is the story of Mary and Martha and their different reactions to Jesus' visit. It teaches us an important truth that often we can get tied up in all the business and 'doing' of our daily lives that we fail to prioritise what should be most important, which is spending time to listen to Jesus and getting to know Him better.**

Dear Lord Jesus, first of all, thank you for being so welcoming and wanting to have fellowship with us. Not only do we have access to Your throne of grace 24/7, it's You who greets us there. We're never a bother, are never "put on hold", never have to "take a number and wait". We'll never meet a tired and frustrated You, because You're always the Bridegroom who delights in and rejoices over his Bride, the Church. We're the ones who get tired and frustrated. We live in a "Martha" world of many distractions, never-ending demands, and over-stimulation. Lord Jesus, help us—help me cultivate a Mary heart in a Martha world. My problem isn't the world I inhabit, but the heart that inhabits me. I make King David's prayer mine, "Give me an undivided heart that I may live in awe of Your name", Jesus. You are the "one thing worth being concerned about"; You are the "one thing" that will never be taken from us.

My "must get done list" isn't going to change; but as You refresh and deepen my communion with You, I'm certain I can live with a quieter, gentler, kinder heart. By the compelling wonder of Your beauty, and the relentless power of grace, I trust You for that work in my heart.

I pray, in Your compassionate and welcoming name.

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 31st July 2022**



**Church Live! - Livestreaming of services:** You are invited to join us for our service at **10.30am** each Sunday on Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at <https://www.stpetersparish.info> to go straight to the service. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell>

**Parish-wide services today:** *Everybody welcome.*

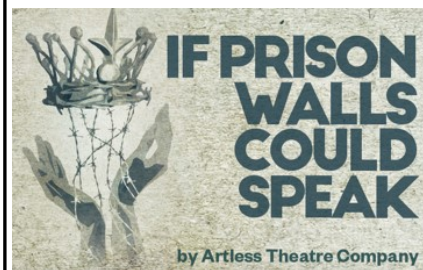
**St. Peter's Church: 10.30am** Our all-age livestreamed service, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/6zgXRG KQCQ>. We continue 'Origins' - part 1 of our new sermon series providing an overview of the whole Bible. This will be a Communion service; **2pm** Baptism service; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. We continue our new sermon series based on selected passages from the book of Revelation—'Faithfulness in Testing Times'. This will be a Communion service.

**Our sister churches:** **10am** Smithills Fellowship, **10.30am** Barrow Bridge (Café Church) and **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

**Pop Up Cinema in St. Peter's Church:** You are invited to come along and join us at **2pm on Thursday 1st September** when we will be screening a recent Disney film! **FREE admission.** Refreshments will be available. For info, contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103.



**'If Prison Walls Could Speak':** This Artless Theatre Company production, in conjunction with Release International, will take place on **Saturday 17th September at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.** It is a true story of resilience, espionage and faith from the heart of the persecuted church, based on the book 'Imprisoned with Isis' by Petr Jasek. To reserve tickets (£5), contact the Parish Office—599900/[office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)



### **General activities this week at St. Peter's Parish Centre:**

*Please note, most of our activities are now taking a break for the summer holidays.*

**Strength and Balance Classes:** These usually take place on Monday mornings 10.30am-11.30am during term-time at the Parish Centre. If you attend these sessions, please note **the next 4 sessions on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August will take place at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)** whilst our usual holiday clubs for children operate in the Parish Centre. *NB: There is no session on 29th August as it is Bank Holiday Monday.*

### **Youth update from Kristen, Youth Minister:**

#### **All Youth sessions closed for summer!**

Just a reminder that there are no youth sessions taking place during the school holidays. Please pray for our young people and our youth team that they have good rest over the summer and are ready and raring to join us again in September!



#### **DTI (Dreaming The Impossible)**



The time is finally upon us! **Please pray for all of our young people and team who are away at DTI from 30th July - 4th August.** Pray that we would have an amazing time encountering Jesus and for our safety and loads of fun! Thank you to everyone who donated to making the trip happen, we are truly grateful!



Please pray for **Poppy Cunningham-Holt** who is being baptised **TODAY (31st)** 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.



#### **Wedding of Dan Thomas and Emma Tatterton:**

This wedding will take place **NEXT Saturday, 6th August at 11am in St. Peter's Church**. Emma has grown up in St. Peter's so Dan and Emma warmly invite you to join them at the service in church and then at the Parish Centre afterwards for a reception. *Please keep them in your prayers as they make the final preparations for their special day and as they start married life together.*

**Out and About Walk:** Please note that the walk due to take place on Saturday 6th August has been **CANCELLED**. The next walk—Ashurst's Beacon from Appley Bridge—will take place on **Saturday 3rd September**. This is a 6 mile moderate walk. Meet at 9am outside St. Peter's Church. Contact Brian Johnson on 843746 for info.

**Parish-wide PrayerZone - worship. pray. seek:** We won't be meeting during August so our next session will be held at **8pm on Monday 12th September at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)**—please put the date in your diary. *Everybody welcome.*



**Renew for Women:** 'Holding on to Hope—What to do whilst waiting for your breakthrough'. Sue Eldridge, Presence Ministries will lead this session on **Monday 12th September** at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Refreshments from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. No need to book. For info, email [renew@rossendalecofe.church](mailto:renew@rossendalecofe.church).

**Recycling of ink cartridges:** To help raise money for church funds, please continue to drop off your used ink cartridges in church and at the Parish Centre. *Thank you for your support.*



**Save the dates - Upcoming Quinta social events:** We are organising a variety of social events over the next year to raise money to keep down the cost of our Quinta Church Weekend Away (Friday 15th– Sunday 17th September 2023) and to support those who cannot afford to go. Look out for more info coming up but for now here are 2 dates for your diaries: **Friday 30th September - Men's Quiz night** (venue TBC) and - back by popular demand! - **Friday 7th October 'Canapes and Conversation', a Girls' Night Out** at St. Peter's Parish Centre. *We hope to see you at one of these!*

**Do Lunch ... Do Life together**

**Church Family  
Picnic  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**Moss Bank Park  
After the 10:30 service**

Meet on the field near the play area  
Bring your own dinner and some games

