

Prayer By Diane Ball on behalf of St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Isaiah 43:18 and 19 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'

The world seems tough right now and it is so easy to look back and say "If only it was like that again then all would be well and I could feel secure."

A plough goes forward, cutting into new ground. If we can see the rut, or feel stuck in the rut, then we are looking back at where we have been, not at what's ahead. Our verse for the year tells us to look forward! Look to the new thing that's coming, not what is behind. It may be rough and uncomfortable at times going into new ground, but **God is there in the future** as he was in the past. He who calls us is faithful.

We pray

- For our world – the wars, natural disasters and man's greed and power seeking. Pray for the decisions made at COP27, and for those suffering without a voice in areas of violence, drought, flood, famine and persecution.
- For our country – our government, and for those in real financial and other difficulties who feel helpless and hopeless
- For our Church – to be brave to answer the calls God brings to us and to look forwards in His strength to what He wants us to do to show his glory and hope to our struggling communities.
- For ourselves – In **Luke 9:62** Jesus says 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

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 13th November 2022

Rev Alan Saunders writes... I've heard numerous encouraging responses from people who have returned or intend to return to church during our **Season of Return**. It is an opportunity for us all to strengthen our commitment to church and invite others to return to regular worship and fellowship. If you, or someone you know, hasn't been for a while or attendance has become haphazard - will you encourage them to return? And if you have stepped back in your commitment to help at church - will you consider getting more involved? The **Season of Return** will run from now until Christmas to give plenty of time to strengthen our churches for the exciting times ahead.



Can you help host a Pais Youth Worker from January to July 2023? The aim is for a team of 3 youth workers to deliver weekly sessions, Sunday groups, missions, visits to local primary and high schools to run lunch clubs, classroom sessions and assemblies, and mentoring our young people. It's an amazing opportunity but is only possible if we can find hosts. This can be for either a term or the whole time Jan-July 2023. A weekly allowance is available to cover costs. To explore, please contact me or Amanda.



I am excited that St. Andrew's have launched a weekly drop-in session called **The Hub** which offers a warm welcome and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities at Hope Centre on Johnson Fold every **Wednesday from 9am-1pm**. It's a great example of community outreach, please feel free to drop-in!



Today is Remembrance Sunday. Our morning services theme is 'Peace and Hope' Romans 5:1-11. **Services: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am** Service of the Word with Communion; **10.30am** livestream: <https://youtu.be/7J3yMa3mfes>; **6.30pm** Theme: 'Blessed are the Persecuted' Matthew 5:10 and 1 Peter 4:12-19. **10am** Smithills Fellowship; **10.30am** Barrow Bridge; **10.30am** St. Andrew's (Café Church).

PrayerZone: 8pm TOMORROW (14th)
in St. Peter's School. Join us
for an hour of dynamic
prayer. All welcome.



Do Lunch Do Life: St Peter's Church
NEXT Sunday, CAP Sunday (20th) after
10.30am service. Offers of cake to
samwolstencroft@capuk.org

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

Monday 14th: 10am-12noon **The Coffee Room.** This cafe is *open to everyone*; **10.30am Strength and Balance class (FULL).** To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info. **1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group.** All welcome.

Tuesday 15th: 10am-11.30am **Little Wiggles.** All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!

Wednesday 16th: 10am **Open Door.** Coffee until 10.20am. Leprosy Mission with Ian Johnson. If you have collected money or stamps for the mission, please bring with you or give to Margaret Park. All ladies welcome. For details, contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

Thursday 17th: 10am **Aerobics.** All welcome. Contact Paula for details on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** All welcome. For details, contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com / 07472 926650.

Friday 18th: 10.30am **Friday Life.** All welcome. For details, contact denis.collier@gmail.com; **8pm Stressbusters.** All welcome. For details, call Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 19th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) **INTERACT School of Performing Arts.** Contact Emma on 07896 724531

TOTS Parent and Toddler Group at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre): Meets on **Tuesdays from 9.45am-11.30am** (term-time). Contact Julie on 07835 014470 .

Quinta Fundraising Event - Meal And Disco: Our next event - 'A taste of Italy' - is destined to be the social event of the year! A meal and disco on **Saturday 26th November from 7.30pm-midnight at Café Italia** (over 16s only). Tickets are £25pp so get yours ASAP from office@stpetersparish.info / 599900 or the Quinta Team.

STOP PRESS! Shloer collection for Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2022: **Urban Outreach have now secured a bulk delivery of bottles from Aldi but we need to cover the cost for them!** Therefore, if you are able to, please help by clicking on this link and contributing directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/21944>. Alternatively, please send/drop off cash donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

Nominations for hampers: To nominate a family or individual to receive a hamper, speak directly to a member of your church leadership team by **Monday 5th December at the latest.**



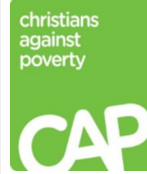
Friendship Group for those with dementia and their carers: **NEXT Thursday (17th), from 2pm until 4pm,** in the Parish Centre Lounge. Come along for tea/coffee and cake - and a warm welcome. For details, contact Joan on 840180.

'A Burning Heart' Message Conference at Audacious Church, Manchester: **NEXT Saturday (19th),** a full day of worship from The Message worship band with powerful teaching from Dr Amy Orr-Ewing, Andy Hawthorne, Sam Ward and Ben Jack. For tickets, go to message.org.uk/conference.



Smithills Christmas Market returns on **Saturday 3rd December from 12.30pm-3.30pm** on Redcar Road, Smithills. Family - friendly fun festivity supporting Christmas Dinner on Jesus and Urban Outreach. *Please do come along and invite your friends and families too.*

Christmas Choir: Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th December at 7pm in St. Peter's Church will be a service of 9 Lessons and Carols for the whole Parish and will include congregational carols (accompanied by organ and brass ensemble), readings and choir items. Singers are invited to join a Christmas Choir, singing carols, descants and adding harmonies. **There are a few rehearsals planned:** Thursdays Nov 17, 24 and Dec 1 and Tuesdays Dec 6 and 13 from 7.30-9pm in St Peter's Church. Please email robandsue@stpetersparish.info / 07812 335251 if you'd like to sing and we'll send you the music.



CAP Christmas: We would really appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas. NB: Aldi sell 'orange' non-alcoholic gift vouchers which you can buy online and can be posted to you! Also, any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men. **Please pass to Sam by 27th November ideally.** Many thanks.

Christmas bookstall in St. Peter's Church: Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat...and it's time for the Christmas bookstall! Cards, books and small gifts from Isaiah 53 (your local Christian bookshop) will be available on **Sundays 20th and 27th November and 4th and 18th December.** Please take a look. Thanks.

Christmas@Create: From **Friday 11th November to 17th December 10am-2pm** at Café Create (Claremont House, Bark Street Entrance, Bolton, BL1 2AX). A range of creative workshops, demonstrations, amazing creations, pottery painting and a lovely team of volunteers just waiting to serve you. See www.createbolton.org.uk for details.

