

Prayer By Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship


Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

We occasionally forget that God is always with us. When times are good and we are feeling fortunate, we tend to praise God. But, when times are challenging and difficult, which is the case for many of us and many people everywhere, at present, it can be a common thought to believe that God has somehow abandoned us in our moment of need. This is not true though. As this Bible verse mentions, God is "very present" even when we are faced with difficulties and will help us get through them.

God of all,
Whenever we are blinded by the pain and turmoil of this broken world
And we forget
You see more than we see
You hear more than we hear
You know more than we know
You grieve more than we grieve
Remind us once again that as we cry out to You for our world,
For our society, and for those who are most vulnerable within it
And for ourselves
That You offer stability when all seems unstable
You offer security when all seems insecure
And above all You offer us Jesus when nothing and no one else will.
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 2nd October 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 livestreamed service, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/C4nkuL3p4w>. Today is **World Focus Sunday**. Mark Taylor from Changing Destiny will be talking about their work with vulnerable women and children (who undergo abuse, neglect and are often subject to sex slavery and trafficking) and the educational opportunities that they provide for these children. **6.30pm** Mark Taylor from Changing Destiny will talk about persecution.

Our sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge; **10.30am** St. Andrew's (Harvest and Communion).



Lighthouse (ages 4-13) takes place in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am **TODAY**. Contact Ben Latham on 07512 753201/ lighthouse@stpetersparish.info for info.

A few words from our new vicar, Alan: "Ruth and I want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for the magnificent welcome you have given us. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout for my licensing service (<https://youtu.be/IRomG1jt9Fo>) last Sunday. Over the coming weeks, we want to get to meet as many of you as we possibly can. After each of the following morning services we will stay on for food. Please come and say hello!

We'll be at St. Andrews for their Harvest **TODAY** (2nd), St. Peter's 'Do Lunch, Do Life' **NEXT** Sunday (9th), Barrow Bridge on Sunday 16th (lunch), and Smithills Fellowship on Sunday 23rd (coffee, tea and pastries)".



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

Monday 3rd: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is *open to everyone*, offering delicious home made cakes, tea and filter coffees; **10.30am Strength and Balance class.** To book, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info. **1.30pm –3.30pm Art Group.** All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com.

Tuesday 4th: 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.** All in Years 7-13 welcome. Tell your friends!


Wednesday 5th: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Harvest Songs of Praise—Denis Collier. All ladies welcome. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

Thursday 6th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm -2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** Contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com / 07472 926650.

Friday 7th: 10.30am Friday Life. All welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; **8pm Stressbusters.** All welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732; **7.45pm - 9.45pm Canapes and Conversation** (*see opposite*).

Saturday 8th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma or Lucy 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. **This coming Tuesday (4th), we are off to Doffcocker Lodge.** Meet at the car park off Chorley Old Road at 9.45am.


Bolton Home for Good Support Group: This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families will next meet on **Saturday 15th October from 12.30pm-2.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre.** All welcome to come along for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. For more info, contact Fiona on 07786 844141. 

High School Form Signings: If you have a church supplementary form that requires signing for 2023 admission to High Schools, a form signing session will be held on **Wednesday 19th October in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 7pm-9pm.** In order to attend, you must book a timed slot by contacting the Parish Office—office@stpetersparish.info / 599900. You will need to provide your child's name, a parent's name, contact details and state which church service you attend.

Last chance! Quinta Fundraising event: 'Canapes and Conversation' is taking place NEXT Friday (7th) from 7.45pm - 9.45pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Open to ladies aged 18+. Tickets are £10 for those who can afford it - with canapes, cocktail and cake! See flyers in church. Tickets available from the Parish Office—office@stpetersparish.info / 599900—and in services. **Tickets are going fast!**

Baptism by immersion: This will take place in St. Peter's Church at 6.30pm on **Sunday 16th October.** For info or to register your interest, contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900 in the first instance.



 **Parish-wide PrayerZone - worship. pray. seek:** Our next session is at **8pm on Monday 10th October at Barrow Bridge Mission.** Please do join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*

A request from our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam: 'We're giving clients' children a 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £4.50), please give donations to Sam via the office. Thank you!'



St. Peter's Vicarage full refurbishment costs: The cost to correct a number of longstanding issues has been divided between the Diocese, Parish and Alan and Ruth themselves, and our contribution is in the region of £10,000. **We would be grateful for any contributions to this unbudgeted expense.** Please leave donations at the Parish Office or make a transfer to St. Peter's Halliwell CAF bank A/C no: 00030623, sort code: 40-52-40. **Please use the reference 'VICARAGE'.** Thanks.

Volunteers needed for Little Wiggles: This group takes place on **Tuesdays from 10am–11.30am (term-time)** in the Parish Centre. Volunteers are required for the following roles: a) helpers to come and chat to the parents and carers during the session, b) people to help set-up the room anytime between 9am and 10am and/or help to pack away 11.30am to 12pm, c) anyone able to help lead activities (either physical games, or quieter activities such as playdough). Suzi Spurr (Group Leader) is also looking for people who are willing to join her to help to plan and develop the sessions and the ministry of the group. **Interested?** Please contact Suzi directly suzispurr@googlemail.com /07834 371509. Thank you.

