

Prayers by David Moffoot on behalf of NIM

As we reflect on a world in turmoil let us pray for our Mission Partners who are so active at the moment.

Firstly, thank you Lord for the work of Craig and Elaine at KISC and the wonderful news that the British Ambassador attended the school for the morning and was suitably impressed. Lord, we ask that Craig and Elaine will be able to build on these new connections and that the Lord will use it to the benefit of KISC.

We also pray for Kath and Dave Richardson presently in Romania at the time of writing, helping and giving hope to so many poor families in Barlad. Lord, please keep Dave pain-free from his recent dental issues and give them both your wisdom and discernment as they seek to share the Good News with so many needy people that they meet.

Lord, we are so conscious of the crisis in Israel. Please keep Kay, Salim and their family safe in Jerusalem, especially as they encounter hostility from neighbours because of their Palestinian background. We pray they may be able to show the love of Jesus in really difficult circumstances.

Finally, thank you Lord for the successful and well-deserved Kings Award for Voluntary Service gained by the Create Bolton team and we pray that their outstanding work will continue to bring the love of Jesus into the lives of many needy people.

Thank you, precious Jesus.

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 26th November 2023

Rev. Alan writes... I met with the Bolton clergy chapter this week, joined by Matthew Porter, the new Bishop of Bolton. It was an encouraging time of sharing news of things we are grateful for – and as I reflected on just this last week, it brought to mind so many amazing things we are doing as a parish. There are too many to list here, but I want to share just a few as an encouragement and to thank God for all he is doing among us.

CAP service – was full of joy and celebration. It was wonderful to see so many CAP clients feeling so welcome as part of our parish family. Well done to Sam Wolstencroft, our CAP Debt Centre Manager, and her magnificent team for the organisation – don't forget it you want to support this important work (prayerfully, practically and financially) to get in contact with Sam, email samwolstencroft@capuk.org or phone 07934 716509.

Our **Accessibility Group** with reps from each fellowship met this week to look at how we make our churches accessible to all. They say thank you to everyone who recently completed the Access Questionnaire which has been really helpful to identify areas to develop. Helen Stainthorpe and her team are keen to receive any feedback, email access@stpetersparish.info.

Our **Pais team** led a brilliant session on *Who is Jesus?* at the weekly Tread youth meeting. The team are doing a great job of bringing the good news through sessions at Canon Slade and St. Peter's Primary School. Keep them in prayer and sign-up as a Pais-Pal if you can support with lifts, meals, etc. Email: pais@stpetersparish.info.




I am aware that we are asking for support with donations and funding in a number of areas at the moment and want to say two things. Firstly, a huge THANK YOU for your generosity that is enabling many people less fortunate than us to benefit from much needed help. Secondly, please don't feel obliged to give to everything, support where you feel moved by God to help, and only give as you are able. *Thank you to everyone who is playing a part in making the ministry and mission across our parish so rich and fruitful, I am tremendously proud and grateful for you all!*

Smithills Christmas Markets: Celebrating **10** years of this wonderful market!
NEXT Saturday (2nd) from 12.30pm-3.30pm on Redcar Road, BL1 6LL. Proceeds to Urban Outreach's Christmas Dinner on Jesus. *Please do come along!*



Parish Services: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/a3u4tkZxnAU>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching with Communion. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/c5cV03k8oY>. Sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge; 10.30am St. Andrew's.

Midweek service on Thursday 30th in St. Peter's Church: Refreshments from 10.30am. **Service 11.30am-12noon.** All welcome. 



Christmas Leaflets with Service Details: Please pick up flyers with details of all our services across the parish over the Christmas period and share these with your friends, families and neighbours. *Everybody welcome.*

Regular Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre: *Everybody welcome.*

Monday 27th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. FULL. Contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info; 1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com

Tuesday 28th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. Contact Suzi on 07834 371509; 7.30pm -9pm TREAD. Years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Wednesday 29th: 10am-11.30am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Making Christmas decorations with Create Bolton. Donations welcome. Contact Sandra on 846490.

Thursday 30th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900; 8pm-9.30pm Alpha Course. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900.

Friday 1st: 10am-12noon Watercolour Classes. Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; 10.30am Friday Life. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Contact Geoff on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 2nd: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531.

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

Tuesday 28th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

Wednesday 29th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



It's not too late! Baptisms by Immersion: St. Peter's Church NEXT Sunday (3rd) during the 6.30pm parish-wide service. If you want to be baptised in the baptism pool, contact the Parish Office ASAP.

Margaret Prest: It is with great sadness that we need to inform you that Margaret has died. Please remember her daughters Tracy and Gaenor and all Margaret's family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time. Her funeral will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm at Overdale Crematorium (West Chapel).**

Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2023: We need 4000 cans of fizzy pop (330ml, any brand/flavour) from across the parish by 3rd December! Please bring your cans to your church or the Parish Centre ASAP. *If you prefer, you can drop off cash donations at the Parish Office and we will buy the items on your behalf.* Alternatively, you can contribute directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24713>. *Thanks for your support*



Nominations for hampers: If you wish to nominate a family or individual to receive a hamper, **please speak directly to a member of your church leadership team ASAP.**



Do Lunch, Do Life in St. Peter's Church: Please join us for Christmas turkey barm and cakes **straight after the 10.30am service on Sunday 10th December.** Please let Janette know if you can help on the day or bake a cake - thank you. Contact janette.daeth@gmail.com / 07982 035706.

Canon Slade School Parents/Supporters Prayer Evening: Taking place in Canon Slade School chapel on **Tuesday 5th December 6.30pm -7.30pm.** If you would like to attend and pray for the school community there, we'd really love to see you there.

Church supplementary form signing for primary school admissions 2024: This will take place on **Tuesday 5th December 2023 from 6.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre.** Book your slot ASAP by contacting office@stpetersparish.info / 599900 with this info: child's name, church attended and parent name and contact details.

Christmas Choir 2023: Rehearsals in St. Peter's Church are on **TODAY (26th) and Sunday 10th December, 1pm-3.30pm and Thursdays 30th November and 14th December, 7.30pm-9pm.** *This choir will lead worship at the 6.30pm carol service on Sunday 17th December.* Info - robandsue@stpetersparish.info / 07812 335251.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Oasis: Val Perris wishes to thank all who supported this event held in St. Peter's Church on Thursday 16th November. **Over £1600 has been raised!**



CAP Request: Please pass any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men and/or £5/£10 supermarket vouchers to give to families at Christmas (Aldi do 'orange' non-alcoholic ones online!) to **Sam by 30th November, ideally.**

