#### Prayer By Phil & Elaine Weaver on behalf of National & International Ministry Team

Isaiah 6:8 – Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Heavenly Father we bring before you all our Mission Partners both here in the UK and those in other countries, may their ministries be fruitful and glorify your name. At the present time we particularly want to:-

Thank you for the recent visit from Release International inspiring us once again to pray and identify more deeply with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering persecution. We also wish to remember Dave and Chris Bagley and the whole team at Urban Outreach as they prepare for the Bolton Lunches 2022. Father, guide them in their plans and we ask for a good response to their request for volunteers to make sandwiches, pack lunch bags and distribute these across the town. Lord, may your love be evident and go with every lunch that is given out over the summer holidays.

We also particularly wish to thank you for Craig and Elaine Watson's recent visit. Father it has been good to see them and share some time together. We pray for them as they prepare to return to Kathmandu. at the end of this month, to start the new academic year at KISC. We thank you, Lord, for the progress made in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University for the new iQTS pilot scheme and the planned teacher placements for students, both to commence in the new academic year. Lord, we pray for your mighty hand to persuade the Nepali authorities to back these efforts, bless their education service and open the way to upskill Nepali teachers to make major improvements in educational standards across the country. Heavenly Father, we place these seemingly enormous challenges into your hands, believing you will make a way through. For Craig and Elaine we pray you will use them in a mighty way, strengthen them and give them the energy and wisdom to meet their daily challenges. Lord, make us faithful in prayer for them and may your kingdom increase in Nepal.

We ask in the all-powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Please pray for: Enid Kettle *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 24th July 2022



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

<u>Parish-wide services today</u>: Everybody welcome.

**St. Peter's Church: 8.30am** Service of the Word; **10.30am** Our all-age livestreamed service, here is the link: <a href="https://youtu.be/bWGVmbdM24s">https://youtu.be/bWGVmbdM24s</a>. Today we start a new 3-part sermon series providing an overview of the whole Bible. The first of these is entitled "Origins" and is based on the first 5 books of the Bible; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Today we start a new sermon series entitled "Faithfulness in Testing Times" which is based on selected passages from the book of Revelation.

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

Release International: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collections at the World Focus Day services in St. Peter's Church (3rd July) in support of Release International - we sent £1500 to Release International! On Saturday 17th September at 7.30pm in St. Peter's



www.releaseinternational.org

**Church** there will be a production of 'If Prison Walls Could Speak' by Artless Theatre Company in conjunction with Release International. This 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 a ticket (£5) for collection on the night, please contact the Parish Office -599900/office@stpetersparish.info

<u>Café on the Green:</u> Thank you to everyone who came and supported Café on the Green at St. Peter's Primary School on Saturday 9th July. **An amazing £600 was raised!** This will go towards Operation Smile in Kenya. Thanks for your generosity.



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

Most of our activities are now taking a break for the summer holidays.

Thursday 28th: **10am Aerobics**. All welcome. Contact Paula for details on 07913 408141.

Friday 29th: 8pm Stressbusters. All welcome. For details, call Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

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 there is no session TOMORROW (25th) and then the following 4 sessions on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August will take place at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) whilst our usual holiday clubs 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 going to DTI (30th July - 4th August) 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!

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



Save the date - Good News for Romania Coffee Morning: This will take place on **Saturday 29th October** in the Parish Centre—pop the date in your diary. Hope to see you there.



Bolton Lunches - Can you help today? Stock for Bolton Lunches is ready for packing and, in order to get ahead before the first day tomorrow, there is an opportunity TODAY (Sunday 24th) to help pack the lunch bags. Come along

between 2pm-4pm to Unit 1 (formerly Ninja Park), Trinity Retail Park, Springfield, BL2 1HY. No need to book in - just turn up, and please share with your family and fiends too - the more, the merrier! This very worthwhile initiative, led by Urban Outreach, works alongside churches, businesses and community groups to ensure no child goes hungry this summer.



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!

Keswick Convention 2022: This started last week and Week 2 runs from 23rd 29th July and Week 3 runs from 30th July - 5th August. This year's theme is 'Grateful' . Check out the programme and get more details and watch the livestream at https://vkc.keswickministries.org/

