

Prayers by Nigel Clarke, Smithills Fellowship

If we've made bad choices, thought wrong thoughts, done stupid things, or said careless words, we can pray for a fresh start every new month. If we just want to live more fully for Him, we can renew our hearts as the new month approaches.

Lord God, You not only know every wrong thing I've ever done,
You see all that lies in my future as well.

Help me to see every divine appointment that comes my way in the coming new month.

Open the doors in front of me to walk into Your will.

Open my eyes to recognize each opportunity to share Your love and the truth of Your Word with someone who needs it.

Each day of the new month, chart me a clear path to be obedient to You and to be used for Your kingdom purposes,

No matter how small or seemingly insignificant the work may be.

Give me a servant's mindset to see every task in front of me as an opportunity to glorify You.

So that "whatever I do, in word or deed, I do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Giving thanks through Him to God the Father".

Amen



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Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name



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

Sundays 27th August and 3rd September 2023

Rev. Alan writes... EXCITING TIMES AHEAD! It's great to be back from my holidays, refreshed and raring to go! And there is plenty to get stuck into as the new term starts with a flourish of activities over the coming weeks. Here's a quick summary:

Job Opportunities – we're recruiting a new Caretaker/Cleaner (applications now closed) and a Children and Families Worker (see below) – spread the word, applications open until Monday 4th September.

Pais Youthwork Apprentices – Gleise from Brazil and Michelle from Germany are arriving very soon. Daniel from S. Africa has had his Visa application rejected and he is appealing, please pray. I urgently need another host, please get in contact if you can help.

Quinta Weekend 15th-17th September – we're finalising arrangements for what promises to be a wonderful weekend. The theme is 'My Church' and we will be looking at what it means to be part of Jesus' church.

AYF Choir and Band of Uganda - Here's how you can get involved in their mission visit from 22nd-30th September. We need:

- Hosts to provide food and accommodation
- Help with transport of the band members and instruments
- Help with ideas for mission visits to schools and groups, plus stewarding the

They're returning to Bolton!

22nd-30th Sept 2023

The twelve-strong AYF team bring an energetic mix of African rhythms, glorious harmonies, and superb communication skills with a vision to build up churches and reach out to the community.

Don't miss the **GRAND FINALE CONCERT** Fri 29th Sept. 6.30pm at St Peter's Halliwell



Grand Finale Concert at St. Peter's on Friday 30th September, 6.30pm.

- We would love to raise funds to reduce the financial burden on the choir members and keep open future opportunities for return visits. Can you contribute?

Contact Amanda in the office if you can help! Thanks.

Last chance! Job Vacancy at St. Peters for a Children and Families Worker:


A part-time position (22.5 hours per week, open to discussion about possible flexible working times), 3 year contract. Closing date is **Monday 4th September**. See this link:

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/30803/children-and-families-worker/>

Church Services Across the Parish on:

Sunday 27th August: St. Peter's Church 8.30am Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/c2yMNsCEt7A>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching with Communion. Livestream of reading and talk: https://youtube.com/live/SVyyDgTq_eE. **Our sister churches:** **10am** Smithills Fellowship and Barrow Bridge joint service in St. Peter's School; **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

Sunday 3rd September: St. Peter's Church 8.30am Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service with Twinklors in the lounge. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/ncavR6fTXk4>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/iLzgaLsdlE8>. **Our sister churches:** **10am** Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge and **10.30am** St. Andrew's (Communion).

 **Lighthouse (Ages 4-13):** Re-starts **NEXT Sunday (3rd)** from 10.20am-11.45am. Contact Ben 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info for info.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 28th BANK HOLIDAY—CENTRE CLOSED/4th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is *open to everyone*; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon** Age UK's Strength and Balance class. The registers for these classes are currently FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info.

Tuesday 29th/5th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles; *Tread is closed* and will re-open in September, date to be confirmed.

Wednesday 30th/6th: 30th: 2.30pm Open Door Prayer at 1, Marlwood Road. All welcome. **6th: 10am Open Door.** All ladies welcome. Coffee 10am-10.20am. Finding Out. Contact Sandra on 846490.

Thursday 31st/7th: 10am Aerobics. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;

31st: The Well Toddler Group is closed; 7th: 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com/on 07472 926650.

Friday 1st/8th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; **8pm Stressbusters.** Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

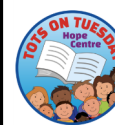
General Activities at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre):

Tuesday 29th CLOSED/5th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.


Wednesday 30th CLOSED/6th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities



Baptisms: Please pray for **Scarlett BROADHEAD** and **Olivia and Alfie OWENS** who are being baptised **NEXT Sunday (3rd)** at 2pm in St. Peter's Church. We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.



TOTS Summer Get Together: Taking place **NEXT Thursday (31st)**, for parents and pre-school children only, from 1.30pm to 3.15pm at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) A free session and open for people to try out for the first time or if they've been before. A warm welcome assured.

Oasis— New Midweek Service: All welcome to join us weekly at this time of fellowship and friendship in St. Peter's Church. Starting **NEXT Thursday (31st)** with refreshments in the lounge from 10.30am and a service in church from 11.30am – 12noon for those who would like to attend. 

St. Peter's Family Picnics: Taking place in Moss Bank Park after the 10.30am services **TODAY (27th)** and **NEXT Sunday (3rd)**. Bring your own picnic and join us for games, fellowship and fun. All welcome.

Out and About Walk: **NEXT Saturday (2nd)** in the Forest of Bowland (an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) taking in Nicky Nook and Grize Dale. An 8 mile walk – field and woodland paths with a moderate climb up to Nicky Nook, then back through Grize Dale woods. All welcome. Meet outside St. Peters Church at 9.30am, bring a packed lunch. Contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com/on 07472 926650.



PrayerZone—worship. pray. seek: The next session will take place on **Wednesday 6th September at 8pm** in St. Peter's Primary School. Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*

New Parish-wide Women's Ministry Group: Our first social is on **Friday 8th September at 7pm.** Meet at Wilderswood car park (1/2 mile on the left along George's Lane, opposite The Jolly Crofters on Chorley Old Rd) for a gentle walk up Rivington (only an hour or so) and optional drinks at the Bob Smithy afterwards. If walking's not your thing, just meet us at the Bob Smithy instead! See Katie Leaver for more info.

Save the date! Musical Extravaganza Fundraiser in St. Peter's Church:

On **Friday 27th October at 7.30pm** the CC Concert Band and Midweek Sax will be performing a variety of show tunes, swing marches and much more. Tickets are £10 (£5 for over 65's and under 18's) and available from Café Create, Andrew Kilpatrick, Chandran Jepeganiam, the Parish Office or by email —createbolton@gmail.com. See you there!

