

## Prayers by Libby Greenhalgh, Ordinand

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:4-5

Ben and Alan have created an amazing graphic showing the connections between children's and young people's ministry that happens in our parish. There is so much happening, it reminded me of the song 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'! Each part is crucial, and the connections between them in the building of relationships not only with each other, but with Jesus as the head of the body.

This week, give thanks for:

**The leaders of each of these ministries.** For their creativity, joy and dedication in serving, that their love for Jesus shines through each interaction they have with those who come along.

**For all of the children in our parish;** from the tiniest who gather at Tot's on Tuesday, Well Toddlers, and Little Wiggles. Pray for them and their parents, carers and families that the seeds of the gospel planted through play bring great fruit for the Kingdom of God.

**Lifting up the teams who provide activities on Sunday mornings in each fellowship,** pray that each of these sessions are full to bursting with praise for the Lord! Pray for more leaders to come forward and respond to God's call, and for the young leaders to grow in confidence.

**Supporting in prayer the young people who attend Tread,** that they learn more of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus whilst navigating the world around them, that their hearts are set on fire and burn for Christ.

In the song, as you repeat each verse you miss a word. Pray for those who are missing from the sessions, the faces of children and families you haven't seen recently to know they belong as part of the family of Christ. Pray afresh for a filling of the gap in the role of children's and families worker, that God brings the right person to come alongside and journey with those know, and those we are yet to meet here in Jesus' name.

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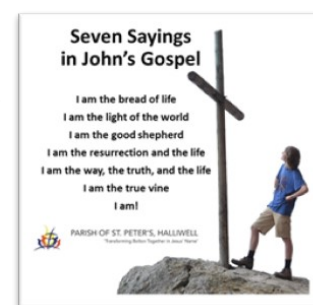
**Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:**

**St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship**  
**One Parish—One Church—One Vision**

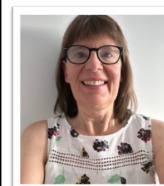
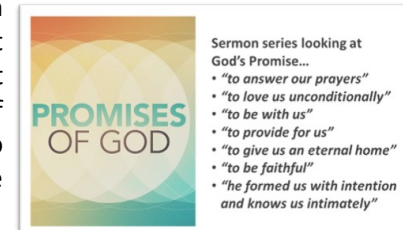
**Sunday 8th October 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** Today we launch two new sermon series and a new parish-wide initiative called **Accessibility**.

In our morning services we will be looking at **Seven Sayings in John's Gospel**, learning about the significance of the "I am" statements of Jesus. Jesus said many significant words that are recorded in the Gospels. Yet, there are seven statements Jesus made in the Gospel of John that were particularly pivotal to His ministry, Old Testament prophecies, and His claims of who He was.



At our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St. Peter's we will be embarking on an exciting new series looking at the **Promises of God**. The Bible contains thousands of promises that God wants to fulfil in your life. In this series, you'll learn about some of the most significant promises that God has made to you. These promises aren't empty; they're the key to renewed life, peace of mind, and hope for the future. It's an opportunity to discover the amazing promises of God for your life and begin to claim them!



I am thrilled that **Helen Stainthorpe** from Smithills Fellowship has taken on the role as Chair of our newly formed parish-wide Accessibility Group, which has reps in each Fellowship. **Helen says:** "We are keen to ensure that no one is excluded from our worship because they have an additional need or learning difference. As Christians, we believe that God's love extends to all people and therefore it is only right that we do our best to break down any barriers that prevent people joining us in worship and, as much as is practicable, make adjustments. Firstly, we'd like to find out whether those of you who attend our services already have any difficulties accessing any part of the service or buildings. Today you have been handed a questionnaire that we would be grateful if you would fill in and let us know about ANYTHING that you find even a bit difficult when you come to church. Secondly, today we're also rolling out an "access" box in each of our worship venues - this has a selection of items inside that may be useful to people with learning differences and/or Autism." E-mail the team at [access@stpetersparish.info](mailto:access@stpetersparish.info).

**Parish Services today:** **St. Peter's Church: 8.30am** Service of the Word with Communion; **10.30am** Morning service. Harvest. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/SNfy9ujvZIA>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/kDgrcyNSVcE>. **Our sister churches: 10am** Smithills Fellowship (Baptism); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge; **10.30am** St. Andrew's (Café Church).

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

### **General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:**

**Monday 9th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room.** This cafe is open to everyone; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class.** These classes are FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info);

**Tuesday 10th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles.** All welcome; **7.30pm-9pm TREAD.** Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

**Wednesday 11th: 10am-11.30am Open Door.** All ladies welcome. Winter Wellness—Chris Ward. Contact Sandra on 846490.

**Thursday 12th: 10am Aerobics.** Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900; **8pm-9.30pm Alpha Course.** Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900.

**Friday 13th: 10am-12noon Watercolour Classes.** Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; **10.30am Friday Life.** Everyone welcome. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); **8pm Stressbusters.** Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

**Saturday 14th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts.** Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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


**Tuesday 10th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group.** Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details. 

**Wednesday 11th: From 9am The Hub.** Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities awaits. 

**FREE book:** Keith Wills' new book 'Simply Preaching Simply' is available for **1 week only** from 9th October FREE to anyone on Kindle (Amazon E-books). It's usually £4.99 Kindle version or £6.99 paperback. More info from [keithwills80@gmail.com](mailto:keithwills80@gmail.com)

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**Harvest Collection TODAY in St. Peter's Church:** Please remember to bring contributions (bottled/boxed/tinned goods) for the Grub Tub to be distributed to those in need. Thank you.

**Baptisms today:** Please pray for the baptisms of **Lilibet CRITCHLOW** (Smithills Fellowship) and **Elizabeth FOSTER and Alice HASLAM** (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. 

**Shirley Clark:** It is with great sadness that we need to tell you that Shirley has died. Please remember all her family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time.


**Working party at St. Peter's Church:** Another working party will be carrying out various jobs in the church grounds **NEXT Saturday (14th) from 9.30am to 12.30pm.** Please do come along if you are available to help. Thank you for your support.



**Women's Ministry Film Night: Friday 20th October at 7pm at Barrow Bridge Mission.** Tickets £1. Speak to Megan Simister, Rachel Cowling or the Parish Office for film details (15 certificate) and to book in. We'd love to see you there!

**Ugandan Choir Visit:** Thanks to everyone who has offered accommodation, help with transport, or contributed financially towards the mission visit. Now it's time to pray for the success of the visit and invite our friends and family to join us for what will be a fantastic concert called **Praise Night on Sunday 22nd October, 6.30pm at St. Peter's Church.**



**Musical Extravaganza Fundraiser in St. Peter's Church: Friday 27th October at 7.30pm** the CC Concert Band and Midweek Sax will perform a variety of show tunes, swing marches and much more. Tickets £10 (£5 for over 65's/under 18's) from Café Create, Andrew Kilpatrick, Chandran Jepegnanam, the Parish Office or email — [createbolton@gmail.com](mailto:createbolton@gmail.com). 

**Light Party: Tuesday 31st October, 6pm - 7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre.** An alternative celebration to Halloween, for primary school aged children (4-11). Suggested donation of £2 payable on the door. Contact Ben for info—[ben.latham@stpetersparish.info](mailto:ben.latham@stpetersparish.info) / 07512 753201. Just scan this QR code to book online!



**NIM Prayer Request: Dave Moffoot is travelling as a team of 4 to India** from 13th October - 9th November to train teachers in 5 different schools and share the Gospel where appropriate. Please pray for health, wisdom and discretion for them as the trip will be taking place against a climate of increasing persecution against Christians.