



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 22 September 2024

## HEADLINES

- Harvest Festival time!
- Repair Cafe
- It's World Focus Sunday at St Peter's
- Congratulations to our D of E adventurers
- Prayers from our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam Wolstencroft

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

Sun 22 Sept

### ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone service
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service with Baptism
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	All-age service
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service
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\*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

**We are an accessibility friendly parish**

## Rev Alan writes...

### Happy Harvest!

This Sunday sees Harvest Festival services at Smithills, Barrow Bridge and St Andrew's, with St Peter's



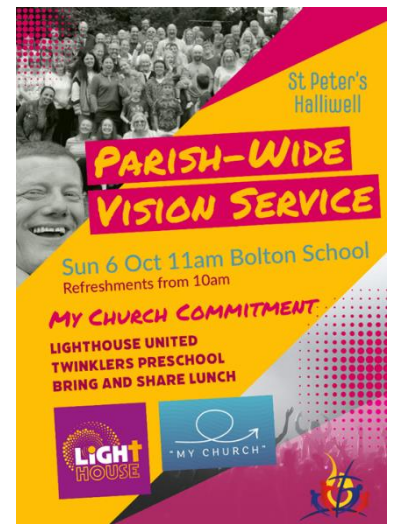
following suit next week. We live in a time when we are fortunate to have most foods readily available all year round. Yet we can take this for granted - in the old days when you could only buy seasonal foods, I think we appreciated them much more. So, celebrating Harvest is a good way to remind us of the good gifts sent from

heaven above for us all to enjoy. Let's live with an attitude of gratitude for all God provides. And also, use the opportunity to give to those less fortunate - we will be taking offerings at our harvest services of dried food and tins for Urban Outreach.

Plans are looking good for our **Parish-Wide Vision Service on Sun 6 Oct, 11am at Bolton School**. We're

cancelling all services to give everyone the opportunity to gather for what promises to be a fantastic service that will unite all four fellowships. Doors open at 10am for refreshments, followed at 11am by a service for adults in the main hall, with creche facilities and preschool activities led by St Peter's

Twinklers team in an adjoining classroom, and a special Lighthouse United session in the school gym. The service will be an opportunity to hear our vision and unite in prayer and worship. Following the service, I would love everyone to stay for a Bring and Share picnic lunch in the fabulous Riley Centre or outside in the beautiful school grounds, and the chance to enjoy fellowship, fun and games.



Our **Ignite club** has re-started with a lovely group of children enjoying lots of fun activities including games, crafts, challenges and the opportunity to grow in faith. There is space for new children, ages 7-11, to join. They meet in the Parish Centre every Tue, 6pm-7.15pm. Just turn up, no need to book!



## Raynor Crow

For your information, Raynor's funeral was held in Bedford last week. Please continue to keep Stephen and family in your prayers.

## Marion Gerrard

The funeral for Marion Gerrard (nee Smethurst), sister of Rev Gordon Smethurst, is to be held in St Peter's on Tues 24 Sept at 12 noon.

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition



Congratulations to the 11 young people who successfully completed their expedition, walking and camping in the South Lakes in very wet conditions last Sunday. They all finished with big smiles and we look forward to helping them complete the other sections of their award. *Keep a look out for the notice about signing up for next year's group.*

## Baptisms

### Sun 22 Sept, 10am, Smithills Fellowship

We thank God for the gift of Albie CROW and for his parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

## NIM World Focus Sunday

### Sun 22 Sept, 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm, St Peter's

Mark Lipdo will be speaking today at all three St Peter's services and will be joined by Release International's engagement manager for the



North, Allister Du Plessis. **All offerings taken this day will go to the work of Release International.** Pick up your 2024 edition of National and International Ministry's Mission Partners booklet today in church.

## ALM Commissioning

### Sat 21 Sept, Manchester Cathedral

We are delighted that Daniel Caffrey, Leadership Chair at Barrow Bridge Mission, is being commissioned as an ALM (Authorised Lay Minister) with a focus on Worship and Liturgy. Current ALM's Helen Stainthorpe and Michelle Hyams-Ssekasi from Smithills Fellowship are also being re-commissioned today.

## Thrive Girl's Discipleship Group

### Starting Mon 23 Sept, 7.30pm, Home Based

All girls in Y10 and above are invited to join this new group led by Lucy Hargraves and Rachel Cowling. Info: [Lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:Lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org)



## The Repair Café

was buzzing on Wednesday as people flocked to St Andrew's with items to repair. We were joined by the

Community Engagement team from Cadent Gas Ltd, who have been busy renewing gas main pipes in the area. They brought heated blankets, throws, thermal socks and carbon monoxide detectors as gifts for everyone. The next Repair Café is Wed 17 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm.

## Churches and Chapels On-the-Air

amateur radio event last Saturday at St Peter's helped fill the airwaves with messages of joy as contact was made with churches, chapels and cathedrals across the



country, from the south coast of England to the Mull of Kintyre, Northern Ireland, Belgium, France, Netherlands and Finland. Big thanks to members of Oldham Amateur Radio Club, including Alan's dad Dave, and Bolton Amateur Radio Club who supported us on the day.

## Carol Sheriff

Carol Sheriff passed away on 14 Sept. If you have been attending St Peter's for a while, you may remember the Sheriff family; Asgar (Carol's husband) was our Parish Treasurer for some years and Naadia (Carol's daughter) is a gifted musician who played in our worship bands. After retiring, Asgar and Carol moved to Leeds to be near their son Jami. Carol's funeral will be held at St Matthews Church, Chapel Allerton, Leeds on Thurs 17 October at 1pm with refreshments afterwards at Roundhay Golf club. Please let the family know if you plan to attend.

## Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)



**Tues 24 Sept, 7.30pm, Parish Centre**  
Peter Watson will be speaking about 'The History of Surnames'. Books by the society will be on sale. All very welcome. Info from [enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk)

## Quinta Fundraiser

**Sat 28 Sept, 7.30pm-midnight, Café Italia**

**Quinta Fundraiser!**  
**Sat 28th September 7:30pm-12:00**  
Meal and disco £30pp  
Places limited to 60 so get yours soon! Over 16s only.  
*A taste of Italy*  
Tickets available at the office or from the Quinta Team

Tickets on sale at all church services and also available from the Parish Office. Cash payment or BACS transfer to account name: St Peters (NB: no apostrophe) Parish Halliwell PCC, account number- 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. **Make sure you use the reference 'Café Italia'.** Limited tickets so get yours soon!

## Home for Good Peer Support Group

**Sat 12 Oct, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre**

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info:



Fiona 07786 844141

## Rev Steph Mawhinney's Licensing

An invitation from

**Christ Church, Walshaw and St Andrew, Radcliffe**

to the licensing of **Rev Steph Mawhinney**  
as vicar of the two churches

7pm on Wednesday 2nd Oct 2024

Christ Church Walshaw, High St, Walshaw, BL8 3FS

Parking is limited, please walk to the church if you are able, or share lifts

RSVP to [wardensccw@gmail.com](mailto:wardensccw@gmail.com) or 07981 509934

## Wheels for the World

Moira Platt says thanks to all who prayed for her recent trip to Rwanda. 'It was a great trip and the team were able to provide wheelchairs and mobility aids for over 220 people. It was humbling to witness their appreciation and tears as many of them were

released from living life on the ground and the children are now able to go to school.'

## Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir

Save the dates below! Flyers available in all churches.

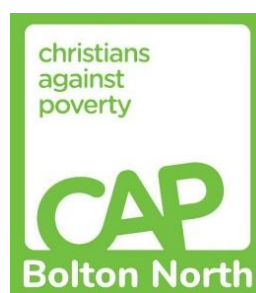
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR 2024**  
**CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT**  
Sun 22nd Dec '24

ALL REHEARSALS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b> Dec 1st 1pm - 3pm	<b>Thurs</b> Dec 5th 7.30 - 9pm	<b>Sunday</b> Dec 15th 1pm - 3pm	<b>Wed</b> Dec 18th 7.30 - 9pm
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Flyers available with how to sign up & more information.

## Prayer for the Week



Our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam Wolstencroft, focusses us on Galatians 2:10: 'All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along'. **See her prayer on the back page.**

## Looking Forward

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Thu 3 Oct, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's**

**NB: Please note the change of date**



Donations of cakes, preserves etc will be very much appreciated. Contact Val Perris 07984 070364.

### Café on the Green

**Sat 5 Oct, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School**



Delicious food and excellent service. Raising funds for work in the Diocese of Machakos Kenya to provide free surgery for children born with cleft lip/palate and other facial deformities.

### Good News for Romania Coffee Morning



**Sat 19 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre**

All invited to this coffee morning/bring and buy raising funds for GNFR. Come along for yummy cakes and bargains!

**PRAYER from Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Debt Centre Manager**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your son to live among us in human form. He taught us how to live a perfect life. We live in a broken world, but with him as our teacher, we know how we may best live to serve those who are in poverty in all its forms – from health poverty to spiritual poverty, emotional poverty to financial poverty. Lord, as we go about our day-to-day lives, help us to be ever more Christ-like, glorifying you with every word and every action.

We know the heart you have for those in need. We strive to be more like you – to be your hands and feet on earth, to give without the expectation to receive and to set a place of honour for those who feel outcast and forgotten. We thank you for the work you are doing through our CAP Debt Centre. We praise you for the recent grants awarded to enable us to continue this important work, and we pray for each client and family being supported, that they will know your love, grace, peace and hope in their lives. For we ask these things in the powerful and precious name of Jesus. Amen

**Coming up this week**

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 23 Sept</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 24 Sept</b>			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers IGNITE Children's Club Halliwell Local History Society Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 25 Sept</b>			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7pm-9pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Bible Study, Florence Odonga. Val 07902 167971 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 26 Sept</b>			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Alpha Course and Life Group	<a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 27 Sept</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a> Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
<b>Sat 28 Sept</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's

**Keep Connected**

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