

Prayers by Diane Ball, St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” Phillipians 4 v 6

Thank you, Father God, for all your goodness and compassion. Thank you for our relationship with you through Jesus, and for the Holy Spirit being with us at all times. Thank you for the changing seasons and the seasons of life. We thank you for this summer time of rest and change, but we bring to you our prayers for those who need them at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity for Hope Centre to be a distribution point for the BL Lunches project, feeding children while they are not getting school lunches, and also for the HAF Activity project for Johnson Fold meeting as well 2 afternoons a week. Pray that each child who comes through the door whether for food or fun, will have a positive experience of Hope Centre ready for what God has for the future.

We pray for rest and restoration for school staff and pupils, especially remembering St. Peter's School and the others in our parish, and for all able to take time away on holidays, asking for safety as people travel and for renewed energy and purpose when they return.

We pray for all for whom this is not an easy time.

- Those who are missing their regular social interactions.
- Those who can't afford to take time off work or do enjoyable things, and those already struggling caring for children whilst out of school, whether financially or emotionally. Pray for energy, patience and fun times.
- Pray too for those whose work situations are more stressful as other staff take their holidays.
- Pray for the sick, the lonely and the bereaved as they feel out of step with the rest of the world, and as people they know are away from them.

And may we each be more aware of the presence and love of God; Father, Jesus, Spirit, day by day through this summer season.

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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

Sundays 13th and 20th August 2023

Rev. Alan writes (from a tent somewhere in Scotland!)...Happy holiday everyone!

I hope you're enjoying some well-earned down time to rest and restore. I'm taking a few moments away from holidaying to tell you about an exciting development. I've been contacted by my good friends in Uganda with an amazing offer to bring a mission team to support our outreach during 22nd - 30th September this year. To make this possible I need your help!

The twelve-strong 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. The group were established over 30 years ago and have toured extensively around the world. They frequently perform at key national events in Uganda. Their work includes street performances, schools' visits, concerts and social events.

Here's how you can get involved:

- We need hosts, to provide food and accommodation. Previous hosts have spoken of how it has been a huge blessing.
- We need help with transport for the band members and instruments.
- Help with ideas for mission visits to schools and groups, plus stewarding the Grand Concert at St. Peter's on Friday 29th 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?

They're returning to Bolton!

**22nd-30th Sept
2023**

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



If you can help in any of these ways, or have other ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

Church services across the parish on:

Sunday 13th August: St. Peter's Church 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/FixdrqVTUkA>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/7G3xgZL2k-Y>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Café Church).

Sunday 20th August: St. Peter's Church 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/w89W-3003dM>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: https://youtube.com/live/Pxq_ZUZIBuA. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Communion) and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 14th/21st: *The Coffee Room is closed* and will re-open on 4th September; 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 15th/22nd: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles 'Summer Social'; *Tread is closed* and will re-open in September, date to be confirmed.

Wednesday 16th/23rd: *Open Door is closed* and will re-open on 6th September.

Thursday 17th/24th: 10am Aerobics. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; *The Well Toddler Group is closed* and will re-open on Thursday 7th September.

Friday 18th/25th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; *Stressbusters is closed* and will re-open on 1st September.

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

TOTS Parent and Toddler Group is closed and will re-open on Tuesday 5th September at 9.45am. **The Hub Drop-in session is closed** and will re-open on Wednesday 6th September at 9am. *We look forward to seeing you again in September. Happy summer.*




Leaving collection: To contribute to this for our caretaker/cleaner Ben, donations can be left at the Parish Office or you can donate online via CAF Bank - St. Peter's Halliwell, A/C 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. Thank you.

Christine Cocker: Christine says a huge thank you to all those who supported her and Norman following her recent operation. For the cards, flowers, meals, lifts and all the love and care shown in so many different ways, she is very grateful — thank you!

Job Vacancies at St. Peters: Are you or someone you know job hunting? We have two exciting positions available! **Caretaker/Cleaner:** A full-time (37.5 hours per week), permanent position. Closing date is **Friday 25th August**. See this link: <https://www.stpetersparish.info/caretaker> **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/>



Barrow Bridge Mission: Many congratulations to Barrow Bridge Mission who has just won a **Bronze Eco Church Award** in recognition of their fantastic efforts to care for God's earth in these areas: worship and teaching, management of buildings and land, community and global engagement and lifestyle. Great job! Well done to all who worked so hard to achieve this award.

New Midweek Service Starting Soon! We are very excited to announce the launch of **OASIS** - a new Thursday morning service and time of fellowship and friendship at St. Peter's Church. **Starting on Thursday 31st August**, refreshments will be served in the church lounge from 10.30am with a service in church from 11.30am – 12noon for those who would like to attend. Do come and join us – everyone is welcome for part or all of the time. 

Barrow Bridge Mission: You are warmly invited to join us at Barrow Bridge Mission on **Mondays 14th and 21st August** from 1.30pm-4pm for tea, coffee, cake and chat. *No charge*. An opportunity to bring your friends and neighbours, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Looking forward to seeing you there.

St. Peter's Family Picnics: Taking place in Moss Bank Park after the 10.30am services on **Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th August and 3rd September**. Bring your own picnic and join us for games, fellowship and fun. All welcome.

CAP Prayers: Sam, our CAP Centre Manager says "We currently have 3 CAP clients who are halfway through the START course. Please pray for them as we explore Jesus and the cross in the weeks to come. Thank you for your support."



Summer special! Comedy and Curry Night coming up soon: Taking place at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 22nd August** at Achari (near Sainsburys), 148—152 Crook Street, Bolton, BL3 6AS. This is a 'Blokes and Ladies Comedy and Curry Night' with comedian Luke Bailey. If you can come, contact Jonathan Moores ASAP on 07753 427329 / blokescurrynight@outlook.com. Set menu £18. (The Way Church, Bolton)