

Prayers by Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

Over this week and the coming weeks let us pray that in our lives, with God's help, we might have a transforming impact on our world and demonstrate these 6 Ms in our daily lives:

Making good work; **M**odelling godly character; **M**inistering grace and love; **M**oulding culture; a **M**outhpiece for truth and justice and a **M**essenger for the gospel.

If we had a fraction of the faith in You that You have in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that You show to us then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that You display with us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from You then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as You have shown in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power You promised to Your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world through your love and your power.

Amen

Please pray for: **Christine Cocker**. 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 30th April 2023

Rev. Alan writes... Huge thanks to everyone who prayed and supported last week's mission visit by the Message School of Evangelism. I was thrilled by the response to the team.

At St. Peter's CE Primary – the joy as the whole school danced in the assembly at the end of the day, the engagement from the children in the lessons, prayers with Year 6 in the new prayer garden. And lovely curry for lunch! **At Canon Slade High** – seeing Paul Saxon in action with the students, I was so impressed by the relationships he has developed in just 6 months as chaplain! The engagement by students in each RE lesson as they grappled with questions of self-worth, identity and faith. Prayer and discussion with students during Paul's lunch clubs. And another lovely curry for lunch! **At Café on the Green at Smithills Fellowship** – just a wonderful opportunity to relax and gossip the Gospel! **At the youth pizza night** – the huge encouragement they gave our young people to stay strong in their faith and build their relationship with God in prayer. **At our services** – hearing the Gospel proclaimed so powerfully by Ana from Brazil at St. Peter's, and the stories of excitement from their children and young people at Barrow Bridge connecting with the team they met in school. God is good and we pray for lasting fruit from this mission and for a blessing on the Message team as they continue with missions across the UK and in Germany over the coming weeks.



We are in the season of annual meetings and preparations are progressing well for our parish-wide APCM on Sunday 21st May at 4pm. I am looking forward to joining the second of our annual meetings at St. Andrew's this Sunday and encourage you to pray for our good friends at St. Andrew's.



Rev. Dave Brae: Dave's last service at St. Peter's will be 6.30pm Sunday 14th May. On Monday 5th June he will become Priest-in-Charge of St. Chads in the parish of Patchway, Diocese of Bristol. In lieu of leaving cards and gifts, Dave has asked that you please make donations to **Urban Outreach** (via cash, cheques payable to St. Peters Halliwell PCC, or bank transfer to CAF St. Peter's Halliwell A/C 00030623, sort code 40-52-40, reference 'DaveBrae'). Thank you. **Please pray for Dave, Emma, James and Hannah as they prepare to leave Bolton.**

URBAN OUTREACH

Church services across the parish today:

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/L2aYP-rC9Xo>; 2pm Baptisms; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/g-aVVy8gldQ>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Café Church) and 10.30am St. Andrew's (AGM).

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday so no activities as centre closed.
Tuesday 2nd: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.
Wednesday 3rd: 10am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Coffee 10am-10.20am. Talk by Mountain Rescue. Contact Sandra on 846490; 8pm PrayerZone. Join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. All welcome.
Thursday 4th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Everyone welcome. Contact Jane on 07472926650/janeheath@heathnet.plus.com.
Friday 5th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.
Sunday 7th: 10.20am-11.45am Lighthouse (ages 4-13). Info from Ben on 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info



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

Tuesday 2nd: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.
Wednesday 3rd: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Out and About Walk: The next walk is on **Saturday 13th May** (moved from the first Saturday due to Coronation celebrations), to Crook O' Lune from Caton, 8 miles and moderate. Walk along the River Lune and look for bluebells in the woods. Leave 9.30am from outside St. Peters Church, with a packed lunch. Contact Jane Heath for more info on 07472 926650/janeheath@heathnet.plus.com



PrayerZone- worship. pray. seek: Our next session is at 8pm NEXT Wednesday (NB: new day) 3rd May in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*

Margery Taylor: It is with great sadness that we need to inform you that Margery has died. Please remember all her family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time. Margery's funeral will be held at St. Andrews (Hope Centre) on **Friday 12th May at 11am**, followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium.

Baptisms: Please pray for **Nel Sheader** and **William Hackin** who are being baptised **TODAY (30th)** 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.



Smithills Outdoor Coronation Service: This will take place (*weather permitting!*) **NEXT Sunday (7th May) at 11am** on Redcar Road, Smithills (BL1 6LL). Everybody welcome to join us. Refreshments on arrival.

The Great Coronation Cake Competition: Taking place **NEXT Sunday (7th May) in the Parish Centre 11.45am-1.30pm**, following on from Lighthouse. This is open to

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everyone in the Parish. 1 large cake and/or up to 6 cupcakes per entry in 3 different age categories. Please be willing for your cake(s) to be eaten by guests! Do come along even if you are not entering the competition. Details from our website or Sam - sam.wolstencroft@gmail.com.

Keith Wills' book: After years of study and ministry, Keith has managed to write a book on how to preach simply! It is the first print (and still has a number of typos...) but is a great read. Copies available from Keith on 842964 or keithwills80@gmail.com.



Café Create need a cook: Create Bolton is a brilliant Christian charity based in the town centre that serves a simple, fresh menu in this often busy cafe. It is supported by volunteers and provides a work placement for learners with a learning disability. An experienced cook is needed for 18 hours a week to manage the kitchen on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, 8.30am—2.30pm (3 year contract, £10,202 p.a). Get a job description from createbolton@gmail.com or Andrew on 07964 814297. **Closing date 5th May, interviews 16th May (evening).**



Café on the Green: Huge thanks to all the volunteers and those around the Parish who supported last Saturday's Café by popping in for a bite to eat, drink and a catch up. **£1150** was raised to aid the provision of operations for children in Kenya with cleft lips and palates. The next Café is on **Saturday 7th October**.

