

Prayer By Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Jesus, in this new season we invite you to shape our lives and set the direction of our year, we long to imitate your works and we welcome your spirit as we fix our eyes on you.

Lord, as we begin the new series of teaching on Kingdom Wisdom in our morning services, working our way through Proverbs, help us to listen, absorb and apply the teaching we hear. Help us to rediscover practical everyday wisdom that we can apply to all aspects of our lives, whether that is in work, at the gym, out socially or within our family. You, Lord, have blessed the world with wisdom, knowledge and understanding. We ask that you would open the hearts, souls and minds of adults and children alike to wisdom. You said that if anyone lacks wisdom that we were to ask and You would give it. Thank you for providing these promises.

May we yield to your wisdom, power and goodness and in all your ways acknowledge You with thankfulness and submission. May we always believe that your hand is over-ruling and ordering all our circumstances. May we not simply depend on our own understanding of things but ask Your advice for direction in our lives, not just in difficult decisions, but in every case.

We ask this in Your Mighty Name, Amen.



KINGDOM WISDOM

True Wisdom, Proverbs 3:1-12
 Friendship, Proverbs 17:9-17, 25:17-22, 27:6-17
 Work, Proverbs 6:6-11, 24:30-34, 26:13-16
 Anger, Proverbs 14:29-30, 24:28-29, 25:21-22
 Speech, Proverbs 10:18-32, 12:13-19
 Plans, Proverbs 16:1-9, 25, 33

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Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:
 St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship

Sunday 22nd January 2023

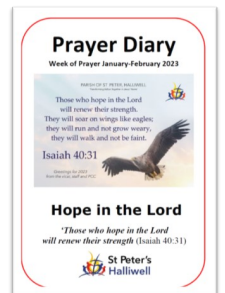
Rev. Alan writes... Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31).

As I write, my wife Ruth is in hospital. She has underlying kidney disease and picked up a kidney infection last weekend which has resulted in serious loss of kidney function. She is receiving fantastic care in Salford Royal and we have been upheld by the prayers and support of many kind people.

As I pray for Ruth, I tell God what I hope for, obviously my hope is that Ruth is healed. And as I *hope in the Lord* my strength and Ruth's strength is renewed. It's the way it works with prayer, and our verse for the year reminds us of this promise from God.

That's why I am passionate about our upcoming week of prayer which runs from next Sunday 29 January until Sunday 5 February. The vision is to get everyone praying – the whole parish – sharing our hopes and listening for God's response. I want us all to be guided and renewed by God as we enter what I believe will be a new and exciting season for our parish.

We launch our week of prayer next Sunday at all services and you will each receive a daily prayer guide, there will be special prayer meetings in every fellowship, a virtual 24-7 prayer room to sign up to pray at home or with a group, an invitation for anyone to grab the opportunity to organise an ad-hoc prayer event or walk, and a grand finale at our parish-wide 6.30pm service at St. Peter's on Sunday 5 February. Linda Foster is coordinating the week so please get in contact with her with any offers and ideas. And be sure to look out for details on email and social media. **See over the page for more info!**



I would love for us all to raise our game in prayer, it's an opportunity for us to grow in faith as we see how prayer changes things for good. And if you've never been to a prayer meeting before, then come along, you will be blessed by the experience!

Pais Team Update:

Visa applications are being processed for Ilukena from Zambia and Manka'a from Cameroon. Sadly, Simone from Zambia has withdrawn her application due to family circumstances. We are pursuing a possible replacement for her. Will you get involved to support the team prayerfully and practically as a **Pais-Pal**? We are looking for offers to host team members for a meal, to give lifts to schools sessions during the day, and to donate games and activities for the lunch clubs. Amanda is pulling together a list of potential Pais-Pals to call upon for support. Email amanda@stpetersparish.info to register.

Church services today: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtu.be/U2T2UIU6hkA>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching and Communion service. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion), 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

General activities this week at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 23rd: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 10.30am Strength and Balance class (FULL). To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info;
Tuesday 24th: 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 25th: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. 'Computing: The good, the bad and the ugly' with Chris Ward. Please bring your mobile phones with you. All ladies welcome. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.
Thursday 26th: 10am Aerobics. Everyone welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Everyone welcome. Contact Jane on 07472 926650/janeheath@heathnet.plus.com;
Friday 27th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.
Saturday 28th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

Tuesday 24th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.
Wednesday 25th: 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Bolton Home for Good Support Group: This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families will meet on Saturday 4th February from 12.30pm-2pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome to come along for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. For more info, contact Fiona on 07786 844141.



Café on the Green: All welcome on Saturday 4th Feb, 9am - 2pm in St. Peter's School, Limefield Road, Smithills. This café supports work in Kenya, providing operations for children with cleft lips and palates.



Week of Prayer: Prayer meetings across the Parish, the week at a glance:

Date	Time	Location and details
Sun 29 th Jan	6.30pm	St. Peter's Church: Launch of Week of Prayer at the service
Mon 30 th Jan	6.30-7.30pm	Barrow Bridge Mission
Tues 31 st Jan	7.30-9pm	St. Peter's Church: You can come and go during this time.
Tues 31 st Jan	7.30-8.30pm	Parish Centre in the Jubilee Room: Tread will open this space where people across the parish can pray specifically for our young people. Come and go session.
Weds 1 st Feb	1.30-3pm	Prayer Walk on Johnson Fold led by Julie Walsh. Meet at St. Andrews (Hope Centre), Tattersall Avenue, BL1 5TE. You are welcome for some or all of the walk.
Weds 1 st Feb	8-9pm	Parish Centre: Quiet prayer led by Dave Brae.
Thurs 2 nd Feb	7.30-8.30pm	St. Peter's Primary School
Fri 3 rd Feb	7.30-9pm	St. Andrews (Hope Centre): Michael Ball leads this evening of worship with some teaching on meditation on the Word, using our text for the year to lead us in prayer.

Virtual Prayer Room: Book a slot at our prayer room on the 24-7 prayer website here: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c251fa/>

Chris Hargraves: It is with great sadness that we need to inform you that Chris has died. Please remember his wife, Rose, and children Jonathan, Jez and Julia and all their family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time. Funeral details will follow when available.

Parish Weekend Away: A fantastic weekend away for the whole church family from Friday 15th – Sunday 17th September! Info and booking at: <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2023-booking> or scan this QR code or pick up a form in church. To camp at Quinta (taking your own tent) the cost is: £75 per adult / £40 per child (up to school year 11).



Good News for Romania - Save the Date: The next coffee morning/bring and buy sale will be on Saturday 11th March, 10am-12noon in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Please see Dave or Kath Richardson for more information or contact davidandkath@hotmail.com / 07903 546008.

