

## Prayer By Hilary Peake on behalf of St. Peter's Church

### SOAR LIKE EAGLES

'I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' Jeremiah 29:11

During the past 6 months we have been hosting a family from Ukraine. For all of us it has been a time of learning, laughter, tears and sometimes a bumpy way ahead. As I write this they are preparing to move on, looking for their new home here in Bolton. We have been on a journey together and gone as far as we can with them. Others will now be their help and encouragement along the way

As a church we too are on a journey. 2022's verse for the year "See I am doing a new thing..." Isaiah 43:19 and this year's verse "Those who hope in the Lord will....." Isaiah 40:31 have connected us to God, Christ Church Pennington to us, and our vicar, Alan, to both churches.

So let's be ready to engage with God, renew our strength and learn to soar as we pray for:

**Our PAIS Team** - for Ilukena, Simon and Manka'a

**Our Kingdom Wisdom Series** - for ears to listen and hearts to be changed


**Our Week of Prayer** - for time to get involved and take risks

**Our Quinta Weekend** - for fun, learning and growth together. Coming closer to God and with one another

None of this can be achieved in our own strength, our strength comes from the Lord. Please keep this year's verse close by, read it each day and let God strengthen and encourage us together.

**Please pray for: (no names at present)** E-mail [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto: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

**Sunday 15th January 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes... I'm Buzzing!**

I admit it, I'm buzzing! Last week I was thrilled to launch our verse for the year for 2023. The responses and reactions from so many have bowled me over – I really feel a sense of excitement and expectation of all that God will do with us this year! I pray that as we all hope in the Lord, we will receive strength to soar like eagles.



### 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

This Sunday we launch a new Sunday morning sermon series. It's called **Kingdom Wisdom** and comes from the book of Proverbs. The quest for wisdom is as old as time. Yet Scripture tells us that true wisdom can only be given from our Creator who spoke the world into existence and breathed his Spirit into our souls.

I was struck by a post from Pete Grieg, founder of the 24-7 prayer movement. He was reminded of a line from T.S. Eliot, the great poet who died in 1965. He said that: '**Christ is the still point of the turning world**'. Christ is to be found in the eye of the storm. This is something I am learning. In fact, with all the distractions, deletions and distortions of this turning world, it has become my necessary daily practice simply to sit in silence and stillness each morning for a few minutes, re-centering myself on the peace of his presence, re-anchoring my scattered senses in the absolute bedrock of his love.

As the New Year begins, we look to the giver of wisdom as we study the book of Proverbs. Here we will discover practical and everyday wisdom for our homes, relationships, workplaces, and daily lives. As citizens of the kingdom of God, our wisdom looks different than the wisdom taught in the world around us. Together, as we dive into Proverbs, we will be challenged to live our lives in a way that reflects the values and wisdom of the kingdom of God.

**Treasurers:** Please note that your 2022 accounts must be deposited at the Parish Centre by the **end of January** for forwarding to the auditors. Thank you.

**Church services today:** St. Peter's Church: 10.30am Communion service. Livestream: <https://youtu.be/2oNaKj5Sq0c>. Twinklers in the Lounge; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Communion) and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).



**Lighthouse (Ages 4-13):** TODAY in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am. Contact Ben on 07512 753201/ [lighthouse@stpetersparish.info](mailto:lighthouse@stpetersparish.info) for info.

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

**Monday 16th:** 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](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info);  
**Tuesday 17th:** 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 18th:** 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Bible discussion with Rev. Alan Saunders. All ladies welcome. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.  
**Thursday 19th:** 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](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com); 2pm Friendship Group for those with dementia and their carers (see opposite)  
**Friday 20th:** 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 21st:** 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:** 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



**Out and About Social:** NEXT Saturday (21st) at 7pm in the Parish Centre. For past and present members, and anyone who would like to join the walking group in the future – all welcome. Please bring a contribution for a 'bring and share' buffet and also a £1 present wrapped up, for a game. For further details, contact Jane Heath - [janeheath@heathnet.plus.com](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com)/07472926650.

**Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers:** NEXT Thursday (19th), 2pm—4pm in the Parish Centre Lounge. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. For details, call Joan on 840180.

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



**Hilary Jones:** Hilary and Derrick Harrison are getting married at the Bridge Church NEXT Sunday (22nd) at 3pm. They will be legally married the previous day but this is a celebration for their local and Bolton-based friends and family. *Hilary invites all her St. Peter's friends to please join them at the wedding if you would like to.*



**Café on the Green returns:** All welcome for the first cafe of the year on Saturday 4th February, 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.

**CAP Thank you:** Our CAP Centre manager, Sam, says "Thanks so much for those of you who donated gifts to clients. Here is one of the many thank yous we received: 'It was really nice for B and I to have things to open, a first for B this year and a first for me for many years'. Her son B is 12." Also, CAP and Bible Society are having a **prayer day for the cost of living crisis on Wednesday 8th Feb.** Access the 7pm online session at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cost-of-living-crisis-a-call-to-prayer-tickets-460016290107>



**Powerful Praise 2 — Save the Date:** Learn and sing worship songs in a day! Taking place on **Saturday 1st April from 10am - 5pm in St. Peter's Church.** Booking details available mid-February. *Everyone welcome, no singing experience needed.*

**Ben Allen's EP:** One of our worship leaders, Ben, says "Hi everyone! The first song on my new EP called 'To See the Beauty' is being released on the 20th January. It's a song about God lifting up our heads to see and take notice of the beauty around us, and the quiet voice of hope in times of difficulty and weariness. You can listen on any streaming platform on the 20th, and pre-save it now ahead of time via this link: <https://linktr.ee/benjamin.allen>. Thank you."

