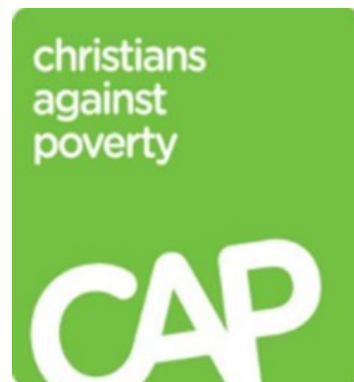


Prayers by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Centre Manager

Dear Lord, we pray for fragile families now caught in a poverty situation not of their own making. Give us eyes to see need, ears to hear needs around us, and willing hearts to help families to be released from poverty. As the cost-of-living rises, we pray for all in government who are gifted with the responsibility to help the UK through these difficult times. We pray that systems would acknowledge the reality of human lives. We pray you will help CAP and the churches they work with to find ways to share the good news that you, Jesus, will carry those things which burden us. Help us as we seek to support families as best we can. Amen.

A prayer from Thy Kingdom Come:

Counting the days,
 Counting the money,
 Counting the rent,
 Counting the meals,
 The gas, the electric,
 New school shoes, birthdays,
 Missing meals,
 Missing pay by dates,
 Missing who I was,
 And who I might have been,
 Wanting hope.
 Lord, in your mercy, will you hear our prayers and help us to be bringers of your hope.
 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 4th June 2023

Rev. Alan writes... On Wednesday 7th June, 8pm at St. Andrew's Hope Centre on Tattersall Avenue, Johnson Fold (BL1 5TE) we are holding our Prayer Zone prayer meeting. It's an hour of dynamic prayer and promises to be both informative and inspirational for everyone who comes. But much more than that of course it will be our front line for mission and an important opportunity to gather with other people from across all our fellowships in the parish to unite in prayer – when it comes to prayer, there is power in agreement! We've moved Prayer Zone from Monday to the first Wednesday evening of each month so that I am now able to come. I've put the full address of St. Andrew's above because if you haven't been there before then this could be a great opportunity to visit this fantastic church that serves the Johnson Fold estate. I know members of St. Andrew's fellowship will be hugely encouraged to see you and I'd be so grateful if you could prioritise your attendance.

I am passionate about mission, but I know that mission without prayer just becomes a project, but if we combine mission with prayer then we will see tremendous breakthroughs. I worked 7 years at The Message Trust, which is a Manchester-based Christian charity with a focus on outreach to young people. Andy Hawthorne, who is an evangelist and founder of The Message, has a framed pair of scissors on his office wall. Each of the blades is labelled – one with mission and the other with prayer – and the message under reads "Keep on the cutting edge". I think this is a great message for us too as we seek to grow as a parish and impact the town of Bolton for good. I hope to see you there!



Save the date for Bolton Deanery Summer Praise: Taking place with the new Bishop of Bolton, Rev. Dr. Michael Porter, on **Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm** at Bolton Parish Church. Hosted by Bolton Central Mission Community. All welcome.



Prayer Zone - worship. pray. seek: As mentioned above, our next session is at **8pm this coming Wednesday (7th) at St. Andrews Hope Centre.** Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*

Church services across the parish today:

St. Peter's Church: **8.30am** Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service. Twinklers in the Lounge. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/99cXXMJdWV0>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/3xvzJUCz7uM>. **Our sister churches:** **10am** Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge 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.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 5th: **10am-12noon** The Coffee Room. This cafe is *open to everyone*; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon** Strength and Balance class. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info; **1.30pm-3.30pm** Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com

Tuesday 6th: **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 7th: **10am Open Door. NB: Meal out today.** Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

Thursday 8th: **10am** Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm** The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900:

Friday 9th: **10.30am** Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; **8pm** Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 10th: **9am-12noon** (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

General Activities at St. Andrew's Hope Centre:

Tuesday 6th: TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. **Closed for half term.** Re-opens on Tuesday 13th June.

Wednesday 7th: **From 9am** The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Fundraiser for Good News For Romania: **NEXT Saturday (10th)**, Rev. Alan, Ben Latham, Mark and Jack Guy are walking across the (very scary) Infinity Bridge at Honister slate mine. To sponsor them, contact them, Dave or Kath or email davidandkath@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Are you a young person who plays an instrument?: Those who were with us in St. Peter's Church for last Sunday morning's 10.30am service will have noticed we featured both Joel on cajon and Reuben on cello for the songs we sang in worship. **As a church we are eager to encourage as many young people as we can to participate in music in worship.** If any of our youngsters play an instrument and would like to participate in a service, please contact Rob, Keir or Karen (Music Team). Thanks.



Can you help?: We would like to organise some working parties to do a general tidy of our grounds at St. Peter's Church and the Parish Centre. This will be from 9:30am-12:30pm on a Saturday morning and will involve activities such as pruning bushes, creating attractive borders and resurfacing pathways. The dates proposed are **17th June, 1st July and 22nd July**. If you are available and willing to assist, please email the Church Wardens - wardens@stpetersparish.info - or phone the Parish Office on 599900. Thank you for your support.

Tread Youth Club: If you are currently in Yr 6, about to head into Yr 7 in September, we would love to invite you to our parish wide youth club, Tread. We meet **every Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9pm** at St. Peter's Parish Centre. Tread is a place where you can hang out with friends, have fun and learn more about a relationship with Jesus! We have sports, games, a tuck shop, space to chill in the den and have even been known to do baking, karaoke nights and go on lots of cool trips! To find out more, please contact the Tread team at tread@stpetersparish.info or just rock up for the first Tread after half-term **this coming Tuesday (6th)** - we would love to welcome you into the Tread family.



Renew for Women: **Monday 12th June** at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. "Free to Be" by speaker Cath Taylor, Ellel Ministries. No need to book—just turn up! For more info, email renew@rossendalecofe.church.

Dreaming the Impossible (DTI): This summer we are teaming up with Christ Church Pennington to take our young people to this 5 day, life changing Christian festival. **DTI aims to inspire them in their faith and walk with Jesus but comes at a cost and we need your support for it to happen!** We want to raise £3000 to help cover the cost of leaders' tickets and transport and subsidise the cost of food and any families struggling to pay the full ticket price. During June and July we will be doing fundraising events but for info or to give a one-off donation, go to <https://stpetersparish.info/young-people-dti-2023/>. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated, thank you.

