

## Prayers by Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

Yesterday morning I was listening to the radio and the presenter was discussing with his guest whether we are living in extraordinary times or whether our parents and grandparents thought the same thing. Whether these days are extraordinary or not, we know we have a God for whom "Nothing is Impossible".

### Jeremiah 32:17

*'Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.'*

### Jeremiah 32:27

*'I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?'*

Lord, help us to hold tight to these truths that nothing is too difficult for you. You made the heavens and the earth by Your great power. Help us to grasp hold of the might and grandeur of this promise even when we feel overwhelmed with things that are beyond our power or ability to cope with. Lord, we thank you for strengthening us in our weakness, thank you that even when the strongest of the strong grow weary, your children can gain new strength because you strengthen them. Help us to remember in our times of doubt that Your dominion over the earth is everlasting and will never come to an end. No one can thwart your plans or purposes.

Lord, we ask you that during this coming week you will be with us and will give us new strength to be your hands and feet on this earth. We ask these things in your mighty name Jesus. Amen.

*'Nothing is Impossible' by Bethel Church*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbSPw7f3Fxl&t=15s>

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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 12th November 2023**

### **Rev. Alan writes... A Time to Pull Together and Support Your Church**

Christian life is a roller coaster at times – and this week for me has been a mix of ups and downs. The good news is that we have a new Pais Youth Worker joining the team to make the full complement of three which will enable us to expand our mission to schools. Gabriel will be joining Michelle and Gleise this Saturday and will be hosted by Tim and Philippa Perris and I really look forward to welcoming Gabriel to the parish.

Sadly, Libby Greenhalgh will be leaving us at the end of November. Her time on placement has been helpful in the sense it's given her the opportunity for reflection and the realisation that St. Peter's isn't the right parish for her to train in. I'm sure, like me, you will be disappointed at this news, but I also appreciate the importance to train in the right environment, it's better to realise early on and take steps before it becomes harder to make a change. We pray and wish her, and Paul and children well, as she continues her training and discernment. It means we will not have a Curate next summer which creates extra pressure on already stretched resources. But I know and trust God will provide for our needs.




**parish share** At our PCC (parish governance) meeting this week Cath Hargraves, our treasurer, alerted us to a shortfall in income which impacts our ability to pay our Parish Share to the Manchester Diocese. Parish Share is a contribution towards the centralised costs of running the Diocese – the main expenditure is for clergy stipends and housing, which makes it possible to provide clergy in every parish from the richest to the poorest areas. The PCC has committed to contribute £110,000 this calendar year, but our income has reduced, and maintenance and utility costs have increased, which mean we are currently forecast to contribute £96,000, a shortfall of £14,000. I want to make everyone aware of this need and ask if you are able, would you prayerfully consider either making a one-off extra donation to church or increase your regular giving. One way to contribute is by bank transfer to our parish CAF account, number 00030623, sort code 40-52-40. But please only contribute if you are able. And thank you so much to everyone who so generously supports the ministry and mission of St Peter's Parish.



**Service of Hope and Remembrance:** An opportunity to remember our loved ones **TODAY (12th) at 2pm in St. Peter's Church.** Prayer, worship and a simple act of remembrance followed by refreshments.

**Parish Services:** **St. Peter's Church:** 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/mlizuFyVtsk>; 2pm Service of Hope and Remembrance; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/AWZN33xo3iE>. **Sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion); 10.30am Barrow Bridge; 10.30am St. Andrew's.

**Midweek service on Thursday 16th in St. Peter's Church:**  Refreshments from 10.30. **Service 11.30am-12noon.** All welcome.

**Regular Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre: Everybody welcome.**

**Monday 13th:** 10am-12noon The Coffee Room; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. FULL. Contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info).

1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact [ruthrobinson293@gmail.com](mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com);

**Tuesday 14th:** 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. Contact Suzi on 07834 371509; 7.30pm -9pm TREAD. Years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

**Wednesday 15th:** 10am-11.30am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Bible discussion—Linda Foster. Contact Sandra on 846490.

**Thursday 16th:** No Aerobics today; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900; 2pm-4pm Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers (see full details on opposite page). 8pm-9.30pm Alpha Course. Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900.


**Friday 17th:** 10am-12noon Watercolour Classes. Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; 10.30am Friday Life. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Contact Geoff on 561760 / 07835 388732.

**Saturday 18th:** 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531.


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

**Tuesday 14th:** 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details. 


**Wednesday 15th:** From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities. 

 **CAP Request:** Please pass any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men and/or £5/£10 supermarket vouchers to give to families at Christmas (Aldi do 'orange' non-alcoholic ones online!) to Sam by 26th November ideally.


**St. Peter's Leadership Team:** A summary of the key points and actions from the meeting on 23rd October is now displayed on the notice board at the back of church.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning at Oasis:** All are invited to join us **NEXT Thursday (16th) 10am-11.30am** in St. Peter's Church. Donations of cake/preserves/ items for the bring and buy stall would be most welcome, thank you. Please contact Val Perris on 841387 or [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900. 


**Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers:** **NEXT Thursday (16th), 2pm-4pm** in the Parish Centre Lounge. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. For details, call Joan on 01204 840180.

**Bolton Home for Good Support Group:** This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families meet next on **Saturday 25th November from 12.30pm-2pm** in St. Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. Contact Fiona on 07786 844141 for info. 

**The Light of the World:** This modern musical adaption of the Christmas story (with choral songs, solos, duets and timeless bible readings) will be performed by **The Eden Singers in St. Peter's Church on Saturday 25th November at 2.30pm.** Tickets (£7, including refreshments) available from [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info) /599900.

 **Smithills Christmas Markets:** Celebrating **10** years of this wonderful market! **Saturday 2nd December from 12.30pm-3.30pm** on Redcar Road, BL1 6LL. If you'd like to get involved and help make, bake, create or assist on the day, contact John and Adele Platt on 431150/ [j.t.platt@me.com](mailto:j.t.platt@me.com).

**Christmas Choir 2023:** Rehearsals in St. Peter's Church on Sundays 26th November and 10th December, 1pm-3.30pm and Thursdays 30th November and 14th December, 7.30pm-9pm. **This choir will lead worship at the 6.30pm carol service on Sunday 17th December.** Email [robandsue@stpetersparish.info](mailto:robandsue@stpetersparish.info) / 07812 335251 for info.

**Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2023:** This year, we have pledged to provide Urban Outreach with a huge **4000 cans of fizzy pop (330ml, any brand/ flavour) from across the parish by 3rd December.** Please bring your cans to your church or the Parish Centre ASAP. *If you prefer, you can drop off cash donations at the Parish Office and we will buy the items on your behalf.* Alternatively, you can contribute directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24713>. **Thank you for your support.** 

**Baptisms by Immersion:** **St. Peter's Church on Sunday 3rd December during the 6.30pm parish-wide service.** If you would like to be baptised in the baptism pool, contact the Parish Office ASAP to register your interest. 