

Prayers by Ben Latham, Lighthouse Leader

Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This academic term at Lighthouse we have been looking at the earthly ministry of Jesus; His baptism, choosing His disciples, the beatitudes and over the next few weeks, the parable of the wheat and the weeds. A parable that challenges us to think about the direction of life that we choose, where will we put our trust, our faith, our lives?

When things are looking bleak, WHO will we turn to? When things have not gone the way that we wanted, WHO can we turn to for guidance? When we hear about the terrible things happening around the world, WHO can we pray to for deliverance? When we are weary and burdened, WHO can we turn to for rest. When we have been selfish with our actions and desires, WHO can we call on to guide us down a different path? And perhaps really difficult for us, what about when life is going really well, WHO do we say thank you too? Direction, even with the greatest map or sat-nav is difficult and it's not what we put our trust in, but WHO we put our trust in. And the WHO we put our trust in... is JESUS!


On Sunday 19th March - Mother's Day - our Lighthouse children and young people will be leading a special Lighthouse Takeover at the 10:30 service in St. Peter's Church and we will be exploring the parable of the wheat and the weeds. *Below are our Lighthouse Values that you might want to use to reflect on.*



Please pray for: (no names at present) 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 5th March 2023

Rev. Alan writes... Just a little more Wisdom! I hope and pray you are all doing well. Ruth and I managed a short trip to see our daughter Alice in Germany last weekend, which was lovely. She is on a one-year placement as part of her degree course. Ruth continues to recover, and we are both hugely grateful for your prayers, messages, and kindness, thank you.

I am thrilled to see how our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St Peter's continues to grow. I really want this service to bring us together as one parish, to build deeper friendships, and to develop vision and new potential for greater collaboration and flourishing. This Sunday I am preaching on Proverbs 9:7-12 and Proverbs 10:17-23 on the theme of **Recovering from Foolishness**. This will bring together some of the teaching from our recent morning series on Kingdom Wisdom, I hope you can join us. The following Sunday evening we start a new series looking at the book of Philipians.



I am also delighted we are launching **weekly 8.30am services at St. Peter's** from this week. This is for a trial period to see how much opportunity there is to grow this congregation.



I am also keen to explore an idea for a new **Tuesday coffee morning and short service** at St Peter's. Please contact me or Amanda in the office if you would like to explore getting involved as a leader or volunteer. I'd love to hear from you if you've any thoughts on these or other ways to strengthen our fellowship.


Our morning series called **Kingdom Stories**, looking at the parables of Jesus in Mathew's Gospel, continues in all our morning services during Lent.

Do Lunch, Do Life in St. Peter's Church: NEXT Sunday (12th) after the 10.30am



service. Food provided, suggested donation £2 per person. Please let Janette know ASAP if you can help on the day or bake a cake! janette.daeth@gmail.com / 07982 035706. All welcome.

Church Services Today: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Twinklers in the church lounge. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/1JoZOW9evEk?>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).

 **Lighthouse** (ages 4-13) St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am-11.45am TODAY. Info from Ben on 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info


General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 6th: 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.
Tuesday 7th: 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 8th: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Chat and programme discussion. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.
Thursday 9th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900.
Friday 10th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.
Saturday 11th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

Tuesday 7th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.
Wednesday 8th: 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



 **Café on the Green:** Saturday 18th March, 9am-2pm in St. Peter's Primary School, Limefield Rd, BL1 6LA. Supporting work in Kenya, providing operations for children with cleft lips and palates.

Powerful Praise 2: Learn and sing worship songs in a day! Saturday 1st April, 10am-5pm in St. Peter's Church. Book your place (£10) now by emailing robandsue@stpetersparish.info. All welcome.



Funerals in St. Peter's Church: Taking place TOMORROW (Monday 6th) at 2pm for Renee Murray and on Tuesday 7th March at 1pm for Mark Calderbank. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

Bolton and District Organists Association: The BDOA will meet in St. Peter's Church TOMORROW (6th) at 7.30pm to learn about our unique organ and enjoy playing it. All music lovers welcome, not just organists. Refreshments available.

Good News for Romania: GNFR coffee morning/bring and buy sale NEXT Saturday (11th), 10am-12noon in the Parish Centre. For info, see Dave or Kath or phone 07903 546008/email davidandkath@hotmail.com.



Parish Weekend Away—Have you booked your place yet?: A fantastic weekend away at Quinta for the whole church family from Friday 15th–Sunday 17th September! Deposits required by 31st March. After this, prices increase by £10 per head. Book at <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2023-booking>

Quinta Fundraiser—Progressive Meal: Starting at the Parish Centre 6.30pm on Saturday 15th April, finishing by 10pm. Have you signed up yet? If not, we have a new link to book: <https://forms.gle/nrocNwyz9hqpDW4A>. If you have, there's no need to rebook. Book soon! Places are going faster than Jamie Oliver can chop a bunch of basil! Info from Stephen/Rachel Brierley — 01204 433810 or 07954 995160

Quinta Fundraiser—Really Awful Orchestra in concert: A selection of music including film and TV themes, pop favourites, light classics, Latin and jazz. Friday 28th April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church. Refreshments available. Advance tickets available from the Parish Office or Peter Fletcher on 07848 818276.

Coronation Weekend, 6th—8th May 2023: Current plans to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, are: Saturday (6th) *Watching* the Coronation together in St. Peter's Church, Sunday (7th) *Eating* together and Monday (8th) *Serving* the community together. Could you be part of a team to help organise events over this historic weekend? Speak to a member of Leadership Team, Alan or Amanda. Thank you.

Bookstall in St. Peter's Church: From 12th March until Palm Sunday there will be a bookstall with Easter resources and Fairtrade Easter eggs (which are no longer available in supermarkets). Please have a look, buy/order your Easter eggs and bring your money! Supporting Isaiah 53, your local Christian bookshop. Thank you.

PrayerZone - worship. pray. seek: An hour of dynamic prayer on Monday 13th March at 8pm at St. Peter's Primary School. All welcome.

