

## Prayers

### From the Church of England for the First Sunday of Advent


Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

People of God: awake!  
The day is coming soon  
when you shall see God face to face.  
Remember the ways and the works of God.  
God calls you out of darkness  
to walk in the light of his coming.  
You are God's children.  
**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ  
today and for ever.**  
**Amen.**



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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Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name



**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 27th November 2022

**Rev Alan Saunders writes...** We got our new **Kingdom Values** series off to a flying start at last Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service where I encouraged everyone to 'shake some salt and shine some light' – you can watch the talk on our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@StPetersHalliwell/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@StPetersHalliwell/streams).

This Sunday we are looking at the **Impossible Kingdom** Jesus describes in Matthew 5:17-26, which stands in stark contrast to the value system that we see in the world around us and even in our own lives. These services are a great way to unite the parish, share vision, encourage one another, learn and grow in our community as followers Jesus. Hope to see you there!



**Pais Team Update** – Thanks to those who have responded to the request to **PAISMOVEMENT** explore becoming hosts. If you want to explore the idea of hosting a youth worker from Jan-July for the 7 months or just a 12 week term, please get in contact ASAP! The deadline is **NEXT Sun (4th)**.

**Season of Return** – I am encouraging us to return to volunteering – there are loads of opportunities to work with children and youth, toddlers, families, admin, welcome, mid-week activities, buildings and maintenance, leading or hosting groups, etc. If interested, let your leaders know or contact me direct. And let's all keep our foot on the gas by encouraging everyone to join us for regular worship! It's brilliant to see people returning!

**Services: Today is Advent Sunday.** Our morning services reading is Matthew 3:1-12, theme: Keep Watch. **St. Peter's Church: 8.30am** Service of the Word. **10.30am** Livestream: <https://youtu.be/2hfT4rBFk7s>. **6.30pm Theme:** (See above). This will be a Communion service. **Our sister churches: 10am** Smithills Fellowship (Communion); **10.30am** Barrow Bridge and **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

**Smithills Christmas Market: NEXT Saturday (3rd) from 12.30pm-3.30pm**, Redcar Road, Smithills. Family - friendly fun festivity supporting Christmas Dinner on Jesus and Urban Outreach. *Please do come along!*




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

**Monday 28th: 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); **1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group.** All welcome. Contact [amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info).  
**Tuesday 29th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles.** All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!  
**Wednesday 30th: 10am Open Door.** Coffee until 10.20am. Looking forward to Christmas—Joan Johnson. All ladies welcome. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.  
**Thursday 1st: 10am Aerobics.** All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** All welcome. Contact Jane on 07472 926650/[janeheath@heathnet.plus.com](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com).  
**Friday 2nd: 10.30am Friday Life.** All welcome. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); **8pm Stressbusters.** All welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.  
**Saturday 3rd: 12.30am-2.30pm Home for Good.** See opposite page.

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

**Tuesday 29th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group.** Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.  
**Wednesday 30th: 9am-1pm The Hub.** Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



 **Good News for Romania:** David and Kath thank everyone for the prayer support during their time in Romania. It was a good trip, the children were delighted with their gifts and the families were extremely grateful for the financial support and encouragement. God is good!

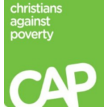
**Out and About Walk:** The walk **NEXT Saturday (3rd)** will be at Garstang, 7 miles and easy. Please remember to bring drinks and a packed lunch, also waterproof clothing and strong footwear. Meet outside St. Peter's Church at 9am. For more details, contact Brian Johnson on 843746. *All welcome*

**Christmas bookstall in St. Peter's Church:** Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat...and it's time for the Christmas bookstall! Cards, books and small gifts from Isaiah 53 (your local Christian bookshop) will be available **TODAY** and **Sundays 4th and 18th December.** Please take a look. Thanks.

**Bible Reading Notes 2023:** If you would like to receive these for next year, Kathleen Nuttall (tel. 840128) is happy to help choose and order these for you.

**Bolton Home for Good Support Group: NEXT Saturday (3rd) 12.30pm to 2pm** in St. Peter's Parish Centre (347 Church Road, Smithills, Bolton BL1 5RR). Come for a chill and a chat over a bring and share lunch. For the children there will be Christmas themed crafts on offer and party games and there may even be a guest appearance....! For more info, contact  Fiona on 07786 844141.

**Christmas Choir: Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th December at 7pm** in St. Peter's Church will be a service of 9 Lessons and Carols for the whole Parish and will include congregational carols (accompanied by organ and brass ensemble), readings and choir items. Singers are invited to join a Christmas Choir, singing carols, descants and adding harmonies. **Rehearsals planned for:** Thursday Dec 1 and Tuesdays Dec 6 and 13 from 7.30-9pm in St Peter's Church. Please email [robandsue@stpetersparish.info](mailto:robandsue@stpetersparish.info) / 07812 335251 for more info.

 **CAP Christmas:** We would appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas. Also, any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men. **Please pass to Sam by 3rd December. Thanks.**

**Acts 435:** Join the Acts 435 email address to help our CAP clients requesting various items, offers of lifts etc in times of urgent need. Email [acts435@stpetersparish.info](mailto:acts435@stpetersparish.info). Thanks for your support.

**Thank you from the Café on the Green team:** Your support this year has helped us raise **£2291**. This will go directly to Kenya to pay for operations for children with a cleft lip. We look forward to seeing you all again next year on **Saturday 4th February.**



**THANK YOU! Shloer collection for Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2022:**



**A HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated bottles for this appeal—we have reached our target of 1500!** One last request please... If you haven't bought bottles or contributed to this appeal yet, please contribute directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/21944>. We sent a bulk delivery to Urban Outreach and have a little way to go to cover the cost for them! Alternatively, please send/drop off cash donations at the Parish Office. Thank you.

**JUST ONE WEEK LEFT! Nominations for hampers:** To nominate a family or individual to receive a hamper, speak directly to a member of your church leadership team by **Monday 5th December at the latest.**