

## Prayers From The Church of England—Dust and Glory Lent Reflections

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**DUST**  
**GLORY**

Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. A children's version is also available to help children and their families explore how we can live well together, offering a simple daily activity designed to explore the weekly themes. Go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections> for more info.*

**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**  
**One Parish—One Church—One Vision**

**Sunday 26th February 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** The kingdom of God is often called an “already-not-yet” kingdom. Theologians would call this concept “partially realized eschatology,” but the phrase “already-not-yet” seems to be a better one for us. This concept means that the kingdom of God is already here, even as we wait for it to come in a fullness that we do not currently experience.

We can see the kingdom of God present in our lives as we witness people transformed, as relationships are healed, and as we join God in his work of restoring a broken world. We also experience the often painful reality that the kingdom is not yet. We experience the “not yet” component of his kingdom as we interact with the consequences of sin and the reality of a fallen world. We experience it in sickness and in death, and we experience it as we struggle with sin and with broken relationships. So how can we live in this “already and not yet kingdom?”

During the season of Lent we will seek to answer this question as we study the kingdom parables found in the Gospel of Matthew. These **Kingdom Stories** will teach us to live in the tension of the “already-not-yet” kingdom of God. Through these stories we are challenged to live joyously and generously as we fully immerse ourselves in the kingdom. These parables will also teach us to live expectantly and alertly as we await our king's return. In all, these parables will orient our hearts and minds not only towards God's kingdom, but ultimately to the king himself.



**KINGDOM STORIES**

(Ash Wednesday) Two Sons, Matthew 21:28-32  
The Sower, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
The Good Seed and the Weeds,  
Matthew 13:24-30  
The Treasure, Pearl and Net, Matthew 13:44-50  
The Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:21-35  
(Palm Sunday) The Workers, Matthew 20:1-16  
(Good Friday) The Tenants, Matthew 21:33-46  
(Easter Sunday) The Good News of the Kingdom,  
Matthew 28:1-10

**Parish Weekend Away—Have you booked your place yet?:** A fantastic

weekend away for the whole church family from **Friday 15th – Sunday 17th September!** Deposits (£40 for adults, £20 for children and sixth form students) required by 31st March. **After this, prices will increase by £10 per head.** Scan this QR code, pick up a form in church or book at <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2023-booking>



**Church Services Today:** 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/db9eO8bgxE?>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching with Communion. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

**General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:**

**Monday 27th:** 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 [ruthrobinson293@gmail.com](mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com).

**Tuesday 28th:** 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 1st:** 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. 'Diamonds are forever'—Isobel Mitson. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

**Thursday 2nd:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;

**Friday 3rd:** 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 4th:** 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

**Tuesday 28th:** 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

**Wednesday 1st:** 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



**Good News for Romania:** Dave and Kath warmly invite you to the GNFR coffee morning/bring and buy sale on **Saturday 11th March, 10am-12noon in the Parish Centre.** For more info, please see Dave or Kath or phone 07903 546008/email [davidandkath@hotmail.com](mailto:davidandkath@hotmail.com). All welcome.



**Out and About Walk:** NEXT Saturday (4th), Beacon Fell. 6 miles, moderate. Boots needed as muddy in areas! Leave 9.30am from outside St. Peters Church, with a packed lunch. Contact Brian Johnson - [b.johnson503@btinternet.com](mailto:b.johnson503@btinternet.com)/ 843746

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



**Do Lunch, Do Life:** Following the 10:30am service in **St. Peter's Church on Sunday**



**12th March.** All welcome. Food provided, suggested donation £1 per person. Please let Janette know ASAP if you can help on the day or bake a cake! [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com)/ 07982 035706.

**Bolton and District Organists Association:** The BDOA will be coming to **St. Peter's Church on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm** to learn about our unique organ and enjoy playing their pieces. All music lovers welcome, not just organists, so do come along if you can. Refreshments will be available.

**CAP Requests:** Sam says 'We would like to give our clients an **Easter egg from the Meaningful Chocolate Co** which are Fairtrade and include the Easter story. We buy these in bulk but would appreciate any contributions (£4.50 per egg) so please pass money to me or the Parish Office. Also, there was a challenge in Lectio 365 recently: *In what ways has my life become too predictable and safe?* If you want a new 'front line', please consider coming out as a **CAP support worker/befriender.** I need more women particularly at the moment - usually Wednesday mornings but there is flexibility. Thank you!' [samwolstencroft@capuk.org](mailto:samwolstencroft@capuk.org)/ 07934 716509.



**Quinta Fundraiser—Progressive Meal:** It's back! After a few years' gap, we're organising another Progressive Meal — all starting at the **Parish Centre at 6:30pm on Saturday 15th April** (and ending no later than 10pm). Diners will enjoy a three-course meal with each course in a different church member's home (and with different diners). Transport can be provided for non-drivers. Secondary-school age children welcome; those with special dietary requirements very welcome too. All in all, it's a great way to meet people and to raise money for Quinta. Suggested donation is £15 per head (collected on the day) but really, please just give what you can. Sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RPYCX92> — or get more details from Stephen/Rachel Brierley on 433810 or 07954 995160.

**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](mailto:robandsue@stpetersparish.info). Everyone welcome, no singing experience needed.



**Tuesday Coffee Morning and Service in St. Peter's Church:** We are exploring the opportunity to establish a new weekly service and are looking to build a team of volunteers. It will be a simple format with coffee and conversation in the church lounge followed by a short service in church. *If interested in joining or helping lead a team, please let Amanda or Alan know. Thank you.*