



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 13 October 2024

HEADLINES

- Parish-wide Vision Service - Details of Alan's Vision
- Café on the Green Last Saturday
- Several Upcoming Volunteering Opportunities
- Prayers from Diane Ball on behalf of St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 13 Oct

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service with Communion
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone service
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service – DTI Youth Camp Takeover

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Lighthouse Takeover service
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

My Church Commitment

Huge thanks to everyone who attended, and to the magnificent team of volunteers who worked so hard to make last week's parish-wide vision service at Bolton school such a special occasion. Almost 300 of us gathered and there was a lovely warm, friendly and relaxed atmosphere, a sense of belonging, and an expectation of all that is to come. It was the first time we have gathered as a parish for 5 years and I was excited to use the opportunity to share my vision for growth. Of course, I recognise that not everyone was able to join us and so I want to give you all the opportunity to hear my vision.



Title of the service was **'My Church Commitment'**. It builds on the themes of 'My Church' we have covered in our services throughout the year. We have learned that the church belongs to Jesus Christ, you could say he bought it with his blood poured out for us when he died on the cross. As members of his church, we have the opportunity to gather each week to learn, grow and support one another as followers of Jesus. But there is more to it than simply gathering. The bible shows that we gather as Jesus' family and that Jesus calls us as his church to a mission to reach out to a needy world with the good news of salvation.



I sum this up quite simply that the church is: **Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission.**

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And so, from this understanding of church, I shared my vision for us all to grow in our commitment to Jesus' Church. Commitment in five areas, using easy to remember verbs, that describe actions we can all take to build up the church.

These are: **Give, Meet, Serve, Baptise, and Pray.**



Over the coming weeks in all our morning services we will look more deeply at each of these areas and consider our commitment to Jesus' church.

You can watch Alan's vision talk on our parish YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-PjNO4KwRw

Funeral of Carol Hodgkiss

Tue 15 Oct, 12.30pm, Barrow Bridge Mission



Carol's church family and friends are invited to join together for her funeral at Barrow Bridge Mission, followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium, and a reception at The Retreat on Chorley New Road.

Please walk or car share where possible and park at the car park used for the bonfire. Donations in her memory will be for Bolton Hospice.

Café on the Green

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Café last Saturday – we had a wonderful time. To date we have raised another **£1000** - with a little more in donations expected to still come in – for work in the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya to provide free surgery for children born with cleft lip/palate and other facial deformities.



Stained Glass Window



We are delighted that the beautiful stained-glass window in St Peter's has now been re-instated after its removal for renovation. It has been cleaned and repaired, and the Environmental Protective Glazing and wire guards will make it more energy efficient and protect it, make it easier to clean and keep it in good condition so we can all enjoy it for many years to come. We are very thankful for grant funding received

from Sabina Sutherland Trust, Benefact Trust, The Glaziers Trust and Church Care, together with your donations to the Big Vision Fund, that made this work possible. *Do make sure you come and take a closer look at it the next time you are in St Peter's.*

Volunteers Needed

Fri 1 Nov, 1pm-3pm, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

We are really excited to be hosting a light-themed activity afternoon at St Andrew's this October half term as a follow up from the summer holiday club, but we need some more volunteers! Are you available on Fri 1 Nov, 1pm-3pm to help out? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org

Sharing our Stories

People love hearing stories. They help us to connect with each other and the world around us. Using the next sermon series as a starting point, we'd love to hear how you have been impacted by the talks at the 10.30 services at St Peter's and any things you've done as a result. If you've got anything to contribute, please send a WhatsApp message to 07881053877 or speak to someone on the Leadership Team (yellow lanyards). We plan to share as many as we can at the end of the series, but you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Our Mission Partners - Education India



David Moffoot, as part of a team of 5, will be in India from **15 Oct until 8 Nov** visiting 5 schools in the West Bengal area and training teachers, as well as taking every opportunity they can to share the Gospel in assemblies, staff devotions and one-to-one. Please stand with the team in prayer, especially as there is often substantial opposition to Christianity in the region. Pray against those pesky mossies as well!!! Thank you.

Quinta 2025 Booking is Now Open!



A fantastic weekend away for the whole parish: **Fri 12 Sept -Sun 14 Sept 2025!** Due to some fabulous fundraising, we are able to maintain 2023 prices! Find out more, and book on, via the website: <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2025-booking/> Alternatively, pick up a paper booking form from the Parish Office or from each church.

Tots on Tuesday

Tues 15 Oct, 9.45am-11.30am, NB: Not at St Andrews

Today's session is a Treasure Hunt around Smithills Hall Estate. Go straight there and meet in the car park next to Smithills Hall. Info: Julie 07835 014470

Open Staff Prayers

Wed 16 Oct, 9.30am-10am, Parish Centre

Every Weds morning, Rev Alan and members of the staff team meet to pray together in the CAP Office. We're now opening this up and inviting anyone that would like to, to join with us on the 3rd Weds in the month. Simply turn up, we'd love to see you!

Bolton Repair Cafe

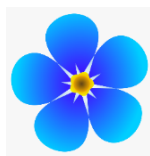
Wed 16 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews

NB: Note correct date, wrong date given last week



Bring your items for repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Dementia Friendship Support Group



Thu 17 Oct, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Info:

joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Soul Sisters Author Talk

Thu 17 Oct, 7.30pm-9pm, St Peter's Church Lounge



An informal get-together to hear local author, Amber Gilbert, share her inspiring testimony. She grew up in Manchester and turned to Christianity in 2012 after a series of bad choices and growing tired of her party lifestyle. All ladies welcome. Signed copies of Amber's book 'Running From Myself' will be available to purchase. Info:

katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk

Good News for Romania

Sat 19 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre



All are invited to this coffee morning/bring and buy raising funds for GNFR. Come along for yummy cakes and bargains! *If anyone can make cakes or jams, they would be much appreciated, thank you.*

Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 29 Oct, 7.30pm, Parish Centre



Ray Jefferson will be speaking about 'Lesser Known Leverhulme'. Books by the society will be on sale. All very welcome. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk

Urban Outreach

Please see details opposite of how you can help.

HARVEST SORTING DATES:

Join Us!

Starting Tuesday 8th October 2024 we will be sorting our harvest food donations at our Food Hub (Former Office Outlet Store, Trinity Retail Park, Springfield, BL2 1HY). This will run for at least 3 weeks! No need to book - just turn up on the days/times below!

TUESDAYS: 2-4PM
WEDNESDAYS: 7.30-9PM
THURSDAYS: 10AM-12PM

Bolton FOOD HUB | **URBAN OUTREACH**

Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date! Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

How can you help? If anyone is wanting to run a not-for-profit stall, or share a table, please get in touch as we are always looking for new and creative contributors. Volunteers ALWAYS NEEDED, especially this year as we are already down in helpers so any help, particularly in setting up or taking down, 1 hour each side will be appreciated (details will follow). Also, help with covering a stall or serving in the Cafe Tent required. If you want to be involved and can help in any way at this brilliant event, please contact j.t.platt@me.com.

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date **7th DECEMBER 2024**

1. Save the date, and invite your friends & families.
2. Get involved, share a stall & sell your crafts or goodies etc.
3. Volunteer on the day, help always needed

we'd love to hear from you John & Adele Platt: j.t.platt@me.com

Prayer for the Week

Diane Ball, on behalf of St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) says 'Following our joyful Parish-wide service and in anticipation of our new sermon series about My Church Commitment - Give, Meet, Serve, Baptise, Pray - I was struck by some words from a verse from 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT) in my reading - *Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.*' **See her prayer on the back page.**

PRAYER from Diane Ball, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Our Father,

As your church in this area, this town and in our world, help us to grow in maturity as we give all that we are to you in thankfulness and love. May we live our lives desiring to be a clearer reflection of you in our families, our work, school and social spaces, encouraging one another on, even when it is costly to our comfort. And may we be carriers of your love and peace to the broken world around us as we live joyfully in your love despite the darkness surrounding us.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Saviour, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 14 Oct			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Art Group Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Tues 15 Oct			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	NB: Treasure Hunt around Smithills Hall Estate today - go straight there! Julie 07835 014470	
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers IGNITE Children's Club Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
Weds 16 Oct			
9am-1pm 10.30am – 12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments.	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7pm-9pm	Open Door Ladies' Group Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Bible Study, Christine Butcher. Val 07902 167971 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thurs 17 Oct			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Group Alpha Course and Life Group	joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 18 Oct			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 19 Oct			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-12noon	GNFR Coffee Morning	Kath 07903 546008	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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