

Prayers by Hilary Peake, St. Peter's Church

Seasons of Hope

I love October, well it's my birth month, but it's also a time of change. Nature slows down with mixed weather patterns and less daylight. Tree colours become stunning and creatures begin to store food for the winter. It's also a time where many across the world celebrate with Harvest festivals. A time of giving thanks for food grown from the land.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." **Genesis 8:22**

We give thanks for:

- The agriculturists and farmers for their hard work in all they provide.
- Those giving to, and working at, Food Hubs providing for those in need.
- Ourselves, as we can shop for our needs.

Israel and Gaza

As we give thanks for what we have, we cannot ignore what is happening across our world. We lift the people of Israel and Gaza to you, Lord God. Their pain, their fear their loss. We pray for peacemakers on both sides. We seek you for all their needs.

Lectio 365 has a really helpful daily devotional on 10th October titled 'A prayer for the crisis in Israel and Gaza.' Here is the link: <https://lectio365.24-7prayer.com/share/devotional/2023-10-10/day?locale=en>

Also mindful of those around us who are struggling with health, finances, work pressure, fear of the future. We thank God that he is with, and in, every situation.

Amen

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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 15th October 2023

Rev. Alan writes...It's time for our young people to take over!

During the summer our young people teamed up with some of the young people from Christ Church Pennington to take part in this amazing, life-changing, summer camp and festival called DTI, which stands for Dream the Impossible. It was an incredible week of bible teaching, worship and prayer surrounded by lots of fun-filled activities and we all had a great time. Many of the young people encountered God in new ways and so we want to take the opportunity to hear from them at a special DTI Takeover service at our 6.30pm parish-wide service at St. Peter's this Sunday. Come along to be inspired and to encourage our young people and their leaders to take a lead in making Jesus known across Bolton and beyond!



The Ugandan Mission Team is almost here!

They arrive in Bolton on Monday following a mission week in London. Programme so far:

- Wednesday: St. Peter's CE Primary School
- Thursday: Lowton CE High School
- Friday: Canon Slade High School
- Sunday: morning services at Barrow Bridge, Smithills and St. Peter's
- Sunday evening 6.30pm: Praise Night Concert at St. Peter's

In addition, the team will be dropping in on various parish groups and activities as opportunities appear – do let me know if you'd like to invite them to your group. Please pray for the mission visit and invite friends and family to what promises to be an amazing concert on Sunday 22nd October, 6.30pm.



Parish Services today: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/jK4vfq9r-XE>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. DTI takeover. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/ebMqSUugr2Y>. Our sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Harvest, Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge; 10.30am St. Andrew's (Harvest).

Midweek service on Thursday 19th in St. Peter's Church: Oasis. Refreshments from 10.30. Service 11.30am-12noon. All welcome.



Lighthouse (Ages 4-13): TODAY in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am-11.45am. Contact Ben — 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 16th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. These classes are FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info;

Tuesday 17th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All welcome; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Wednesday 18th: 10am-11.30am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Bible discussion—Christine Butcher. Contact Sandra on 846490.

Thursday 19th: No aerobics today; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900; 2pm-4pm Dementia Friendship Group (see opposite); 8pm-9.30pm Alpha Course. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900.

Friday 20th: 10am-12noon Watercolour Classes. Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 21st: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

Tuesday 17th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

Wednesday 18th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities awaits.



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Harvest Collections TODAY at Smithills Fellowship and St. Andrew's: Please bring Grub Tub contributions (bottled/boxed/tinned goods) to be distributed to those in need. Thank you.

Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers: NEXT Thursday (19th) from 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.



Women's Ministry Film Night: NEXT Friday (20th) at 7pm at Barrow Bridge Mission. Tickets £1. Speak to Megan Simister, Rachel Cowling or the Parish Office for film details (15 certificate) and to book in. We'd love to see you there!



Good News for Romania: NEXT Saturday (21st) from 10am-12 noon. You are warmly invited to the bi-annual Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy sale at St. Peter's Parish Centre. Please pop in as there will be lots of nice things to buy, including gifts, cakes, pasties etc. Thanks for your support.

Musical Extravaganza Fundraiser in St. Peter's Church: Friday 27th October at 7.30pm the CC Concert Band and Midweek Sax will perform a variety of show tunes, swing marches and much more. Tickets £10 (£5 for over 65's/under 18's) from Café Create, Andrew Kilpatrick, Chandran Jepegnanam, the Parish Office or email — createbolton@gmail.com.



Shirley Clark's funeral: Wednesday 25th October at 1pm at St. Mary's Church, Garforth, LS25 1NR. It will be followed by a service at the crematorium and a funeral tea in the Parish Centre. More info from Adrienne on 07540 664361.



Bonfire for the Parish: This year this will take place in the car park at Barrow Bridge on Saturday 4th November. Tickets will be on sale soon—watch this space!

Advent Calendars: We're giving clients' children a 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £4.50), please give donations to Sam via the Parish Office. Thank you!

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If Prison Walls Could Speak: NEXT Saturday (21st) at 7.30pm at Revive Ministries Free Methodist Church in Oldham. This live performance tells the true story of Petr Jasek, a Czech national and Christian aid worker who was imprisoned in Sudan for his work assisting the persecuted church. Tickets £5, book with Alan on 07947 024076. *We hosted this at St. Peter's in September 2022 and highly recommend it.*

15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World: This annual initiative takes place from 5th—19th November. Booklets will be available in church and from the Parish Office and each day's prayer will also be uploaded to www.stpetersparish.info.