



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 19th May 2024

HEADLINES

- Legacy Launch
- Job Opportunity - Children and Families Ministry Lead
- Mental Health Wellbeing
- Barrow Bridge Duck Race
- Prayer for the Week – Geoff Gunshon, NIM

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 19 May
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service
10.30am	Adult service with Communion and Twinklers Livestream: youtube.com/live/_jWd1OpCRo8
4pm	APCM No 6.30 pm parish-wide service today Edited highlights will be made available next week

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Adult service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Adult service with Communion and Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church
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Rev Alan writes...

It's APCM time! Please join us this Sunday, 4pm at St Peter's. The meeting takes place in an attitude of worship. We will elect our churchwardens and review the ministry and mission of our parish, then elect our PCC and Deanery Synod Reps (there is still time to offer for these roles). The meeting finishes with prayer and praise to God for all he has provided.

Our newsletter is packed with news and events, but there are two items I want to particularly highlight. Firstly, we are recruiting a **Children and Families Ministry Lead**, you can see details on page 2.

Secondly, to inform you that Peter Caffrey, a member of our PCC who worships regularly at Barrow Bridge and was at one time our parish treasurer, has been working on a parish-wide legacy policy to give us all the opportunity to make a long-lasting impact for future generations in our community and parish. Here is what he has to say:



"Writing a will, and planning your funeral, are two simple acts of good stewardship. God entrusted us to use his gifts wisely, for the good of our loved ones, our church family, and the wider world. In thanksgiving, we should also take will-writing seriously – setting our affairs in order and stewarding them wisely to the end of our time on earth and beyond. A gift in your will to St Peter's is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and its ministry. The Church of England has partnered with an online will-writing company "Farewill" to offer a free online will-writing service. For more details on Leaving a Legacy and accessing the Church of England free online will writing service see our "Leaving a Legacy" leaflet, available at all four churches across the Parish or by using the link www.stpetersparish.info/legacy"

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Children and Families Ministry Lead

Could you be the next Children and Families Ministry Lead for our parish?

We are looking for a dynamic, well-organised individual who loves working with children and families and who will play a key role in developing and implementing our vision and strategy amongst children and families. They will take responsibility for the day-to-day operations including managing teams of volunteers across the four fellowships that make up the parish, taking oversight of weekly activities including Sunday groups, events, school's ministry, administration, publicity, communications, etc.

This is a part-time position working 22.5 hours per week (open to discussion about possible flexible working hours and term time only options), on a three-year contract, attracting a salary of £15k to £17k (equivalent to £25k to £27.5k full-time) depending on experience.

For further details and to apply, visit:

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/38007/children-and-families-ministry-lead/> closing date for applications is 15th June 2024. Please feel free to contact Rev Alan if you'd like to discuss this role.

What's Gone On

Emma Harper

We are very sorry to inform you that Emma Harper passed away on Saturday 4th May. Please pray for Andy, Sam and Mia and all Emma's family and friends. Her funeral will take place in St. Peter's Church on Friday 31st May at 2.30pm, followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium.

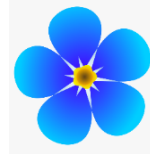
Mental Health Wellbeing Session

This session on Monday evening with Susie Mapledoram and Rachel Eden from Manchester Diocese was excellent with 31 people attending. It was a very informative evening where Susie and Rachel shared about various causes of anxiety, coping strategies, what the Bible says to us about this and how we should be encouraged to 'stop, eat, sleep and spend time with God'. We looked at 1 Kings 19: 3-20 where God sees how low Elijah is and He provides time for him to eat and sleep and experience that calm whisper of God's presence with him. We pray that for all of us, especially when we are going through



difficult times. As a parish we are looking to develop our care for one another, especially at times when we struggle with mental health. We are looking at resources, courses available and the potential to set up support groups. Watch this space for further news.

Friendship Group for those with Dementia



This lovely group met in the Parish Centre on Thursday and enjoyed laughter, a talk, music, singing and cake! This week is the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Action Week. Alzheimer's Society works with individuals and organisations across the

UK to raise awareness about, and encourage people to act on, dementia. Here's a prayer for those living with dementia and their carers: **Heavenly Father, we pray for all those living with dementia that you would pour your grace upon them and be ever close to them. It must be frustrating not to be able to find a word; fearful to lose one's memories. Bless them with patience to endure this devastating disease and with days of hope, communication and recognition. Above all may they in their inner being have an awareness of your indwelling Spirit of love and eternal healing. And we pray for those loved ones who care for dementia sufferers; that, in times of isolation and loneliness they will know your presence and comfort. Help them in their grief as they witness the loss of memories and basic skills of living in their loved one. Give them your peace and calm, and the ability to place their faith and hope in you and to reflect your love, comfort and peace in the daily care of their loved ones. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen**

CAP Befriender Training Session

On Tuesday this week Sam (our CAP Debt Centre Manager) and 11 of the CAP



Team met for a day of training, which was organised by CAP's Head Office. They looked at the reasons for and the impact of debt, the role of the befriender (including boundaries, expectations and discernment!), Mental Health awareness, Safeguarding and GDPR and a fabulous practical session on sharing faith and how to pray with clients. They shared stories too of clients and went away encouraged and inspired to continue befriending those going through tough times.

Repair Café

Another great session which saw 17 items repaired, including garden tools sharpened, lots of clothes and jewellery repairs, and the start of work on a Westminster chime clock!



The next Repair Café is Wed 19 June 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrew's Hope Centre.

Coming Up

Men's Ministry Event



Breakfast for Blokes On Tour
FUN : FOOD : LIVE MUSIC : DARING DISCUSSIONS

8.30 - 11am SATURDAY 25th MAY 2024
CHURCH HOUSE, SCHOFIELD STREET, LEIGH. WN7 4HT
Bookings - Bob Fraser on 07840 741573 or bob.fraser@cvm.org.uk

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**THEME:
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Annual Duck Race - Fun for All!



THE BARROW BRIDGE
duck race 2024

THE BARROW BRIDGE MISSION
Church of St Peter's Hallway Barrow

Come along and have a quacking time!

Sunday 26th May - 1pm

Ducks are only £1, enter as many as you would like.
Modest prizes for the winner of each race.

Ignite Launch

Tue 4 Jun, 6pm-7.15pm, Parish Centre. Not long until

Ignite we launch Ignite, our new KS2 children's group. Please be inviting any KS2 children you know and be praying for the team as they begin this new ministry. Email: ignite@stpetersparish.info for info and to register.

Good News for Romania School Visit



Thu 11 July – Tue 16 July. Strong links have been forged with Vasile Parvan school in Barlad and 12 children, aged 8-14 are coming for a visit to Bolton to learn about our culture, history and English family life. Prayers appreciated and if you can help with accommodation, transport or in any other way, contact 07903 546008 davidandkath@hotmail.com

Holiday Club Volunteers at St Andrew's

Mon 19 Aug – Thu 22 Aug, 1pm-3.30pm, St Andrew's

This summer we will be running an Olympic themed holiday club with the support of the Children Changing Places team. We would love it if you would consider volunteering throughout the week, helping with crafts, sports or making refreshments for the children. Please email or speak to Lucy Hargraves if interested or to find out more info: LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org

Looking Forward

Out and About Walk

Sat 1 Jun, 9.30am outside St Peter's 'Pilgrims Progress to Heaven' – 8 miles, incorporating Holcombe Brook, Ramsbottom, Stubbins, Pilgrims Cross and Holcombe Tower. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Rick or Jane Heath 07472 926650 janeheath@heathnet.plus.com

Do Lunch, Do Life DTI Fundraiser

Sun 2 Jun straight after the 10.30am service and Lighthouse, Parish Centre. Fundraiser for DTI. Bacon butties, veggie sausages, cakes and brews. Cakes and help needed - contact Janette Daeth - 07982 035706 / janette.daeth@gmail.com

Café on the Green

Sat 8 Jun, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School. Come to enjoy delicious food and excellent service. Raising funds for work in the Diocese of Machakos Kenya to provide free surgical treatment for children born with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities.

The Mastersingers 'A Summer Song'

Sat 8 Jun, 7pm, St Peter's Church. Concert with Rob Wilding's superb 12-voice group and instrumentalists, plus St Peter's Primary School choir. Tickets available from the Parish Office or: eventbrite.com/e/a-summer-song-with-the-mastersingers-and-st-peters-school-choir-tickets-879383478657.

St Andrew's 90th Anniversary

Sat 29 and 30 Jun. Offers of cake or help needed! To share your memories of St Andrew's, go to www.stpetersparish.info/st-andrews. Contact Diane Ball: ball831@sky.com

Prayer for the Week

Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry Team (NIM) reminds us of the great commission, Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." See his prayer on the back page...

PRAYER by Geoff Gunshon on behalf of NIM

Father, we thank you for the example that Jesus has set for us and for the great commission He gave to us. We acknowledge that, at one level or another, your great commission is aimed at every follower of Jesus. We thank you for the gifts you have given to each of us that will enable us to play our part. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see what that part may be for us as individuals. We particularly thank you for those people known to us, our mission partners, who have stepped out in faith to fulfil the mission you have for them. Father, we ask you for your blessing, guidance, and protection as we endeavour to carry out the role you have for us. We ask particularly for your provision to our mission partners, especially those who find themselves in vulnerable, even life-threatening situations.

All these things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 20 May			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Girl's Discipleship Group	Classes are full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes Sign up: www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 All girls in year 9 and up welcome	Parish Centre
Tue 21 May			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
Wed 22 May			
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Bible discussion – Joan Johnson	Parish Centre
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
8pm-9pm	Alpha Course	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Thu 23 May			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Life Group	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 24 May			
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 25 May			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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CAP Debt Centre Manager: Sam Wolstencroft E: samwolstencroft@capuk.org / M: 07934 716509

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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