

## Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

### Prayer for Schools

We give thanks for the Christian input into our local schools over the last few weeks, such as the visits from the Message Trust Team. We pray for those who have listened and joined in with the many activities, in particular those who were questioning their identity, self-worth and faith, that they would find their answers in You.

We pray for safety for all the school trips taking place this term, especially for the Year 6 children at St. Peter's who are going to Waddow, a residential outdoor activity centre, at the beginning of June.

We continue to pray for pupils preparing for examinations in the next few weeks. We pray that they would be peaceful and diligent in their study, so that their results accurately reflect their capability.

We pray for relationships in schools between teachers and pupils, teachers and parents and between pupils themselves. We ask that they would be positive and provide mutual encouragement.

We ask all these prayers in Jesus' name.


Amen



Please pray for: **Christine Cocker**. 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

**Sunday 14th May 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** Today is Rev. Dave Brae's last Sunday with us as Associate Minister. Dave's ministry duties were shared between the parish and a wider deanery role as pioneer working to develop outreach to young people in high schools, particularly Canon Slade and Bury Church. He joined St. Peter's at the start of the pandemic and continued to serve our parish faithfully throughout the interregnum. We are especially grateful to Dave for his readiness to adapt to significant changes in his responsibilities during these challenging times where he played a key leadership role that has helped set in place a firm foundation from which to grow. We pray for Dave, Emma and their children James and Hannah as they prepare to move to Bristol where Dave will take on an exciting new role as Priest-in-Charge of St. Chads, Patchway. Please join them at our 6.30pm parish-wide service.

Today it is the turn of Smithills Fellowship to have their annual meeting and I am looking forward to joining them. Please pray for our good friends there as they look back on all God has done through Smithills Fellowship over the last year, share their vision for the future, and appoint their leadership team. The climax of our season of annual meetings is our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) next **Sunday 21st May, 4pm** at St. Peter's Church. There is still time to offer to take one of the 7 places available for Deanery Synod representatives and help strengthen St. Peter's 'voice' on this strategic body.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting NEXT Sunday (21st):** Nominations are invited for Churchwardens, 1 PCC member and 7 Deanery Synod. Job descriptions and nomination forms are available in all churches or from the Parish Office.

**Join us for Dave's last service TODAY at 6.30pm in St. Peter's:**

Dave becomes Priest-in-Charge of St. Chads in the parish of Patchway, Diocese of Bristol on **Monday 5th June**. It's not too late to donate to Urban Outreach (*in lieu of gifts and cards, at Dave's request*) via the Parish Office (cheques to 'St. Peters Halliwell PCC', or BACS to CAF St. Peter's Halliwell A/C 00030623, sort code 40-52-40, ref. 'DaveBrae'). Thank you. **Please join us as we pray and give thanks for Dave, Emma, James and Hannah as they start this exciting new chapter in their lives.**



### Church services across the parish today:

**St. Peter's Church:** 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/KTpOcf8JTcA>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/FMRgbak1JE0>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (AGM); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Café Church)

**Ascension Day Communion Service:** Taking place in St. Peter's Church NEXT Thursday (18th) at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome so please join us if you can.

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

**Monday 15th:** 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. 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 16th:** 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 17th:** 10am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Coffee until 10.20am. Programme discussion. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

**Thursday 18th:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900: 2pm-4pm Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers (see opposite).

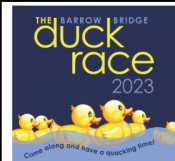
**Friday 19th:** 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

**Saturday 20th:** 12.30pm-2pm Home for Good (see opposite).

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


**Tuesday 16th:** 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

**Wednesday 17th:** From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



**Barrow Bridge Duck Race:** Taking place on Sunday 28th May at 1pm. Come along and have a quacking time—guaranteed to be a lot of fun! Ducks are only £1 and you can enter as many as you like. There are modest prizes for the winner of each race. See you there!


**Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers:** NEXT Thursday (18th) 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. Did you know that **Dementia Action Week** is Alzheimer's Society's biggest and longest running awareness campaign? Each year, Alzheimer's Society works with individuals and organisations across the UK to encourage people to 'act on dementia'. Dementia Action Week 2023 is taking place this week (15th-21st May).

**Bolton Home for Good Support Group:** This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families will meet NEXT Saturday (20th) from 12.30pm- 2pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. All welcome to come along for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. For more info, contact Fiona on 07786 844141. 

**Val Perris:** Val says a huge thank you to everyone who has donated, helped and supported her Macmillan Appeal. The amount raised to date is £1900 of which £254 was raised at the Smithills Easter event, plus gift aid. Thank you!

**Barry Woodward:** The inspirational author of 'Once an Addict' is at The Bridge Church, Rock Street, Horwich BL6 5QS NEXT Wednesday (17th). Hear his story of addiction, prison and life in all its fullness. Arrive 7pm for food. All welcome.

**Making Church Welcoming for all Abilities:** We are forming a small working party to ensure we are an "accessible church". This will look at access to buildings and services across our parish. This is more than just considering doorways and ramps, but everything that people may find a barrier to faith and worship amongst us. The group will meet approximately 4 times a year. If you are interested in being part of this group, please let Amanda know—[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info).

**Duke of Edinburgh Award:** If anyone is interested in completing the D of E Award this year, please contact Mark Rigby by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May—email [mark.rigby16@btopenworld.com](mailto:mark.rigby16@btopenworld.com) or text on 07964 329916. For Bronze you need to be in Year 10 and be turning 14 this year. Some of the benefits of the award are explained in a YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN7wTcxK408>. The total cost for the award and the expedition section will be approximately £70. 

**Curry Nights coming up:** Taking place at 7.30pm at Achari (near Sainsburys), 148—152 Crook Street, Bolton, BL3 6AS. Ladies Curry Night on Monday 22nd May—contact Nicola on 07753 427329 ASAP and Blokes Curry Night on Tuesday 23rd May—contact Jonathon on 07753 427329 / [blokescurrynight@outlook.com](mailto:blokescurrynight@outlook.com) ASAP. With inspirational guest speakers. Set menu £18. (The Way Church, Bolton)