



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 17 November 2024

## HEADLINES

- Our Commitment to Baptise
- Christmas puddings needed ASAP!
- Do Brunch, Do Life
- CAP Sunday and Christmas Requests
- Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

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## SERVICES

Sun 17 Nov  
It's Lighthouse week!



### ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
*10.30am	Adult Communion service with Twinklers
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service and Lighthouse
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service and Lighthouse
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church
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\*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'  
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

## Rev Alan writes...

### My Church Commitment – To Baptise



So far, I have written about our commitment to **Give**, **Serve** and **Meet** as part of our Parish Vision to grow in commitment to church: "Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission". In our morning services, we continue to learn about what this means in our five areas of commitment to **Give**, **Meet**, **Serve**, **Baptise** and **Pray**. This week I am writing about our commitment to **Baptise**.

Baptism is a sign of membership of God's church. Jesus instructs us to baptise in his Great Commission, given before he ascended to heaven: **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** (Matt 28:19). We see the early church baptised new believers. The passage in Acts 2:41 records how on the day of Pentecost the first believers, on accepting the good news message from the disciples, were immediately baptised.

We may not all conduct baptisms, but we all have a part to play in sharing our faith to help bring people to baptism. That's our mission as a church! You'll see I've added the word **Share** to the Baptise symbol. Our commitment to Baptise brings with it a commitment to share our faith with others. Maybe you know someone or have a child who hasn't been baptised? Or maybe you feel prompted to explore being baptised for yourself? If so, then let me encourage you to speak to a leader in your fellowship or contact the Parish Office and I'd be delighted to follow-up and arrange a baptism.



St Peter's has a rich history of baptism, or renewal/affirmation of baptism vows, by full immersion. We set up a baptism pool in church and hold a special service where anyone can be baptised for the first time or renew the vows taken on their behalf as an infant.

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People who have been baptised in this way speak of the great joy as they take a step to fully embrace their faith and commit their life to God through baptism.

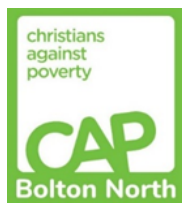
In addition, we can arrange a Confirmation by the Bishop - a special service to confirm your baptism vows. Joining an Alpha Course could be a good step towards baptism or confirmation.

For us all, baptism signifies our ongoing commitment to God as part of his church. The waters of baptism show of the cleansing power of God to forgive, set us free from the bondage of sin, and bring us new life. The Reformation theologian Martin Luther said: "remember your baptism every time you wash your face".

Baptism unites us as members of God's church, so let's commit to live out our baptism vows and share our faith with others.

## CAP Sunday

This Sunday is CAP Sunday when we will look back with thanksgiving at all God has done in the life of, and through the ministry of, our parish CAP Debt Centre. Everyone is invited to encourage and support our CAP team and clients at our special parish-wide 6.30pm service, where Sam Wolstencroft and Cath Hargraves will be sharing inspiration and stories of transformation.



## Archbishop of Canterbury's Resignation

Many were shocked and dismayed by the resignation of Justin Welby this week but recognise that the criticism of his failings in respect to safeguarding left him with no alternative. We hold him and especially all the victims of abuse in our prayers at this difficult time. The Bishop of Manchester has issued a statement on the Manchester Diocese website:

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/>

## Upcoming Funerals in St Peter's Church

The following funerals are taking place:  
**Tues 19 Nov, 1.30pm** - Patrick McCarthy  
**Thurs 21 Nov, 2pm** - Geoff Cooper



## Christmas Puddings Needed ASAP!



As a parish we have a target to collect **1,000 x 400g Christmas Puddings (they should say serves 4) by Sun 1 Dec for Christmas Dinner on Jesus.** Heads up...Best buys are currently

Lidl and Aldi standard puddings, selling at £1.99! Puddings can be dropped off in all fellowships and at the Parish Centre. If you'd prefer to donate money and we'll buy the puddings on your behalf, please go to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27138>.

**To nominate someone to receive a food hamper this year, please contact a member of the Leadership Team in your fellowship by Fri 29 Nov at the latest.**



## Christmas at Create Bolton

Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick from our mission partner Create Bolton say "Christmas@Create is now open and ready to SERVE you until **Sat 14 Dec.** Opening times are 10am-2pm on Thurs/Fri/Sat in Cafe Create, Claremont House, Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 2AX." Your support of this wonderful charity is greatly appreciated, thank you.



## CAP Christmas Requests

We're giving clients' children a Meaningful Chocolate 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £4.95), please give donations to Sam via the Parish Office. Thank you! Also, we'd really appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas and any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women / men. Please pass to Sam by **Sun 1 Dec.** Many thanks.



## Do Brunch, Do Life at St Peter's Sun 24 Nov, 10.15am, St Peter's



We'd love you to arrive a little earlier (from 10.15am) and enjoy a sausage butty and brew as part of a special service to share our thoughts from the Vision

Sunday sermon series. Have you done anything new or different as a result of the sermon series? Maybe you've decided to join a Life Group, started serving in a new area, increased your giving, become excited about prayer or have decided to be baptised! We'd love to hear from you, via the Stories WhatsApp number - 07881053877 -anonymously or not, or speak to Diane O'Keeffe at the back of church. Thank you. Also, please can anyone willing to help cook and/or serve at this service contact [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com) / 07982035706.

## Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 26 Nov, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Steve Irwin will be speaking about 'The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918'. Books by the society will be on sale. Pasties will be served. Info from [enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk)



contacting [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info) / 599900. You will need to provide: child's name, parent's name, contact details and state which church you attend.

## A Big Thank You

Val Perris thanks everyone who contributed to her fundraising coffee morning which raised a final total of **£1935**.



## Open Staff Prayers

Wed 20 Nov, 9.30am, Parish Centre

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month you are invited to join Rev Alan and the church staff team in a time of prayer. All welcome, just turn up.

## Prayer for the Week

Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Primary School, says 'This week we are going to pray for all schools that we are involved in, be it because of our families, our neighbourhood or our churches. We are using an adapted version of the Lord's prayer taken from the Prayer for Schools website.' *See her prayer on the back page.*

## Soul Sisters Trash or Treasure Event

Fri 29 Nov, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre



This is a re-cycling event where you can exchange up to 5 items which are 'trash' to you (no longer worn good quality clothes, jewellery, handbags, unopened and unused beauty products, board or video games in good condition etc.) but could be 'treasure' to someone else. **The evening is totally FREE** and hopefully everyone will go home with some new items which are 'treasure' to them! Leftover items will be taken to the charity shop the next day. Refreshments available. Feel free to bring baked or bought goodies along with you or just enjoy some with us. Info from [katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk).

## Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sun 1 Dec, 2pm, St Peter's

This annual service provides an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones and be reminded of the peace and comfort that comes from God, our Heavenly Father. Service followed by refreshments. All welcome so please do invite your family and friends to join us.



## Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Join us for this Christmas-themed session. Info: Fiona 07786 844141



## Out and About Local Walk

Sat 7 Dec, 10am (NB: LATER TIME), meet on Smithills Dean Road at the turning to Smithills Hall



This is a local walk of 5 miles which will finish at Smithills in time for the Smithills

Christmas Market. All welcome. Info from Jane Heath on 07472926650

## Primary School Form Signings 2025 Entry

Tues 3 Dec, 7pm-9pm, Parish Centre

Church supplementary forms will be signed but, in order to attend, you must book a timed slot by

## Looking Forward

### Bolton Repair Cafe

Weds 20 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

### Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 21 Nov, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre



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

[joan@stpetersparish.info](mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info) / 01204 840180

### Smithills Christmas Market



Sat 7 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Join us at the 11<sup>th</sup> year of this wonderful Christmas market, raising funds to support Urban Outreach.

### Rehearsal Dates for Christmas Choir 2024



Sun 22 Dec, 6.30pm, St Peter's, Carols by Candlelight Sun 1 Dec

12.30pm-2pm (NB: Change of venue to the Parish Centre), Thurs 5 Dec 7.30pm-9pm, Sun 15 Dec 1pm-3pm,

Wed 18 Dec 7.30pm-9pm. All rehearsals except 1 Dec are in St Peter's.

## PRAYER from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Primary School

You are Our Father in heaven. You are so great that we cry hallowed be your name. We long to see Your Kingdom come in our schools. We ask that your will be done, on earth in classrooms and school halls, just as in heaven. We ask for your resources, please give us today our daily bread, equip us to feed the hearts and minds of this generation. Forgive us our sins, for the times we have looked away and not seen the need. May we teach children about Your forgiveness as we forgive those who sin against us. We ask that you would lead us not into temptation of complacency, where we ignore the opportunities we have to engage with this generation. We understand it is too easy to show a poor example, but deliver us from evil so that we will show them Your grace, and share hope for their future. Because, our vision is for the kingdom, and we ask they might see that the power and the glory are Yours. We ask that in our lifetime, a revival amongst this generation will be a reality, both for now and forever. Amen.

## Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 18 Nov</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 6pm-7.30pm 7pm-9pm	AGE UK's Strength and Balance classes Coffee Room Weight Management Programme Farnworth Performing Arts Co	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 19 Nov</b>			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers IGNITE Children's Club Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 20 Nov</b>			
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	Swap Shop. Val 07902 167971 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Thurs 21 Nov</b>			
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 Support Group Alpha Course and Life Group	<a href="mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info">joan@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 22 Nov</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a> Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
<b>Sat 23 Nov</b>			
9am-12noon	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

## Keep Connected

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