



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 9th June 2024

## HEADLINES

- A Quacking Day in Barrow Bridge!
- CAP Good News – Debt Free
- Ignite Children's Club - It's launched!
- DTI Camp – Latest on fundraising drive
- We're Recruiting – Children & Families Lead
- Prayers from Chris – Praying for our school

*Read on to find out more...*

### Sun 9 June

#### ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Communion service
***10.30am	Worship for Everyone
2pm	Baptism service
***6.30pm	Parish-wide service

#### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10.00am	Family service
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#### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

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

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

### Rev Alan writes...

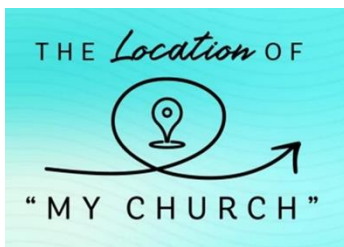
After a refreshing week away with Ruth in County Durham, I'm back! I hope those of you who managed a half-term getaway can feel the benefit too. This week, I want to unpack a little about our two new sermon series' which build on the theme of **'My Church'** we have been following this year.



To recap, we have been thinking about what Jesus meant when he said **'My Church'** in Matthew 16:18. Because the church did not exist at the time Jesus used these words, we asked what Jesus meant by **My Church**? The word Jesus used for church comes from the Greek word Ecclesia, which means 'called out gathering'. In the first century this would have been like a local council of political representatives who are called out of their local community to meet together – it's a picture of church being a place where we are called out of the world to meet before we are called back into the world to carry out God's mission. You could say we **Gather on a Sunday and Go on a Monday!** and the New Testament shows that in church we are called into a Family – we are Brothers and Sisters, Children of God, and the Household of God. This gave us a definition of church being: **Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission**. And in recent weeks we have been learning about the mission we are called to.

Building on this in our morning services we are now learning more about **The Relationships of My Church** looking at Parents and Children, Brothers and Sisters, Husbands and Wives, and Believers and Authorities. **Continued on page 2...**





In parallel, at our parish-wide 6.30pm services at St Peter's we are looking at **The Location of My Church** and learning from the Old Testament narratives when God's

people were taken into exile from Israel to a foreign culture in Babylon. Last Sunday Keith Forrester spoke about how being a Christian in today's culture can be like living in exile. You can watch his talk here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7NOVi00Zds](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7NOVi00Zds). This Sunday we have a special guest, Rev Lee Higson, from Oldham's Church plant speaking on **Listening to God in the Midst of Exile**. I hope you can join us.

## Announcements

### Sandra Perris

We are sorry to inform you that Sandra died on Fri 24 May. Her funeral is **Mon 17 June, 11am** in St Peter's. Please pray for all her family and friends, especially her children Julie, Judith and Michael and their families. Her late husband was Ian.

### Ruby Hindley

We are sorry to inform you that Ruby died on Mon 3 June. Her funeral is **Tue 18 June, 10.30am** in St Peter's. Please pray for all her family and friends, especially her children Moira and Stewart and their families. Her late husband was Norman.

### Baptisms

**Sun 9 June, 2pm at St Peter's** we welcome **Royce Murdoch and Leo Dabrowski-Platt** and thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

## What's Gone On

### A Quacking Day in Barrow Bridge!

After all the recent rain, you could say it was good weather for ducks, but the sun shone on Sun 26 May as crowds gathered for a fun-filled afternoon of races down the fast-flowing brook. And a superb £150 was raised for mission funds – thank you!



## CAP Good News



"Before I was in a dark hole; now my life is colourful" - the difference becoming 'debt free' makes to our clients! **In May we shared the joy of 3 clients becoming free from the burden**

**of debt.** Two of them are widows, one aged 63, one aged 73, who were overwhelmed by the problems facing them. We have walked with both of them for a couple of years and it is great to celebrate this milestone and give thanks to God for our Centre and our friendship with them.

## Ignite Launched!

It was a fun-packed first session led by Lucy Hargraves and her wonderful team. There is plenty of space for any KS2 aged children to join. They meet at the Parish Centre every **Tue 6pm-7.15pm**.



## DTI Camp Fundraiser



Thanks to everyone who supported last Sunday's Do Lunch, Do Life fundraiser. We enjoyed bacon butties, lots of cake and almost £200 was raised - bringing the total to nearly £1,500 toward the target of £3,500 needed to send our young people to camp this summer. The next fundraiser is a sponsored walk from St Peter's to Christ Church Pennington on Sat 15 June. Please sponsor our young people: <http://cafdonate.cafonline.org/25839>

## Coming Up

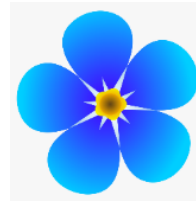
### Bolton Repair Cafe



**Wed 19 June, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrew's.** Bring items for repair, and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

## Friendship Group for those with Dementia

**Thu 20 June, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre**  
A group for those with dementia *and* their carers. **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.** Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. Info [joan@stpetersparish.info](mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info) /01204 840180



## Out and About Walk

**Sat 6 July, 9.30am, opposite St Peter's Church**  
All welcome to join us for a 6 to 7 mile moderate walk through Beacon Fell and the River Brock. Bring a packed lunch. More info from Dave Moffoot on 07767 05967.

## Women's Ministry Social Events

### Sat 20 Jul, Last Drop Village

Katie Leaver says "We're going to a 90s/00s club night at the Last Drop Village on Sat 20 July where we can dance until we drop. Please buy tickets directly using the link below (we'll just go for the £12.50 ones) and speak to any of the Women's Ministry team if you'd like to



share lifts.

<https://lastdropvillage.wearegifted.co.uk/90s-and-00s-club-night>

## Children's Team Hub

### Tues 11 Jun, 7pm-9pm, Harwood Methodist Church

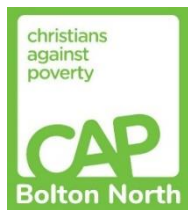
Worship, prayer, discussion, input and training, sharing resources and encouraging each other. The theme will be 'Worship', beginning with a time of prayer and praise followed by exploring what the Bible teaches us about intergenerational worship. Revd Lee and Mel Higson, from Oldham's Church will share their story of how they engage with children and families on the estate. **Open to all involved in Christian ministry to children and families.** Info [stephbuckley@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:stephbuckley@manchester.anglican.org)

## Good News for Romania

Kath and David Richardson say "Please can we ask for prayer for our trip to Romania 11-27 June. Prayer for safety, good health (the devil seems to attack us with health issues each time we are going), good relationships, the right words to say to those in need and the Lord's guidance in all we do. If anyone would like regular updates when we are there, please contact Kath 07903 546008. Thank you."



## Handyperson Wanted



Are you handy? Sam Wolstencroft is asked regularly if she knows anyone who can help with a small job or other. Can you be on a list of "handy people" whom she could call upon? Please contact [samwolstencroft@capuk.org](mailto:samwolstencroft@capuk.org)

## St Peter's Leadership Team

The minutes of the May meeting are now displayed on the noticeboard at the back of St Peter's – please take a look.

## Prayer for the Week



Chris Winstanley encourages us to pray for our church primary school, St Peter's Smithills Dean. **See her prayer on the back page...**

## We're Recruiting!

Please share this widely and get in touch if you're interested, applications deadline is next Sat 15 June.

### 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 **15 June 2024**. Please feel free to contact Rev Alan if you'd like to discuss this role.

## Looking Forward

### St Andrew's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

### Good News for Romania School Visit

**Thu 11 July – Tue 16 July** 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](mailto:davidandkath@hotmail.com)

### St Andrew's Holiday Club

**Mon 19 Aug – Thu 22 Aug, 1pm-3.30pm** Volunteers needed for this Olympic-themed holiday club - helping with crafts, sports or making refreshments for the children. Please contact Lucy Hargraves if interested or to find out more info: [LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org)



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

St Peter's Smithills Dean school mission statement is 'Let Your Light Shine' based on Matthew 5 v16. Lord, we pray that all our children would shine in whatever they do. Help them to follow the example, values and teaching of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another as He has loved us, and reminds us that He has come to bring us all life to the full! Father, grant that this would be true for everyone at St Peter's – children, staff, parents and governors. We pray that the school would be a happy place full of life and joy!

We pray particularly for our Year 6 pupils as they spend their last few weeks at St Peter's. As they go away on their residential trip we pray for safety and that they would all enjoy the many activities available to them. We continue to pray for pupils we know who are 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 our local 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.**

### Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 10 June</b>			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Book Club Art Group Weight Management Programme	Classes are full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com">ruthrobinson293@gmail.com</a> Sign up: <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> /01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 11 June</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 KS2 Children's Group Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 12 June</b>			
10am-11.30am 8pm-9.30pm	Open Door Ladies Group Alpha Course	Val Caffrey – Quiz <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session	St Andrew's
<b>Thurs 13 June</b>			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments from 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
8pm-9.30pm	Life Group	<a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 14 June</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 15 June</b>			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

### Keep Connected

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**Caretaker:** David Park E: [david@stpetersparish.info](mailto:david@stpetersparish.info)

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