

## Prayer By Phil and Elaine Weaver on behalf of NIM

As a church we particularly want to remember our Mission Partners Craig and Elaine Watson this week, working at the Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) in Nepal.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for Craig and Elaine, for the call you made on them to go to work in Nepal and for their obedient response. Father, we ask you would guard, guide and use them through their work at KISC, we pray that the hearts they come into contact with would be open and willing to hear and receive the beautiful and life-altering truth of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Lord we know they have been unwell since returning to Nepal early in the New Year and would ask for your healing hand to be on them. Renew their strength and grant them resilience both in body and mind. Pour out your comfort, peace and spiritual protection over them, by your Holy Spirit remind them that You delight in your good and faithful servants.*

*We ask you will provide the necessary permissions and visas required from the Nepali authorities to run and expand the very successful International Qualified Teacher Status training programme they piloted and for the successful recruitment of staff needed going forward.*

*We thank you, Lord, for the encouraging news that the Nepali Home Minister intervened on behalf of KISC for visas to be issued to teachers over the age of 60 and has also arranged for the guidance wording to be changed to allow this. May the visas come through very soon.*

*May they, and us, always remember 'You have overcome the world'. Make them more than conquerors in their mission to bless the nation of Nepal with the knowledge of the love of Christ and through the development of excellent education there, give them victory in your name we pray. AMEN*

There is an International Day of Prayer for KISC and its work on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023. Craig and Elaine have asked if we could join them in prayer on that day. Please book a slot using this link— <https://signup.com/go/LgqxNjz>— and note that Nepal is 5.75 hours ahead of the UK eg. 6:00pm our time is 11:45pm in Nepal.

Please pray for: Jane Heath 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  
**One Parish—One Church—One Vision**

**Sunday 19th February 2023**

**Rev Alan writes...**

This Sunday we conclude our sermon series on **Kingdom Wisdom**. I hope, like me, you've really benefitted from the series and it's given you a stronger desire to study the book of Proverbs. Huge thanks to all our preachers for their excellent efforts. Next week is the start of Lent, which means spring is in the air! It also means a brand-new sermon series called **Kingdom Stories** which starts at our **Ash Wednesday** communion service (details below) when I will be speaking on the **Parable of the Two Sons** from Matthew 21:28-32. Each week throughout Lent we will study a parable from Matthew's Gospel as we consider what it means to see the coming of the Kingdom.



**KINGDOM STORIES**

(Ash Wednesday) Two Sons, Matthew 21:28-32  
The Sower, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
The Good Seed and the Weeds,  
Matthew 13:24-30  
The Treasure, Pearl and Net, Matthew 13:44-50  
The Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:21-35  
(Palm Sunday) The Workers, Matthew 20:1-16  
(Good Friday) The Tenants, Matthew 21:33-46  
(Easter Sunday) The Good News of the Kingdom,  
Matthew 28:1-10



I am thrilled that we will be joined by **Daniel Eduardo** who is speaking at our parish-wide 6.30pm service at St Peter's this Sunday. Originally from Portugal, Daniel works for The Message where he was the frontman for indie pop band Brightline, travelling the world to tell young people about Jesus. He now acts as Head of Church Engagement for the Message Trust. He is a gifted speaker and evangelist which means it will be a fantastic service to invite your friends to.

Finally, good news, we plan to start **weekly 8.30am services** at St. Peter's from Sunday 5th March. It's for a trial period to see what opportunity there is to grow this congregation and offer an alternative opportunity for worship at St Peter's each week.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning and Service at St. Peter's:** We are exploring the opportunity to establish a new weekly service and are looking to build a team of volunteers. It will be a simple format with coffee and conversation in the church lounge followed by a short service in church. If interested in joining or helping lead a team, please let Amanda or Alan know.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Our vicar, Alan, will preach at this parish-wide Holy Communion service on **Wednesday (22nd) at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.** All welcome so please do join us if you can.

**Church Services Today:** 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/99-9L8zxc> 6.30pm Worship and teaching. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Healing and Wholeness service) and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

 **Lighthouse** (ages 4-13) St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am TODAY. Info from Ben on 07512 753201/[lighthouse@stpetersparish.info](mailto:lighthouse@stpetersparish.info)

**General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:** *It is half term next week so some activities are paused...*

**Monday 20th:** 10.30am Strength and Balance class (FULL). To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info);  
**Thursday 23rd:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;  
**Friday 24th:** 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.

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

**Wednesday 22nd:** 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities awaits.



**Piano:** The Hope Centre has a new piano so the old one is available to a good home. It is a Yamaha Clavinova P100 digital stage piano with weighted touch sensitive keys and comes with its hard case. It is in good working order, sounds great, but is showing signs of its age, generally 'knocked about'. It is heavy so we would recommend a permanent home! If you want it, please contact Diane Ball or Denis Collier ([denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com)). Please note, you will need to collect it from the Hope Centre. A donation to St. Andrews would be appreciated, thanks.

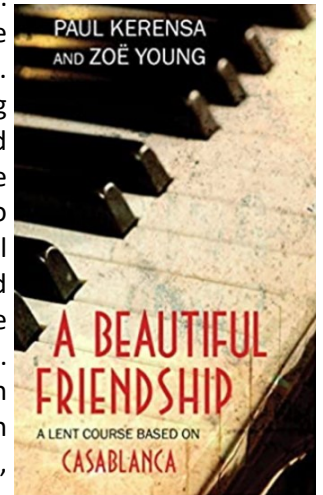
**Good News for Romania Quiz Night:** Friday 17th March at 7.30pm at The Victory Reform Club, 25 Victory St, BL1 4JA. Tickets are £8.50 (incl. potato pie and peas). For info and tickets, see Dave or Kath Richardson, email [davidandkath@hotmail.com](mailto:davidandkath@hotmail.com) or contact 07903 546008. Thank you.



**Rev. Dave Brae:** On Sunday 5th June Dave will become Priest-in-Charge of St. Chads in the parish of Patchway, Diocese of Bristol. Dave says "We are looking forward to journeying with St. Chads and discovering what God has in store for the community of Patchway." Please keep Dave, Emma, James and Hannah in your prayers as they prepare to move on and start this exciting new chapter in their lives.

**Do Lent, Do Life...Parish Bible Study Group:**

During Lent, one of our Life Group's will be doing Bible study sessions based on the film Casablanca. Casablanca is concerned with displaced refugees during wartime and has a lot to say about love, hope and sacrifice. In this Lent study, Paul Kerensa (who wrote the tv series Miranda) and his wife Zoe apply these themes to the Christian faith and our lives today. The sessions will help us explore the beautiful friendship between us and our Creator, in Jesus his Son. We'll go deeper to explore what that friendship means, what he's done for us... and what we can do for him. Starting on **Monday 27th February from 8pm – 9.30pm**, it will run on alternate Mondays over 10 weeks. To book a place, please contact Linda Foster - [lindamfoster@sky.com](mailto:lindamfoster@sky.com).



**Parish Weekend Away:** A fantastic weekend away for the whole church family from **Friday 15th – Sunday 17th September!** Info and booking at <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2023-booking> or scan this QR code or pick up a form in church. Deposits (£40 for adults, £20 for children and sixth form students) are required by 31st March. **After this date, prices will increase by £10 per head.**



**Quinta Fundraiser—Progressive Meal:** It's back! After a few years' gap, we're organising another Progressive Meal — all starting at the Parish Centre at **6:30pm on Saturday 15th April** (and ending no later than 10pm). Diners will enjoy a three-course meal with each course in a different church member's home (and with different diners). Transport can be provided for non-drivers. Secondary-school age children welcome; those with special dietary requirements very welcome too. All in all, it's a great way to meet people and to raise money for Quinta. Suggested donation is £15 per head (collected on the day) but really, please just give what you can. Sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PHYCX92> — or get more details from Stephen/Rachel Brierley on 433810 or 07954 995160.

**Can you help?:** Our CAP Centre Manager, Sam, says 'There was a challenge in Lectio 365 last week: *In what ways has my life become too predictable and safe?* If you want a new 'front line', please consider coming out as a CAP support worker/befriender. I need more women particularly at the moment - usually Wednesday mornings but there is flexibility. Contact me—[samwolstencroft@capuk.org](mailto:samwolstencroft@capuk.org)/07934 716509. Thank you.'

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