Prayer By Rob Downes on behalf of National & International Ministry Team

Matthew 5:10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Heavenly Father we recognise that around the world many of our Christian brothers and sisters suffer from persecution because of their faith. Grant them the courage to endure and may their faithfulness to you be a light to all, including those who persecute them. We also bring before you all our Mission Partners both here in the UK and those in other countries, may their ministries be fruitful and glorify your name. We pray for:-

Release International: We thank you for our mission partner Imtiaz and the work he is undertaking in supporting Christians in Pakistan. The terrible floods in that country have caused great hardship for many and we pray for Imtiaz's safety as he visits Pakistan soon. Please help him as he seeks to mobilise support for people there with colleagues from Release.

Urban Outreach: We thank you for Dave and Chris Bagley and the whole team at Urban Outreach. We thank you for the Bolton Lunches project 2022 and the positive impact this has had across Bolton. Help Dave, Chris and the whole team as they face increasing demands, across a range of needs this coming autumn. Guide them in their planning for the winter and give them strength and energy in all their work.

Craig and Elaine Watson: We thank you for Craig and Elaine's work in Nepal. Please be with them in all they do there especially amongst all the pupils of KISC school. We pray that you will help Craig as he faces extra responsibilities during the next term covering as head of Primary, Secondary and at the partner organisation EQUIP, as senior members of staff leave and their replacements are awaited.

Create Bolton: Thank you for Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick and all who work at Create. We pray for Carol Hardman who is taking over soon as the Operations manager. Be with her and guide her in this new role. We pray too for all those who visit Café Create to learn new skills or find support that they will also find hope and peace from you Lord.

Lord, make us faithful in our prayers and support for all our mission partners and may they know your presence alongside them. We ask these things in Jesus name. Amen

Please pray for: Enid Kettle E-mail 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 25th September 2022



Church Live! - Livestreaming of services: You are invited to us for our service at 10.30am each Sunday ioin Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at on https://www.stpetersparish.info to go straight to the service. Subscribe to https://www.voutube.com/StPetersHalliwell

Parish-wide services today: Everybody welcome.

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Our livestreamed service, here is the link: https://youtu.be/XjJdpB6FlsQ. The last in our current sermon series, we focus on 'A New Hope' Ezekiel 37:24-28 and Zechariah 9:9. **6.30pm** The Licensing service for our new vicar (see below).

Our sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion); 10.30am Barrow Bridge; 10.30am St. Andrew's.

Alan's Licensing service at the 6.30pm service in St. Peter's Church TODAY:

Rev. Alan Saunders is back! Please note, this service will be busy so seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Here is the livestream link: https://youtu.be/IRomG1jt9Fo for those that can't make it. To celebrate this wonderful occasion, we need lots of cakes!

If you can drop one off (home baked or bought, we don't mind) after this morning's 10.30am service, it would be helpful. If not, please just bring it with you to the licensing service. Thanks.



Livestream issues in St. Peter's Church: Owing to an issue with the internet connection, we regret that we will only be able to livestream Sunday's services at low resolution so the picture may appear more grainier and jerky than usual. We hope to be able to upload a higher resolution version to our website later this day.



Baptism by immersion: This will take place in St. Peter's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 16th October. For info or to register your interest, BAPTISM contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900 in the first instance.

General activities this week at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

<u>Monday 26th</u>: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is *open to everyone*, offering delicious home made cakes, tea and filter coffees; 10.30am Strength and Balance class. To book, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info.

<u>Tuesday 27th:</u> 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!

<u>Wednesday 28th:</u> **10am Open Door**. Coffee until 10.20am. Rev. Ben Brady. All ladies welcome. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

<u>Thursday 29th:</u> 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com / 07472 926650.

<u>Friday 30th:</u> 10.30am Friday Life. All welcome. Contact <u>denis.collier@gmail.com;</u> 8pm Stressbusters. All welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

<u>Saturday 1st</u>: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma or Lucy on 07896 724531.

TOTS Parent and Toddler Group at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre): Meets on Tuesdays from 9.45am-11.30am (term-time). Contact Julie on 07835 014470

Youth activities:



Tread meets every week at the **Parish Centre, Tuesdays from 7:30pm-9pm.** All in Years 7-13 welcome. Tell your friends!

<u>Sarah's leaving gift - last chance!</u> Please leave your donation at the Parish Office or make a transfer to St. Peter's Halliwell CAF bank A/C no: 00030623, sort code: 40-52-40. Please use the reference 'SARAHSAXON'. Thanks.



<u>Café on the Green</u>: The last café this year will take place in St. Peter's Primary School (Limefield Road, BL1 6LA) on **Saturday 1st October from 9.30am-2pm.** Join us for delicious food and good company. *Proceeds to Operation Smile*.

Children's clothes rail wanted. Can you help?: Do you have a small children's clothes rail that you no longer need? If so, why not put it to good use and donate it to Little Wiggles at the Parish Centre who really need one for their dressing up outfits at a height that is easily accessible by the toddlers. Please contact suzispurr@googlemail.com / 07834 371509.

Get your tickets! Quinta Fundraising events: Men's Quiz night THIS Friday (30th) from 7.30pm onwards at Heaton Cricket Club. £10 a ticket (incl. food and prizes). Special guest quizmaster! Tickets from the Parish Office or Simon Colvin 07702 850940/ josiiz@sky.com. Also, 'Canapes and Conversation' on Friday 7th October from 7.45pm - 9.45pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Open to ladies aged 18+. Tickets are £10 for those who can afford it - with canapes, cocktail and cake! See flyers in church. Tickets available from the Parish Office and in services.



A request from our CAP Debt Centre Manager, Sam: 'Is anyone free NEXT Tuesday (27th) from 1.30pm to help me and Carol clean a client's kitchen (in Blackrod). Please call me on 07934 716509 ASAP. Thanks.'

Bolton Home for Good Support Group: This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families will next meet on **Saturday 15th October from 12.30pm-2.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre**. All welcome to come along for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. Part of the For more info, contact Fiona on 07786 844141.

<u>Out and About Walk</u>: The next walk, 7 miles and moderate, takes place on Saturday 1st October in Lyme Park. Meet outside St. Peters Church to set off at 9am. If you are a National Trust member, please remember to bring your membership card. For more details, please contact Brian Johnson on 843746. All welcome.

St. Peter's Vicarage full refurbishment costs: The cost to correct a number of longstanding issues has been divided between the Diocese, Parish and Alan and Ruth themselves, and our contribution is in the region of £10,000. **We would be grateful for any contributions to this unbudgeted expense.** Please leave donations at the Parish Office or make a transfer to St. Peter's Halliwell CAF bank A/C no: 00030623, sort code: 40-52-40. **Please use the reference 'VICARAGE'**. Thanks.

<u>15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World from October 16th - 30th:</u> Prayers will be uploaded daily to our website—<u>www.stpetersparish.info</u>—but, if you prefer hard copies, some booklets will be available in church or from the Parish Office.

'Powerful Praise' event in St. Peter's Church: Rob and Sue Wilding are leading a Sing Day from 10am - 5pm on Saturday 5th November. Enjoy singing? Come along to learn a variety of worship songs and explore how they can be used to make our praise times more powerful. To book, email robandsue@stpetersparish.info. No singing experience necessary.

Small participation fee—see flyers in church.