

Prayer By Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Centre Manager

'And this is the confidence that we have towards him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.' 1 John 5 v 14-15



As we embark on our **Week of Prayer**, we are full of expectation of what God can do through our prayers! In the Lord's prayer Jesus begins the prayer by helping us to reflect on two realities of who God is – our Father and the God who is Holy. When you go to pray, pause and take a deep breath and put your mind on this truth. Think of the holiness, majesty, and might of God and then rest in the truth that He is also your Father who loves you and wants you to find fullness of joy in his presence. Take time to say thank you for all the ways he has shown love to you and provided for you.

'I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart; I will recount all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.' Psalm 9 1-2

Why not join us in this *prayer of commitment* to pray this week:

Heavenly Father

Help us to pray! Help us to be faithful in spending time in prayer each day this week. We choose to commit ourselves to this week of prayer. Unite us in prayer. Increase our joy as we pray for your will to be done in the lives of your people, our community and this town of Bolton. May we experience your work being accomplished through our prayers and may we know you in a transforming way. For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please pray for: (no names at present) 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 29th January 2023

Rev. Alan writes... *Welcome to our Week of Prayer!*

I honestly believe that if we are going to see breakthroughs in our lives and our mission as a church then these will only happen on the back of fervent prayer. That's why I am so passionate about our week of prayer. The vision is to get everyone praying – the whole parish – sharing our hopes and listening for God's response. I want us all to be guided and renewed by God as we enter what I believe will be a new and exciting season for our parish.

Thanks to Linda Foster we have a superb prayer diary with prayers and links to worship songs for each day of the week – you can get a copy at Sunday's services, or from the Parish Centre, or simply scan this QR code or download here: https://stpetersparish.info/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Week-of-Prayer_Booklet_DIGITAL.pdf



There is power in agreement, so be sure to join any of our united prayer meetings across the parish (*see details overleaf*). Also, if you haven't yet registered, then sign-up for an hour in our virtual prayer room by going to: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c251fa/>. And make a special effort to join us at the end-of-week grand finale at the parish-wide 6.30pm service NEXT Sunday (5th). **Thanks so much and God bless!**

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HOPE IN THE LORD

A Week of Prayer

29th JANUARY - 5th FEBRUARY 2023

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

Isaiah 40:31

FOUR CHURCHES ONE PARISH

Church services today: St. Peter's Church: 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Livestream: https://youtu.be/AzmCst_cPw; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

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

Monday 30th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room (Café). All welcome; 10.30am Strength and Balance class (FULL). To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/ amanda@stpetersparish.info; 1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com.

Tuesday 31st: 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. **Week of Prayer session.** Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Wednesday 1st: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Beetle Drive. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490; 8pm-9pm Week of Prayer session.

Thursday 2nd: 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Everyone welcome. Contact Jane on 07472 926650/ janeheath@heathnet.plus.com;

Friday 3rd: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 4th: 12.30pm-2pm Home for Good (see below)

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

Tuesday 31st: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

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



Bolton Home for Good Support Group: This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families meets **NEXT Saturday (4th) from 12.30pm - 2pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre.** A bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. Contact Fiona (07786 844141).



Quinta Fundraiser—Do Lunch...Do Life: Everyone welcome **NEXT Sunday (5th)** for a special Lighthouse 'Do Lunch, Do Life' in St. Peter's Parish Centre after the 10:30am service. Put it in your diary! Bacon/sausage/veggie sausage butties are provided with a suggested donation of £2 per person. This is a fundraiser by the children for Quinta. Please let Ben know ASAP if you can bake a cake!



Week of Prayer: Prayer meetings across the Parish, the week at a glance:

Date	Time	Hosting Fellowship/ Location / Other Details
TODAY Sun 29 th Jan	6.30pm	St. Peter's Church: Launch of Week of Prayer at the parish-wide service
Mon 30 th Jan	6.30-7.30pm	Barrow Bridge: Barrow Bridge Mission
Tues 31 st Jan	7.30-9pm 10.30am	St. Peter's: Parish Centre (Jubilee Room). Tread will open this space where people across the parish can pray specifically for our young people. Join us for sung worship and hot chocolate! Smithills Fellowship: Prayer meeting followed by lunch at Marlene and Jeff Blackburn's for 10 people (<i>NB: All places have been taken up</i>)
Weds 1 st Feb	1.30-3pm	St. Andrews: Prayer Walk on Johnson Fold led by Julie Walsh. Meet at St. Andrews (Hope Centre), Tattersall Avenue, BL1 5TE. You are welcome for some or all of the walk.
Weds 1 st Feb	8-9pm	St. Peter's: Parish Centre: Quiet prayer led by Dave Brae
Thurs 2 nd Feb	8-9am 7.30-8.30pm	St. Andrew's: St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) Smithills Fellowship: St. Peter's Primary School
Fri 3 rd Feb	7.30-9pm	St. Andrew's: St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) Michael Ball leads this evening of prayer and worship with some teaching on meditation on the Word, using our text for the year.

Out and About Walk: NEXT Saturday (4th), Adlington Circuit. 6 miles, easy. Meet outside St. Peters Church, ready to leave at 9.30am with a packed lunch. Option of a shorter 'family friendly' walk of 4 miles along the canal, including ice cream and a children's playground. For details, contact Jane or Rick Heath on 07472 926650

Café on the Green: NEXT Saturday (4th) from 9am-2pm in St. Peter's School, Limefield Road. Proceeds towards providing operations for children with cleft lips and palates in Kenya. All welcome.



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. *To camp at Quinta (taking your own tent) the cost is: £75 per adult / £40 per child (up to school year 11).*

