

## Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Father God, at the beginning of a new school year we pray that:

- The children beginning their school life would quickly settle in to their new classes and routines.
- Those children who are moving to new schools, colleges and universities would quickly get used to a new routine and make new friends.
- You would help all school staff to be effective and enthusiastic in their roles to enable the pupils to be the best that they can be.

Lord, we pray for opportunities for Christians to be involved in our local schools. We ask that you would continue to strengthen the links that we have to make a difference in pupils lives as they hear the gospel message.

As the pupils at St. Peter's School focus on their mission statement and values, 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!

May this term be peaceful, may the staff and children keep well and may there be lots of positive and exciting times ahead for our children and young people.

Amen



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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 10th September 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** We had a wonderful time of prayer at our **PrayerZone** meeting on Wednesday evening at Smithills Fellowship, where I shared a list of items for prayer. I am sharing this list - by way of updating you on some exciting news and asking you to join me in praying both for our needs and giving thanks for God's generous provision. Here goes...

**Oasis Midweek coffee morning and service** is going from strength to strength, you are welcome to join us for refreshments each Thursday 10.30-11.30am and the service at 11.30am in St Peter's Church.



**Our first two Pais apprentices** Gleise from Brazil and Michelle from Germany arrive this weekend. Initially they are being hosted by Alan and Fiona Tatterton, if you would like to register as a '**Pais-Pal**', helping with lifts or hosting for meals etc, contact Amanda.

**Libby Greenhalgh** – I am delighted Libby joins our staff team on long-term placement this week. She is training to be ordained. Please welcome her and husband Paul and children.



**I am meeting Bishop Matthew on 13th September** to discuss potential to appoint an Associate Minister. **Quinta weekend** is next weekend on the theme of 'My Church', there are over 130 people booked-in. Our **Alpha Course** starts Thursday 28th September, 8-9.30pm at the Parish Centre – please join us and invite your friends!

**AYF Uganda Mission Week** – the start will be delayed into October due to difficulty with flight bookings – I will keep you posted as soon as I have confirmation of dates.

**Recruitment** – I am delighted that **Dave Park** will be our next caretaker and cleaner and starts later in the year. Dave brings huge managerial experience, strong work ethic, and a real sense of calling to this key role. I want to thank the other applicants. Sadly, we have not received any suitable applications for the Children and Families Worker job so we will



be re-advertising. **Ben Latham** has finished as Caretaker/cleaner, but of course will continue as a valued leader with Lighthouse and our young people. I want to record our sincere thanks to Ben for his service and prayers for him as he develops his graphic design business.

### Church Services Across the Parish:

**Sunday 10th September: St. Peter's Church 8.30am** Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service. Livestream [https://youtube.com/live/E\\_t8TSGTk\\_U](https://youtube.com/live/E_t8TSGTk_U); **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/97kAWwo3Rqo>. **Our sister churches:** **10am** Smithills Fellowship; **10.30am** Barrow Bridge and **10.30am** St. Andrew's (Café Church).



**Midweek service on Thursday 14th in St. Peter's Church:** Oasis. Refreshments from 10.30. Service from 11.30am-12noon. All welcome.

### General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

**Monday 11th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room.** This cafe is *open to everyone*; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Age UK's Strength and Balance class is closed until 2nd October.** Info from 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info).

**Tuesday 12th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All welcome;**  
*Tread will re-start next Tuesday (19th) at 7.30pm*

**Wednesday 13th: 10am Open Door.** All ladies welcome. Coffee 10am-10.20am. Leprosy Mission — Michael Hardie. Collection for the work. Please bring money or contact Margaret Park on 845695.

**Thursday 14th: 10am Aerobics.** Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** For info, contact [janeheath@heathnet.plus.com](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com)/07472926650.

**Friday 15th: 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.

**Saturday 16th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts.** Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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



**Tuesday 12th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group.**

Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

**Wednesday 13th: From 9am The Hub.** Drop-in session.

A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities



**New Watercolour Classes:** Starting in the Parish Centre on **Friday 29th September**, from 10am-12noon. 4 week course for £36. For details, please contact Lucinda 07977 821119/ [lucysembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:lucysembroidery@gmail.com). Professional tuition (over 20 years teaching experience). Learn new skills and meet new people. All welcome.



**Baptisms today:** Please pray for **Emily Rose DEAN's** baptism at 10.30am in Barrow Bridge Mission and **Pippa Amelia SYKES's** baptism at 2pm in Smithills Chapel. We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

**Parish weekend away at Quinta next weekend:** If you are attending our Parish weekend away at Quinta you should have received an email with final details. If you have not done so, please e- mail [quinta@stpetersparish.info](mailto:quinta@stpetersparish.info). **Can you provide cakes and help on the tea and coffee rota during the weekend?** Many hands make light work! Please email [keirandmegan@gmail.com](mailto:keirandmegan@gmail.com) or speak to Megan at the end of the service if you are able to help. Thank you

**Do Lunch, Do Life:** Following the 10:30am service in **St. Peter's Church on Sunday 24th September.** All welcome. Food provided, suggested donation £1 per person. Please let Janette know ASAP if you can help on the day or bake a cake! [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com)/ 07982 035706.

**Women's Ministry Film Night:** Taking place on **Friday 20th October at Barrow Bridge Mission** from 7pm. Tickets £1 (to cover refreshments), please speak to Katie Leaver, Megan Simister, Rachel Cowling or the Parish Office for film details and to book in. Please note that the film has a 15 certificate and includes adult scenes so it is not suitable for younger people. We'd love to see you there! If anyone from Barrow Bridge and The Hope Centre would like to help organise/promote women's events, please get in touch with Katie via the Parish Office.



**Young musicians and singers needed** to join our worship bands across the parish. There are nominated representatives and mentors in each church who will guide and nurture their young talent in our services. **We will be holding sessions with Rob and Sue Wilding where the young people can come together from across the parish and have fun through music and worship.** If you are a young person who wants to be involved in our services or a parent with a talented young person, please contact Karen Farrar on 07791 261265 / [karenrob.farrar@gmail.com](mailto:karenrob.farrar@gmail.com) to register interest.



**Good News for Romania:** The very brave Megan Simister is doing the Infinity Bridge Challenge on **Saturday 23rd September** to raise funds for GNfR. To sponsor her, please let her or Dave and Kath Richardson know.



**Café on the Green:** Taking place in St. Peter's Primary School on **Saturday 7th October from 9.30am - 2pm.** All welcome. Join us for delicious food and good company. *Proceeds to Operation Smile.*