



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15 September 2024

HEADLINES

- Harvest Services
- CAP Grants News
- Open Door Ladies Group
- Bolton Repair Cafe is back
- Our Uganda friends are returning!
- Release International Visit
- Prayers for Mission Partners – Geoff Gunshon

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 15 Sept
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
*10.30am	Adult service with Twinklers
2pm	Baptisms
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Café Church
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*Livestreamed search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

I was thrilled to welcome Bishop Matthew Porter to our 6.30pm service last Sunday. He spoke passionately and challenged us to think about our generosity as Christians. You can watch his sermon here:



www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t4ZdVO6AMw.

His book 'The Art of Giving' was available to buy at the service and further copies can be ordered through the Parish Office if you'd like a copy.

The theme of giving generously as part of our commitment to Jesus' church will form part of our parish-wide vision service on 6 Oct and a sermon-series looking at our commitment will take place in the weeks following. I want us all to share a growing passion and commitment to the mission of the church.

This week saw the start of our Alpha Course (visit: www.alpha.org for info). It's a fun way to learn about the Christian faith and explore ideas with a group of friends. There is still opportunity to join if you'd like to, or if you can, invite a friend.

I'm excited to announce that our friends from the AYF Choir and Band of Uganda are planning a return visit to



Bolton for 1 week as part of a UK and USA mission tour to celebrate their 40th anniversary. They will be with us from Thu 31 Oct to Thu 7 Nov. During their visit, there will be lots of opportunity to meet them and enjoy their infectious music and faith-filled stories. They will also be going to local schools to share the good news. If you are able to host or willing to assist with transport, can you please let Carolyn Rigby know: secretary@stpetersparish.info.

Parish-Wide Vision Service

Sun 6 Oct, 11am, Bolton School



St Peter's Halliwell

PARISH-WIDE VISION SERVICE

Sun 6 Oct 11am Bolton School
Refreshments from 10am

MY CHURCH COMMITMENT:
LIGHTHOUSE UNITED
TWINKLERS PRESCHOOL
BRING AND SHARE LUNCH



We're cancelling all services on Sun 6 Oct to give everyone the opportunity to gather for what promises to be a fantastic service that will unite all four fellowships. Doors open at 10am for refreshments, followed at 11am by a service for adults in the main hall, with creche facilities and preschool activities led by St Peter's Twinklers team in an adjoining classroom, and a special **Lighthouse United** session in the school gym. The service will be an opportunity to hear our vision from Rev Alan and unite in prayer and worship. Following the service, we'd love everyone to stay for a Bring and Share picnic lunch in the fabulous Riley Centre or outside in the beautiful school grounds, and the chance to enjoy fellowship, fun and games.

Baptisms

Sun 15 Sept, 2pm, St Peter's

Orla and Isaac VALLEY and Maya McKENNA.
We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, Godparents, family and friends on these special occasions.

Marion Gerrard

Marion Gerrard (nee Smethurst), sister to Rev Gordon Smethurst died on 28 August. Her funeral is to be held in St Peter's on Tues 24 Sept at 12 noon. Please remember Marion's son, Andrew, and his family in prayer at this difficult time.

Harvest Services

Sun 22 Sept St Andrews, Barrow Bridge, Smithills Fellowship / Sun 29 Sept St Peter's

Please bring dried and canned food items (not fresh)

URBAN OUTREACH (BOLTON) to all services for distribution to those in need in our town.

CAP Prayer of Thanks



Peter Caffrey prays 'We thank and praise you Father for our successful grant applications* for funding support to our CAP Centre covering the next year or so. Grant us wisdom, through your Holy Spirit, to use the resources you have

provided wisely to provide practical help and to share your message of love across our community. Continue, O Lord, to guide and lead us to use our CAP Centre to reach out and support less fortunate members of our community to deal with debt and the anxiety caused by debt. We pray for our upcoming Money Management course through which we seek to offer practical support and helpful money management tips. May our Monday morning Coffee Room continue to provide encouragement, support and fellowship to those dealing with personal debt. We ask that God continues to provide the resources so that his glory continues to shine through the work of the St Peter's CAP Centre. Amen' * £3,000 from The Charity Service, £9,029 from Bolton CVS, £8,000 from Manchester Diocesan Council for Social Aid.

CAP Money Coaching

Mon 16 Sept 7.30pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre

A FREE revolutionary money management course, led



by Peter Caffrey, designed to help anyone get more in control of their finances so they can save, give and prevent debt. **The usual 3 sessions have been merged into one so this is a great opportunity to do it in one go!** Book via the Parish Office or samwolstencroft@capuk.org

Open Door

Weds 18 Sept, 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre

This ladies' group has re-started following the summer break. All are very welcome to come along to hear Ima Lomax from Manchester Diocese talk all about her interesting role in Transformation, plus more.

Alpha Course

Thursdays, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre

Our latest course started this week and you're not too late to join! E-mail Amanda in the Parish Office to register.



Home for Good Peer Support Group

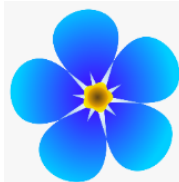


Sat 30 Sept, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info: Fiona 07786 844141

Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 Sept, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre



For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Info:

joan@stpetersparish.info /01204 840180

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 18 Sept, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews



All welcome. Bring along your items needing repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

Lancs Prayer Conference

Sat 21 Sept, 9am-12noon, St Andrew's



Join this inspirational prayer team as they lead us in a morning of prayer for our church, community and town.

Release International

Sat 21 Sept, 12pm-3pm, Parish Centre

Release International, one of our mission partners, are holding their Annual Volunteer and Supporter meeting for the North of England at the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of Release is welcome. Mark Lipdo, founder and CEO of The Stefanos Foundation, a Christian-based human rights advocacy and relief organisation, working to address the violent conflict in Nigeria, will be joining us. Free light lunch provided at 12pm. Contact office@stpetersparish.info if you are attending, so that we know how many to cater for. Mark will also



be speaking on World Focus Sunday at all three St Peter's services on Sun 22 Sept and will be joined by Release International's engagement manager

for the North, Allister Du Plessis. **All offerings taken this day will go to the work of Release International.**

High School Form Signings for 2025 Entry

If you haven't yet signed up to get your child's church supplementary form signed, please contact amanda@stpetersparish.info ASAP.

Quinta Fundraiser

Sat 28 Sept, 7.30pm-midnight, Café Italia

Quinta Fundraiser!

Sat 28th September 7:30pm-12:00

Meal and disco £30pp

Places limited to 60 so get yours soon! Over 16s only.

A taste of Italy

Tickets available at the office or from the Quinta Team

Tickets on sale at all church services and also available from the Parish Office. Cash payment or BACS transfer to account name: St Peters (NB:no apostrophe) Parish Halliwell PCC, account number- 00030623, sort code 40 52 40. **Make sure you use the reference 'Café Italia'.** Limited tickets so get yours soon!

Rev Craig Watson



Please pray for Craig who is currently serving with the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS) as Chaplain in Wengen, Switzerland until 1 Oct. Find out more about ICS chaplains at <https://www.ics-uk.org/>

Prayer for the Week

Geoff Gunshon from the National and International Ministry Team invites us to pray for our mission partners. **See his prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thu 3 Oct, 10am at Oasis in St Peter's

NB: Please note the change of date



Donations of cakes, preserves etc will be very much appreciated. Contact Val Perris 07984 070364.

Café on the Green

Sat 5 Oct, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Delicious food and excellent service. Raising funds for work in the Diocese of Machakos Kenya to provide free surgery for children born with cleft lip/palate and other facial deformities.



Good News for Romania Coffee Morning

Sat 19 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

All invited to this coffee morning/bring and buy raising funds for GNFR. Come along for yummy cakes and bargains!



PRAYER from Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry Team

Father, we thank you for all the examples of mission you've given us through Your Word: Barnabas, Paul, the Apostles and Jesus Himself. We are all called in one way or another to proclaim your glory to those who don't yet know You. But Father, we pray now particularly for those we know who have made this call their life's work. Those of us who have stepped out in faith and put their livelihoods into your hands. We pray for your blessing on our mission partners: those taking your Word throughout the world and those who are protecting your children who are persecuted for proclaiming you as their Saviour. We pray also for their guidance, protection and wellbeing. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 16 Sept			
9.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 6pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Age UK's Strength & Balance Class Coffee Room Art Group Weight Management Programme CAP Money Coaching	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes ruthrobinson293@gmail.com www.yhbolton.co.uk /01204 205090 samwolstencroft@capuk.org	Parish Centre
Tues 17 Sept			
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 Children's Club Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info Ben 07512 753201	Parish Centre
Weds 18 Sept			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session Bring your items for repair, stay for coffee	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies' Group	Ima, Manchester Diocese. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thurs 19 Sept			
10.30am-12noon	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group Alpha Course and Life Group	joan@stpetersparish.info office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 20 Sept			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 21 Sept			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
12pm-3pm	Release International Day	amanda@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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CAP Debt Centre Manager: Sam Wolstencroft E: samwolstencroft@capuk.org / M: 07934 716509

Caretaker: David Park E: david@stpetersparish.info

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