



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 4th February 2024

HEADLINES

- **Children and Young People** – taking the lead in worship!
- **Unplugged Worship** – our worship leaders are taking over this Sunday's 6.30pm parish-wide service!
- **Ladies and Gentlemen** – lookout for Tasty Treats and Testimonies and Breakfast for Blokes.
- **Prayer for the Week** – Carolyn Rigby from Barrow Bridge reflects on Salt and Light.

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sun 4 Feb

It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning Service
10.20am	Lighthouse at Parish Centre
10.30am	Adult Service
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	Communion
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Rev. Alan writes...

Welcome to our new Newsletter!



Ever since I arrived as Vicar, I've dreamt of the opportunity to share more widely the stories and opportunities that take place week by week across our amazing parish! That's why I am so delighted to be launching a new format newsletter this week in a move away from simply giving notices towards sharing the good news of all that's going on. I hope you like it. I am hugely grateful to the behind-the-scenes efforts of Amanda Blease and Ben Latham.

The format is simple – some headlines and details of services on the front page, followed by news of what's been going on and details of what is coming up. There's more space to not only give details of what is happening, but also to explain why it's happening to give everyone more opportunity to understand how and why you should get involved. On the back page we continue with a weekly prayer, a summary of events coming up over the coming week, and details of ways you can connect with church.

I'm always keen for constructive feedback and ideas so please let us know what you think.

Carpet Appeal Launched

Last Sunday saw the launch of our appeal to raise £24,000 and we're asking people to consider sponsoring one or more carpets tiles at £15 each. Thank you to those who have already given, there are more details of ways to give and we will be keeping you updated on progress using our Carpet-O-Meter!

What's Gone On

Taking the Lead in Worship

There was a great sense of pride as children and young people stepped-up last Sunday to lead worship at St. Peter's



Worship for Everyone 10.30am service. Well done to them all and to the team working hard to teach and coach them. We look forward to the next opportunity. To get involved, contact any of St. Peter's Leadership team.

Carpet-O-Meter

106 TILES GREAT START!

St. Peter's Church
Carpet-O-Meter

HOW CAN WE ALL HELP?

- ❖ Give online: www.stpetersparish.info/carpet
- ❖ Give 'on the plate', or at the Parish Office
- ❖ Use an envelope marked 'NEW CARPET' cheques payable to 'St Peter's Halliwell'
- ❖ By BACS transfer
Details on the notice sheet and website

£15 per single tile / £60 per square metre

It's been a great start, thanks so much to everyone who has given so far! £1,596.97 raised in the first few days since we launched our fundraising appeal for a new carpet for our parish church at St. Peter's. That's 106 tiles or just over 6% of our target.

Anyone who has visited St Peter's will see how worn and tatty the carpet has become, which isn't surprising considering it is nearly 40-years old! The good news is we have gained planning permission, the PCC has selected a nice blue shade of carpet tile which is specially designed to allow wooden floors to breathe in old buildings, and the plan is to fit the new carpet tiles in early March.

The budget is £24,000 and we need to purchase 1,700 tiles, which equates to approximately £15 per tile, including fitting and preparation. And we can all help by purchasing a carpet tile or a number of tiles. One tile costs £15 and a square metre of 4 tiles costs £60. Here are the ways you can give:

- Give online: www.stpetersparish.info/carpet
- Give 'on the plate', or at the Parish Office
- Please put your gift in an envelope marked 'New Carpet'. Cheques payable to 'St. Peter's Halliwell'
- By BACS transfer (Ref: "Carpet") to 'St. Peters Church Halliwell PCC', Sort Code 16-00-06, Account No. 16734849. Please advise finance@stpetersparish.info if we can claim Gift Aid on your donation

So, have a think and pray, and consider how you could contribute to making our parish church more welcoming and enjoyable to meet in. If each of us contributes a little we will, together, cover the cost. Thank you so much!

Pais Team Update



After our training week with the National PAIS UK Team the third week in January, the PAIS Team started delivering new sessions in Canon

Slade. These sessions are held every Thursday lunchtime, under the theme "Next Level Faith". We talk about how faith brings hope and light into the dark and difficult times of life and how to overcome fears by being strong and courageous as God told Joshua to do. Through the sessions relationships with the students are getting stronger and the Team got to pray for individual students and the feedback from both students and teachers was more than positive! Pray for the next two sessions which are about friendship and believing in what we pray for.

In St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary we had 2 amazing lessons in Reception and Year 1 talking about how special every one of the children is, not because of the things they can do or what they look like but simply because God made



and loves them. The children had lots of fun listening to Punchinello's story, a wooden boy on his journey to not care about what others think of him but to be confident in who his creator made him to be, and stamping their unique fingerprints on their very own Identity Cards.

Every other Sunday we help lead "Time-Out", the kids club at Smithills Fellowship morning service. The theme is a journey through the Bible and what St. Peter's and Barrow Bridge are doing at their Lighthouse sessions.

There are lots of reasons to give thanks to God. The team has seen much growth in relationships with children and young people. Personally, we see growth in ourselves - we now fully see the purpose of what we are doing here. Praise be to the Lord! Pray that God keeps on moving in and through the team.

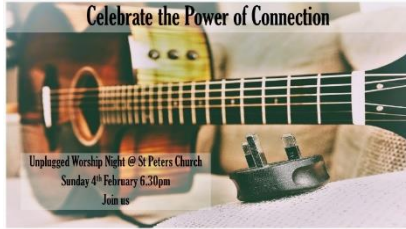
Especially pray for the Girls Discipleship Group (Year 9 and up) run by Gleise, Michelle and Lucy Hargraves, every other Monday night at the Parish Centre 7.30-9pm. We meet 5 Feb, then break for half term and start again on 26 Feb. Pray for the group and that more girls are interested in joining, that friendships are built and the girl's relationship with the Lord grows. **Thanks!**

Coming Up

Unplugged Worship

Sun 4 Feb 6.30pm,
St Peter's Church.

Unplugged Worship is a time to come and unplug yourself from the stresses and strains of life and spend time soaking in chilled out worship of God. A chance to listen to what God is saying to you or just spend time resting in his arms. Stand, sit, dance or just worship with us at 6.30pm. Songs old and new, there's something for everyone at Unplugged Worship.



Women's Ministry Social

Thu 8 Feb 7pm-9pm, Parish Centre. Come alone or with friends for an evening of tea, tasty treats, and testimonies—it really is so powerful to hear one another's stories of connecting with God. We'd love to see you there! More details from katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk.

Breakfast for Blokes on Tour

Breakfast for Blokes On Tour
FUN : FOOD : LIVE MUSIC : DARING DISCUSSIONS

8.30 - 11am SATURDAY 17th February 2024
ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE, 347 Church Rd, Bolton BL1 5RR

To book text Bob Fraser on 07840 741573
Email - bob.fraser@cvm.org.uk

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THEME:
Chasing the Wind

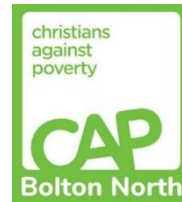
Sat 17 Feb 8.30am-11am, Parish Centre. 'Breakfast for Blokes on Tour' is organised by CVM (Christian Vision for Men) in the North West, which is headed up by Bob Fraser. During the last eighteen months the CVM team have visited a number of locations to put on an event for men which includes fun, food, live music, and small group discussions about life and faith. It's an ideal event to invite a friend to. Free entry, donations accepted (about £3.50). To book, text Bob Fraser 07840 741573 or email bob.fraser@cvm.org.uk.

Good News for Romania

Fri 1 Mar 7.30pm, Victory Reform Club, BL1 4JA. A GNfR Quiz Night with Quizmaster Dave Moffoot. Tickets £8.50 including potato pie and pea supper. Tickets from Kath Richardson on 01204 841906 or 07903 546008. Coming soon: GNfR Coffee Morning Sat 9 Mar 10am-12noon, Parish Centre.



CAP Easter Eggs



Our CAP Centre Manager, Sam, says: 'We would like to give our clients an Easter Egg and particularly one from the Meaningful Chocolate Co which are Fairtrade and include the Easter story. We'll buy these in bulk but would really appreciate any contributions from the church. They are £4.50 now per egg...please pass any money to Sam or the Parish Office. Thanks!' Samwolstencroft@capuk.org / 07934 716509

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2024



If you are interested in starting or completing your DofE this year, please contact Mark Rigby on MarkM TTL@gmail.com / 07965 329916

St. Peter's Leadership Team

Keep up to date with our plans - the minutes of the January meeting are on the notice board at the back of church (under the picture of the leadership team). If you have any questions or feedback the leadership would love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the team at church or email stpetersleaders@stpetersparish.info.

Prayer for the Week

Our prayer for this week comes from Carolyn Rigby at Barrow Bridge Mission, she writes...



'Matthew 5:13-16: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

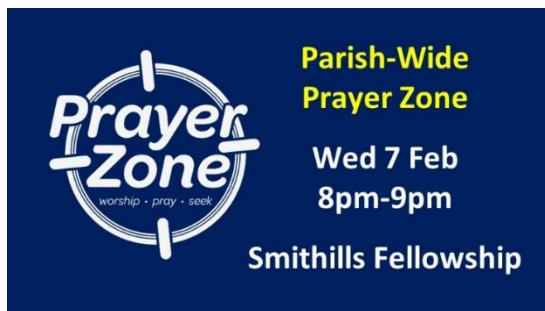
Last Sunday at Barrow Bridge we were thinking about these verses and how we can practically be salt and light to those around us in our schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods. Being part of a community and feeling as though we belong is so important to our well-being so this week we are going to focus our prayers on our community, whether that is the street we live in or a group we belong to.' **You can read her prayer on the back page.**

Stay Curious Try Alpha

Alpha Course
Each Wednesday, 8pm-9.30pm
Parish Centre
Sign-up
amanda@stpetersparish.info

Coming up this week

Mon 5 Feb		
10am-12pm 1.30pm-3.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Coffee Room Art Group Girl's Discipleship Group	Parish Centre
Tue 6 Feb		
9.45am-11.30am	TOTS Parent and Toddlers	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Tread Youth	Parish Centre
Wed 7 Feb		
10am-11.30am 8pm-9.30pm	Open Door Alpha Course	Parish Centre
9am	Hope at the Hub	St Andrew's
8pm-9pm	PrayerZone	Smithills
Thu 8 Feb		
10am-11am 7pm-9pm 8pm-9.30pm	Aerobics Women's Ministry Social Life Group	Parish Centre
10.30am-11.30am 11.30am-12pm	Oasis Coffee Morning Oasis Service	St Peter's Church
Fri 9 Feb		
10am-12pm 10.30am-12pm 8pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Stressbusters	Parish Centre
Sat 10 Feb		
9am-12pm	Interact	Parish Centre



PRAYER from Barrow Bridge Mission

Lord, we thank you for our town of Bolton, home to our Church family. Bless the people who are doing important work in our schools, hospital, food banks and other places that help our neighbours in Bolton. God, we ask for a flourishing community in whichever part of Bolton we each live, where neighbours learn to love each other and come to know Jesus.

We pray that we can be good stewards of Your love to each one of our neighbours. We ask that You help us to learn from our community, and it may be a place where all are welcomed. Lord, we think of those who feel lonely and isolated; may our four Churches be places of welcome and warmth.

We pray for those initiatives that get people together - from our toddler groups to the Coffee Room, Café on the Green, The Hub and so many more. We ask for your blessing on these initiatives that connect people and support them. Help us to be more understanding and friendlier towards those who attend these groups.

Lord, let your light shine in us.

Amen

Carolyn Rigby

Watch this music video 'Salt and Light'
by Lauren Daigle:
youtube.com/watch?v=v8hwt5TtZQ

KEEP CONNECTED

We'd love to keep you up to date with all our activities and events. Please contact Amanda at the Parish Office to find out more and get involved...

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