

## Prayers by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Centre Manager

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*'Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?' Isaiah 58 v 6*

- Praise God that he knows each of us intimately and cares deeply. His love knows no bounds. Pray that people would know their true worth, that they are loved and valued beyond measure, particularly those who have been led to believe that their value is reflected in the way society treats them.
- Pray for CAP clients to experience the love of God through the Debt Advisors and local churches who serve them.
- Pray for CAP's Debt Advisors as they tackle increasingly complex and emotionally taxing cases. Praise God for the way he is moving through organisations like CAP, providing the necessary support, hope and a way forward in this critical moment.

Praise God that there is hope, no matter how hopeless a situation may feel. He brings light where there is darkness and peace where there is chaos.

Father, as we bring to you what seems impossible to us, help us to remember your mighty power as we ask you to intervene in each person's broken situation and in each broken budget. Lead hearts to cry out to you, as we know you meet with those earnestly seeking you. We pray for the UK – expose what needs exposing, change what needs changing, strengthen and resource those standing for justice and freedom from oppression, and increase love in the hearts of all. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

**Please pray for: Christine Cocker.** E-mail [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto: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 2nd April 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes... WELCOME TO EASTER WEEK!**

I'm excited to celebrate my first Easter here as Vicar this coming week. It's the BEST Christian festival and a wonderful opportunity to draw close to God who gave all for us. Be sure to check our list of services below and join us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday evening will be a special parish-wide 6.30pm Easter service at St Peter's. This Sunday evening, I will be preaching on **New Responsibility**, looking at Philippians 2:12-18, it'll be great to see you there!

We've an exciting opportunity to host a mission visit with a team from The Message Trust's School of Evangelism from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (visit [www.message.org.uk](http://www.message.org.uk)). It's a fantastic international team of gifted young adults who will work with our young people and visit local schools delivering lessons on identity and purpose. To make this possible I'm looking for hosts to provide accommodation and food for 4 nights, can you help? Contact Amanda or myself, thanks!



**Parish-wide Easter Services: Today is Palm Sunday.** Our Easter services are:



**St. Peter's Church:** Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm and Good Friday at 10.30am and **Smithills Chapel:** Good Friday 2pm - 3pm. 'An Hour by the Cross'. A reflective service with readings and worship. **All welcome at all services.** Services will be held as usual in each of our churches on Easter Sunday.

**Bookstall in St. Peter's Church: Last day TODAY.** This bookstall has a selection of Easter resources (books, gifts, and Easter cards) from Isaiah 53, your local Christian bookshop. Please do take a look. Thank you for your support.

**Church Services Today:** 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: [https://youtube.com/live/WlOjoFh7Q\\_o](https://youtube.com/live/WlOjoFh7Q_o). Twinklers in the church lounge; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/Q1b4wr0soEc>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).

 **Lighthouse** (ages 4-13) St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am TODAY. Info from Ben on 07512 753201/[lighthouse@stpetersparish.info](mailto:lighthouse@stpetersparish.info)

**General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:** *Most activities are paused this week for the Easter holidays.*

**Monday 3rd:** 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info);  
**Thursday 6th:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;  
**Friday 7th:** 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.

**General Activities at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre):** *Activities are paused this week for the Easter holidays.*

**Easter Fun:** All are welcome to join Smithills Fellowship **NEXT Saturday (8th) between 1.30pm - 3.30pm** for a family event looking for Easter themed clues in gardens across the estate. Collect your clue card from 46 Redcar Road (BL1 6LG). Coffee and cakes available. **Donations in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support** gratefully received. *Val Perris is raising funds again this year for the invaluable work of Macmillan by selling chicks / bunnies filled with crème eggs. To donate, please see her Just Giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/val-perris>. Thank you.*



**Coronation Weekend, 6th-8th May 2023:** How can we celebrate the Coronation? Some ideas... **Saturday:** Invite friends, your Life Group, or someone who lives alone, over to your house to watch it together. **Sunday:** Join in with your fellowship's events after the church service (look out for details in notices). **Monday:** Have a day of 'acts of kindness' or research ways to volunteer as part of the national Big Help Out <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/> or locally here in Bolton: <https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/become-volunteer>

**Revision of the Electoral Roll (ER):** This list of names and addresses of our church membership is renewed every 6 years. Everyone listed on the ER is eligible to attend, and vote at, our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting taking place on 21st May**. In years when the ER is not renewed, it is updated with the names of any new members and those who are no longer members are taken off. **Anyone who is not already a member and wishes to be entered on the ER should fill out an application form**, available from church or the Parish Office. Revisions will be made from 9th—23rd April after which the updated ER will be published.

**St Peter's Art Group:** Ruth Robinson says 'I am looking for two people, a male and a female, to pose for figure drawing at the Art Group in the Parish Centre on the afternoon of **Monday 24th April**. Should you be free and happy to help, please will you contact me, Ruth, on 492637 or 07767 310 279. Thank you.'

**CAP Prayers:**

Please pray for our clients who will be receiving these Easter gifts in the next week, especially that they read the Christian content and are drawn towards Jesus.



**Quinta Fundraiser—'Really Awful**

**Orchestra' in concert:** A selection of music including film and TV themes, pop favourites, light classics, Latin and jazz. **Friday 28th April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.** Refreshments available. Tickets (£10) from Parish Office or Peter on 07848 818276.

**Quinta Fundraiser—Progressive meal:** **Only 12 tickets left!** Starting at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm (and ending no later than 10pm) on **Saturday 15th April**. Diners will enjoy a three course meal with each course in a different church member's home (and with different diners). Find out more at <https://stpetersparish.info/2023/02/22/progressive-meal/> and book on here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-V5Tw28ZrpfPCMMmbzV6REbB4-ZJXTX9CS\\_akG7q4/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-V5Tw28ZrpfPCMMmbzV6REbB4-ZJXTX9CS_akG7q4/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**Dreaming The Impossible (DTI):** Are you in Year 7 - 13? Then join us for DTI 2023! DTI is a 5 day Christian youth festival taking place from the 29th July - 3rd August. There is so much to do from late night music concerts to sports tournaments and even dodgems! It's 5 days away to spend time with friends and learn more about a relationship with Jesus. To see what we got up to last year, watch this video <https://youtu.be/-kJmwuYBcY0>. To find out more/book your place, please contact Kristen at [tread@stpetersparish.info](mailto:tread@stpetersparish.info). **The deadline for booking is the 28th April, so book on ASAP!**

