Prayer By Carolyn Rigby, Barrow Bridge Mission

'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.' John 15 12-17

Today we are going to focus our prayers on our relationships, whether they are at home with our spouse, with our family, immediate and extended, work colleagues, friends or neighbours. Relationships are some of the best and most beautiful parts of life, reflecting the heart of God in so many ways - reminding us of how loved we are and encouraging us in moments of weakness.

Dear God, give us wisdom on how to love our friends, neighbours and colleagues well. Show us how, when and where to erect boundaries, you are our shield and defender. Prompt us when we need to step up and get alongside those who are feeling anxious or weighed down by worries. Help us to love with a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Let your love cast out all fears and anxieties.

Lord we pray for relationships at home with our nearest and dearest, help us to have a greater understanding of one another so that we communicate clearly, enjoy time with one another and help us to love one another as Christ loves us unconditionally and respectfully. We pray for those who are struggling in a relationship we ask for peace and reconciliation and humility in seeking ways that are best for everyone involved. Help us to be Christ like in our forgiveness, Lord.

Lastly we pray for our relationship with God. We pray that we will grow into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with you, where we will grow in faith and hear the still small voice within my soul.

We ask these prayers in Jesus's name. 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 26th June 2022



Church Live! - Livestreaming of services: You are invited to ioin us for our service at 10.30am each Sunday Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at on https://www.stpetersparish.info to go straight to the service. Subscribe to https://www.voutube.com/StPetersHalliwell

Parish-wide services today: Everybody welcome.

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word: 10.30am Our all-age livestreamed service, here is the link: https://youtu.be/lt6pcNaQrUA. We continue our sermon series for June focussing on Stewardship. 6.30pm Worship and teaching. This is our Communion service. All welcome.

Our sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion), 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Mission Sunday).

World Focus Day in St. Peter's Church: NEXT Sunday (3rd July) at both the



10.30am and 6.30pm services, Dr Susanna from Poland, a Release International partner, will be speaking about the persecution of Christians in the West African country of Burkina Faso and how people are learning to lean on God in violent and terrifying circumstances. Collections at these services will go to support persecuted Christians.

Café on the Green: The next café will take place in St. Peter's Primary School on Saturday 9th July from **9.30am-2pm.** All welcome so come and join us for delicious food and good company. Proceeds to Operation Smile.



Parish-wide PrayerZone - worship, pray, seek: We hope you can join us for our next session at 8pm on Monday 11th July in Prayer the Parish Centre. This will be a dynamic hour of worship, prayer and seeking God. Everybody welcome. Pop the date in your diary.



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

Monday 27th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone, offering delicious home made cakes, tea and filter coffees; 10.30am Strength and Balance class. To book, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info.

Tuesday 28th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!

Wednesday 29th: 10am Open Door. Coffee until 10.20am. Programme discussion and update. All ladies welcome. For details, contact Sandra Lewis on 846490; **8pm-9.30pm Alpha.**

Thursday 30th: **10am Aerobics**. All welcome. Contact Paula for details on 07913 408141: 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. For details, contact janeheath@heathnet.plus.com / 07472 926650.

Friday 1st July: 10.30am Friday Life. All welcome. For details, contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. All welcome. For details, call Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 2nd: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. For more details, contact Emma or Lucy on 07896 724531

Youth update from Kristen, Youth Minister:

DofE Expeditions: Please pray for our young people doing their practice expeditions—the Silver one takes place **NEXT** weekend, 2nd and 3rd July.

Church, we need your help!: We have 10 young people we are taking to DTI this summer and have already raised £750! Can you please help us get to £1500 towards additional costs? To give a one off donation, see https://gofund.me/49af99d0.

Or you can attend one of fundraising events like this Parish Bake Sale! Please bring cash to donate, thank you.





Out and About Walk: Dave Moffoot says 'How about having a go at Pendle Hill? The next walk **NEXT Saturday (2nd)** takes us up this lovely hill. Yes, it's very steep at the beginning but we will go slowly and steadily up to see amazing views and then it's downhill and easy walking all the way back. It's 6 miles of adventure. You can do it - honest! Please meet at St. Peter's Church at 9am prompt'. For more details, contact Dave on 770994.



TOTS Parent and Toddler Group at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre): Meets on Tuesdays from 9.45am-11.30am (term-time only). For details and more info, please contact Julie Walsh on 07835 014470.

Public Lectures at Bolton Parish Church: The Right Revd. Chris Edmondson is giving his third public lecture focussing on the voice of faith communities in public life in the 21st century. Bishop Chris was Bishop of Bolton from 2008 - 2016 and continues to be a well-known and popular public speaker across the country. 'The transforming power of love in action' will take place NEXT Tuesday (28th) at **7.30pm**. Everybody welcome.

Recycling of ink cartridges: To help raise money for church funds, please continue to drop off your used ink cartridges in church and at the Parish Centre. Thank you.

