


Prayers by Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

With unrest and war plaguing our world today, as Christians, it should not only be our desire to pray for the world but also our responsibility. We need to pray for our world because we can, because it desperately needs our prayer and because it's good for our souls. Prayer not only changes things around us, it also changes things within us.

Dear God,
 Our world is torn with war and violence, we only have to look at what is happening in the Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine as well as many other places throughout the world.
 We pray that You will provide this troubled world with a peace that is only found in You. We pray for those who are suffering from the results of war and violence.
 We pray that You show mercy and provide them with both physical and mental healing. We pray for an end to these wars and acts of violence.
 We pray for Your redemption.
 We pray for an end to all of the division between individuals, groups, and nations.
 We pray for your healing.
 We pray for an end to all the trauma and hurt.
 We pray for your love to reign over all.
 Lord have mercy.
 In Jesus' name we ask You to act.
 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 5th November 2023

Rev. Alan writes... A Time to Pray

This week I want to highlight prayer – you can read on the back page Nigel Clarke's prayer for a world so much in need of peace. Nigel identifies one key effect of prayer – the impact it has on us, he says: **"Prayer not only changes things around us, it also changes things within us."** As you pray, be open to what God is saying to you and how you should act, perhaps you are part of the answer to the prayer you have prayed.

Ephesians 6:18—Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. There's never a wrong time to pray. Every occasion, good or bad or ordinary, turn your heart towards God.



And join us for our monthly parish-wide corporate prayer meeting: 'Prayer Zone' at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre), Johnson Fold next Wednesday 8th November, 8pm-9pm.

Across all our morning services we are continuing the theme of the **'I am'** saying of Jesus found in John's Gospel. At our 6.30pm parish-wide services at St. Peter's we are looking at some of the promises of God, this Sunday Stephen Brierley will be unpacking God's promise: **'to be with us'**, looking at Matthew 28 and Deuteronomy 31:8.



Sermon series looking at God's Promise...

- "to answer our prayers"
- "to love us unconditionally"
- "to be with us"
- "to provide for us"
- "to give us an eternal home"
- "to be faithful"
- "he formed us with intention and knows us intimately"

Seven Sayings in John's Gospel

I am the bread of life
 I am the light of the world
 I am the good shepherd
 I am the resurrection and the life
 I am the way, the truth, and the life
 I am the true vine
 I am!

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Service of Hope and Remembrance: An opportunity to remember our loved ones **NEXT Sunday (12th) at 2pm in St. Peter's Church.** Prayer, worship and a simple act of remembrance followed by refreshments. All welcome.



Parish Services: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/wzRnJgwQAGw>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/IV5GftWWVBs>.

Our sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge; 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).

Midweek service on Thursday 9th in St. Peter's Church: Refreshments from 10.30. Service 11.30am-12noon. All welcome. 



Lighthouse (Ages 4-13): TODAY in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am-11.45am. Contact Ben — 07512 753201/lighthouse@stpetersparish.info.

Regular Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre: Everybody welcome.

Monday 6th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info.

Tuesday 7th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Wednesday 8th: 10am-11.30am Open Door. All ladies welcome. God's Faithfulness—Florence Odonga. Contact Sandra on 846490.

Thursday 9th: 10am Aerobics. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900.; 8pm-9.30pm Alpha Course. Contact office@stpetersparish.info/599900.

Friday 10th: 10am-12noon Watercolour Classes. Contact Lucinda on 07977 821119; 10.30am Friday Life. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.


Saturday 11th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531.

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

Tuesday 7th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details. 


Wednesday 8th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities. 

Pilates Classes at Barrow Bridge Mission: A low impact, whole body practice to help improve posture, alignment, flexibility, energy and mobility. Pilates strengthens your core and can decrease pain. Physiotherapist-led classes are each **Wednesday morning and Thursday evening**. Contact Julie @ Phoenix Physiotherapy - (01204) 844449 - www.phoenix-physio.co.uk or chat with Ian Hart - 07975 898569.

Baptisms today: Please pray for the baptism of **Joey GREENHALGH** at 2pm in Smithills Chapel today. We thank God for the gift of this child and for his parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion. 

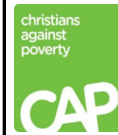


PrayerZone—worship. pray. seek: NEXT Wednesday (8th) at 8pm in St. Andrew's (Hope Centre). Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer.


Macmillan Coffee Morning at Oasis: All are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 16th November from 10am in St. Peter's Church. Donations of cake/preserves/ items for the bring and buy stall would be most welcome, thank you. Please contact Val Perris on 841387 or office@stpetersparish.info/599900. 

The Light of the World: This modern musical adaptation of the Christmas story (with choral songs, solos, duets and timeless bible readings) will be performed by **The Eden Singers in St. Peter's Church on Saturday 25th November at 2.30pm**. Tickets (£7, including refreshments) available from office@stpetersparish.info /599900.

Womens' Ministry Events: Renew for Women on Saturday 18th November from 10am-3.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. 'Crowned with Love and Compassion'. Tickets only £5 plus booking fee at www.ticketsource.co.uk/renew. Also, 'An Evening with Rob Parsons—Manchester' on Wednesday 30th November from 7.30pm-10pm. Info and tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-rob-parsons-manchester-tickets-634686433207>.



CAP Request: Thanks for your donations for advent calendars. We'd also really appreciate any nice boxes of 'smellies' for women/men and/or £5/£10 supermarket vouchers to give to families at Christmas (Aldi do 'orange' non-alcoholic ones online!). Please pass to Sam by 26th November ideally.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2023: Every year we support Urban Outreach's brilliant initiative to provide hampers to struggling individuals and families. This year, we have pledged to provide a huge **4000 cans of fizzy pop (330ml, any brand/flavour) from across the parish by 3rd December**. Please bring your cans to your church or the Parish Centre ASAP. *If you prefer, you can drop off cash donations at the Parish Office and we will buy the items on your behalf.* Alternatively, you can contribute directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24713>. Thank you for your support. 

Café Create: Last Friday's Musical Extravaganza in St. Peter's Church raised **£1010!** Thanks so much to all who supported it. Also, NEXT Saturday (11th) from 10am-4pm please pop along and start your Christmas shopping at the **FREE Creators N Makers Fayre at CreateBolton**, (Claremont House, Bark St, BL1 2AX). 