

## Prayers by Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Centre Manager

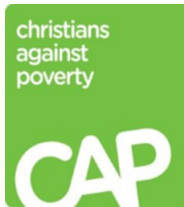
**“Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)**

A report from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) published in January of this year found that 13.4 million people are living in poverty in the UK. That’s around one in five of us – an alarming number. JRF’s research also showed that many of the most vulnerable groups continue to be at higher risk of living in poverty, including families receiving Universal Credit, people in social rented and private rented accommodation, and households including a disabled person or informal carer. Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Merciful Father, we lift up to you all those who are living in poverty in the UK right now. Bring them your peace, we pray. Change their lives in your perfect, incomprehensible way. Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Mighty God, we acknowledge that ending UK poverty is not something any one person or organisation can achieve alone, and so we pray today that you would unite those who can collectively make a difference. May your vision for your people be our compass. Amen.

Lord, thank you that you care about every person in every community, and that you long to see lives transformed. Help us to be a part of bringing about change, Father. We pray that one day there will be an end to poverty in the UK and globally. 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 17th September 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...**

**It's Quinta!** I am thrilled to be part of our first parish weekend away since before the pandemic and eagerly await all that God is going to do amongst us. Weekends away like this are a great opportunity to build and deepen friendships, which in turn strengthen the church, and so often it is when we are away that we have powerful and life-changing encounters with God. Throughout the weekend I will be speaking on the theme of **'My Church'**, picking up on the resurrected Jesus' dialogue with his disciple Simon Peter where he reinstated him as Peter, the rock on which I will build **'My Church'** (Matthew 16:18). Jesus is the only one who can truly say **'My Church'** as he bought it with his blood. So, we will be exploring what Jesus meant when he said **'My Church'** and what this means for us now. I want to offer huge thanks to the planning team, especially Sam and Cath, who have done an incredible job of fundraising and organisation for what I am sure will be a wonderful weekend. Pray with me that everyone will have a lovely time and will grow in their faith, knowledge, and wisdom.



**Pais-Pals** Michelle and Gleise have had a fantastic first week with us and have been blown away by the wonderful welcome they have received. They have had visits to Canon Slade High and St. Peter's Primary schools and are already preparing to start regular sessions. To help them we need to build a support team – people willing to give them lifts, daytime and evenings, have them round for a meal, take them on an outing, and pray for them – if you can help, please sign-up with Amanda in the office and she will follow up with requests as needed.




Will you be a pal  
of the Pais team?  
Sign-up today



**AYF Uganda Choir and Band Mission Visit: Monday 16th – Thursday 26th October**  
Dates are now fixed and planning for school's visits and mission events is underway. Climax of the visit will be a fabulous **Praise Night on Sunday 22nd October, 6.30pm at St Peter's**, be sure to book it in your diary and invite your friends. Help is urgently needed, especially for people to host a choir member, also to provide transport and contribute to the costs of the mission visit. Please contact Amanda.

**Church Services today in the Parish: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am** Service of the Word; **10.30am** Morning service. Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/6h0dbYMrY34>; **6.30pm** Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk <https://youtube.com/live/sZXrrs8Qaiw>. **Our sister churches:** *No service at Smithills Fellowship but all welcome at our other services;* **10.30am** Barrow Bridge (Café Church) and **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

 **Midweek service on Thursday 21st in St. Peter's Church:** Oasis. Refreshments from 10.30. Service from 11.30am-12noon. All welcome.

### General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

**Monday 18th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room.** This cafe is *open to everyone*; **9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Age UK's Strength and Balance class** is closed until 2nd October; **1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group.** All welcome. Contact [ruthrobinson293@gmail.com](mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 19th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All welcome;** **7.30pm-9pm TREAD.** Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

**Wednesday 20th: 10am-11.30am Open Door.** All ladies welcome. Bible discussion—Rev. Alan Saunders. Contact Sandra on 846490.

**Thursday 21st: 10am Aerobics.** Contact Paula on 07913 408141; **1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group.** For info, contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/599900; **2pm-4pm Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers** (see details opposite).

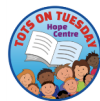
**Friday 22nd: 10.30am Friday Life.** Everyone welcome. Contact [denis.collier@gmail.com](mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com); **8pm Stressbusters.** Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

**Saturday 23rd: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts.** Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

**Tuesday 19th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group.** Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

**Wednesday 20th: From 9am The Hub.** Drop-in session. A warm welcome, friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities awaits.



**New Watercolour Classes:** Starting in the Parish Centre on **Friday 29th September**, from 10am-12noon. 4 week course for £36. For details, please contact Lucinda 07977 821119/ [lucysembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:lucysembroidery@gmail.com). Professional tuition (over 20 years teaching experience). Learn new skills and meet new people. All welcome.

**Do Lunch, Do Life:** Following the 10:30am service in **St. Peter's Church NEXT Sunday (24th)**. All welcome. Food provided, suggested donation £1 per person. Please let Janette know ASAP if you can help on the day or bake a cake! [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com)/ 07982 035706.

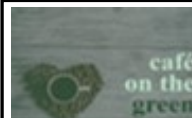
**Friendship Group for those with Dementia and their Carers: NEXT Thursday (21st), 2pm-4pm** in the Parish Centre Lounge. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. Come and join us. For details, call Joan on 01204 840180.

**Good News for Romania:** The very brave Megan Simister is doing the Infinity Bridge Challenge **NEXT Saturday (23rd)** to raise funds for GNfR. To sponsor her, please let her or Dave and Kath Richardson know.



**Bolton Home for Good Support Group:** This group for adopters, foster and kinship carers and their families will next meet on **Saturday 30th September from 12.30pm-2pm** in **St. Peter's Parish Centre**. All welcome to come along for a bring and share lunch, chill out or chat and supervised activities. For more info, contact Fiona on 07786 844141.



 **Café on the Green:** Taking place in St. Peter's Primary School on **Saturday 7th October from 9.30am - 2pm**. All welcome. Join us for delicious food and good company. *Proceeds to Operation Smile.*

**Young musicians and singers needed** to join our worship bands across the parish. Nominated representatives and mentors in each church will guide and nurture their young talent in our services. **We will be holding sessions with Rob and Sue Wilding where the young people can come together from across the parish and have fun through music and worship.** If you are a young person who wants to be involved in our services or a parent with a talented young person, please contact Karen Farrar on 07791 261265/[karenrob.farrar@gmail.com](mailto:karenrob.farrar@gmail.com) to register interest.

**High School Form Signings for 2024 Admissions:** Church supplementary forms will be signed on **Wednesday 11th October** in **St. Peter's Parish Centre from 6.30pm-9.30pm**. In order to attend, you must book a timed slot by contacting the Parish Office—[office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info)/ 599900. You will need to provide your child's name, a parent's name, contact details and state which church service you attend.

**Women's Ministry Film Night:** Taking place on **Friday 20th October** at **Barrow Bridge Mission** from 7pm. Tickets £1 (to cover refreshments), please speak to Katie Leaver, Megan Simister, Rachel Cowling or the Parish Office for film details (15 certificate) and to book in. We'd love to see you there!