

## Prayers by Carolyn Rigby on behalf of Barrow Bridge Mission

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' Acts 2 (NIV)

Lord, I am reminded of the lyrics of the worship song "Way Maker": 'Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, that is who you are, Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop working.'

I am certain that for many of us we need this type of reminder about the reality of the Holy Spirit. Lord, you challenge us at Pentecost. Do we really believe that this was a once-in-eternity experience, that the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose?

Lord, as we meet together and remember that first Pentecost, may it be for us a moment of empowerment, an awareness of your glory in this dark world.

We pray that you will make your presence known in our parish, our town and our country. Fill our outstretched hearts with your spirit, strengthen us and inspire us. Renew those hearts that have grown cold with flames of fire so that we might be the Church you desire. We ask this 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

**Sunday 28th May 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...** Thanks to everyone who joined us for our parish-wide annual meeting last Sunday, I was thrilled by the magnificent turnout and greatly encouraged by the buzz of enthusiasm. I said in my review of the year talk how fantastic it is that we are 'alive and kicking' and flourishing as a parish. I am eagerly anticipating a bright future as we strengthen our leadership teams and develop our vision. I also said how grateful Ruth and I have been for the wonderful welcome and support we've received since moving back to Bolton last September. It's not been the easiest of seasons for us in many ways but we both share a strong sense that things are coming together.



I am hugely grateful and tremendously proud of everyone who has served our parish so faithfully and ask that we all hold our PCC members, wardens, officers and Deanery Synod Reps in our prayers. They are: **Secretary:** Carolyn Rigby, **Church Wardens:** Elian Winstanley and Phil Weaver, **Deanery Synod Reps:** Peter Caffrey, Dave Cieszynski, Joan Johnson. **Parish Reps:** Dan Caffrey (Barrow Bridge), Helen Stainthorpe (Smithills), Diane Ball (St. Andrew's), Linda Foster (St. Peter's). **Elected Members:** Amanda Blease, Paul Gray, Cath Hargraves (**Treasurer**), Brian Johnson, Steve Johnson, Malcolm Peake, Chris Saunders, Dave Starkie, Steve Walsh and Chris Ward.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we remember the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit who filled the disciples with power to take the good news of the Kingdom to the world. I pray that God will fill us all with power to continue His Kingdom Mission. We are joined by Daniel Munayer from Musalaha in Jerusalem. He will be speaking at our 10.30am service and 6.30pm parish-wide service, both at St. Peter's this Sunday.

**Today is World Focus Sunday:** Daniel Munayer, Executive Director of Musalaha - one of our long-standing mission partners - is speaking at both the 10.30am and 6.30pm services in St. Peter's Church. **There will also be an opportunity to buy Olive Wood products after all St. Peter's services today.** Please speak to Elaine or Phil Weaver for more info.



### Church services across the parish today: Pentecost Sunday

**St. Peter's Church:** 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/78gp2TRPwgo>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/mVeNcvDq0M>. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Communion); 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's.

**General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:** *This week is half term so most activities are taking a pause.*

**Monday 29th:** Bank Holiday Monday so no activities today.  
**Thursday 1st June:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141;  
**Friday 2nd June:** 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.  
**Sunday 4th June:** 10.20am -11.45am Lighthouse (Ages 4-13) Contact Ben on 07512 753201/[lighthouse@stpetersparish.info](mailto:lighthouse@stpetersparish.info) for info.



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

**Tuesday 30th:** TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Closed for half term. Re-opens 13th June.

**Wednesday 31st:** From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.

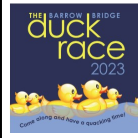


**St. Paul's Halliwell Celebratory Concert - 175 years:** Taking place on **Thursday 22nd June at 7pm**, performed by The Eden Singers and St. Thomas' School Choir. Hear about all the history of the church and events of that era. Tickets (£7 including refreshments) from West Bolton Team tel. 843060. All welcome.



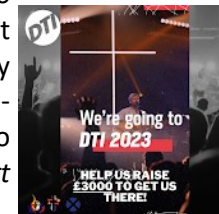
**PrayerZone- worship. pray. seek:** Our next session is at **8pm Wednesday (NB: new day) 7th June at St. Andrews (Hope Centre)**. Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*

**Out and About Walk:** The next walk is **NEXT Saturday (3rd June)** to Brindle and Wheelton, 7 miles and moderate. Leave 9.30am from outside St. Peters Church, with a packed lunch. Contact Jane Heath for more info on 07472 926650/[janeheath@heathnet.plus.com](mailto:janeheath@heathnet.plus.com).



**Barrow Bridge Duck Race: TODAY (28th) at 1pm.** Come along and have a quacking time—guaranteed to be a lot of fun! Ducks are £1, enter as many as you like. Modest prizes for the winner of each race.

**Dreaming the Impossible (DTI):** This summer we are teaming up with Christ Church Pennington to take our young people to this 5 day, life changing Christian festival. **DTI aims to inspire them in their faith and walk with Jesus but comes at a cost and we need your support for it to happen!** We want to raise £3000 to help cover the cost of leaders' tickets and transport and subsidise the cost of food and any families struggling to pay the full ticket price. During June and July we will be doing fundraising events but for info or to give a one-off donation, go to <https://stpetersparish.info/young-people-dti-2023/>. *Any support you can give is greatly appreciated, thank you.*



**Tread Youth Club:** If you are currently in Year 6 and about to head into Year 7 in September, then we would love to invite you to our parish wide youth club, Tread. We meet **every Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9pm** at St Peter's Parish Centre. Tread is a place where you can hang out with friends, have fun and learn more about a relationship with Jesus! We have sports, games, a tuck shop, space to chill in the den and have even been known to do baking, karaoke nights and go on lots of cool trips! If you'd like to find out more, please contact the Tread team at [tread@stpetersparish.info](mailto:tread@stpetersparish.info) or just rock up for the first Tread after half-term on **Tuesday 6th June**, we would love to welcome you into the Tread family.



**Fundraisers for Good News For Romania:** On **Saturday, 10th June**, Rev. Alan, Ben Latham, Suzanne and Jack Guy are walking across the (very scary) Infinity Bridge at Honister slate mine. To sponsor them, please contact them, Dave or Kath or email [davidandkath@hotmail.com](mailto:davidandkath@hotmail.com). Also, on **Saturday 1st July from 4.30pm-6.30pm**, at Café Create there is an afternoon tea dance, with music and song from Geoff and Yvonne Irwin. Tickets are £25 per person and all proceeds will go to GNfR. To book, email [createoperationsmanager@gmail.com](mailto:createoperationsmanager@gmail.com). *Thank you.*



**Renew for Women:** Taking place on **Monday 12th June** at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. 7.15pm refreshments for a 7.45pm start. "Free to Be" by speaker Cath Taylor, Ellel Ministries. No need to book—just turn up! For more info, email [renew@rossendalecofe.church](mailto:renew@rossendalecofe.church). *If you want to explore the possibility of car sharing to/from this event, contact [amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info)*