#### Prayer By Sam Wolstencroft, CAP Centre Manager

'Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.' Isaiah 40:26



These verses speak out the truth of just how BIG God is and yet we know he cares about our prayers and petitions, and the minutae of our lives – and the lives of our CAP clients. "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." God takes the time to keep up with how many hairs we have—now that's a God of detail!

Father God, thank you that we can come to you with all our worries and concerns – both for ourselves and for others. Thank you for the ministry of Christians Against Poverty in this community of Bolton and we pray for each other as we support the work of CAP in different ways. We thank God for the generosity of his people, both in time and money.

We pray for CAP's frontline workers and volunteer befrienders as they build friendships with the parents and carers working with CAP. May they provide a source of valuable support and demonstrate the heart of God in everything they do.

We pray for our CAP Money team as they plan for the year ahead. As the Cost of Living crisis unfolds we thank you for this resource which helps people to manage their money well. We pray for more churches to consider delivering the course.

Father God we thank you for your faithfulness. Everything we do is ultimately for you. We want to see the name of Jesus lifted high and every knee bowed before you. We ask you to guide us in this mission, so that we may approach it with grace and sensitivity as well as passion and commitment. **Amen.** 

Please pray for: Enid Kettle *E-mail* 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 28th August 2022



<u>Church Live! - Livestreaming of services:</u> You are invited to join us for our service at 10.30am each Sunday on Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at <a href="https://www.stpetersparish.info">https://www.stpetersparish.info</a> to go straight to the service. Subscribe to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell">https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell</a>

## Parish-wide services today: Everybody welcome.

**St. Peter's Church: 8.30** Service of the Word; **10.30am** Our livestreamed service, here is the link: <a href="https://youtu.be/yNmX55vqdkg">https://youtu.be/yNmX55vqdkg</a>. We continue 'Being Community' - part 2 of our new sermon series providing an overview of the whole Bible. **6.30pm** Worship and teaching with Holy Communion. All welcome. This is the last in our sermon series based on selected passages from the book of Revelation—'Faithfulness in Testing Times'.

**Our sister churches: 10.30am** Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship—joint service at Barrow Bridge with Holy Communion. **10.30am** St. Andrew's.

# Announcement from our Youth Minister, Sarah Saxon: "After 7 and a half



years serving in the parish, I am really sad to announce that I will be leaving the role of Youth Minister in September. I had been so looking forward to getting back into the role after maternity leave, but I have had a fantastic opportunity come up working for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a charity that I'm passionate about and that has a significant positive impact on young people's lives. It's been an incredible 7 years, and

I'm thrilled that Paul and I and our girls will continue to worship and live in the parish. Thank you to all those that support the youth ministry and have supported me personally in this role – please do watch the video that I have filmed detailing this a little more specifically. What an honour it has been to work with the young people here and be a part of the legacy of youth ministry in St. Peter's Parish. I'm excited to see what God has in store for the youth and children's ministry in future."

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

Please note, most of our activities are still taking a break for the summer holidays.

<u>Monday 29th</u>: *NB: No Strength and Balance session as it is a Bank Holiday*. The next session will be in the Parish Centre on **Monday 5th September.** 

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

### Youth update from Sarah Saxon, Youth Minister:



Congratulations to all those who have received A Level and GCSE results these last two weeks — well done! Thinking of those who may feel disappointed, that you would find hope and know your identity is more than exam results.

Please pray for our young people preparing for university and for the Fusion Student – Link Up course running this week, to help prepare them for life and faith at university.

<u>Help needed</u>: The Well Toddler Group at the Parish Centre is flourishing! We have 17 children plus parents coming along every Thursday afternoon (term-time only). We really need your help! Do you have time from 1.15pm - 2.45pm to prepare and serve refreshments for this important ministry area? If so, please contact Jane Heath on 07472 926650 (or Amanda in the Parish Office on 599900) for more information. *Thank you for your support*.

'If Prison Walls Could Speak': This Artless Theatre Company production, in conjunction with Release International, will take place on Saturday 17th

**September at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church**. It is a true story of resilience, espionage and faith from the heart of the persecuted church, based on the book 'Imprisoned with Isis' by Petr Jasek. To reserve tickets (£5), contact the Parish Office—599900/office@stpetersparish.info





<u>'Do Lunch...Do Life' in St. Peter's Church:</u> Everyone is welcome to join us for our next 'Do Lunch, Do Life' after the 10:30am service on **Sunday 11th September.** Food is provided—there is a suggested donation of £1 per person. Please let Sam know ASAP if you can help on the day with serving/tidying etc or if you can bake a cake! *Thank you*.

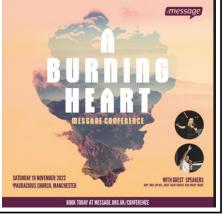
**Florence Smethurst**: We are sorry to inform you that Florence passed away on Saturday 6th August, aged 98 years. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time. Please note, her funeral will be held in St. Peter's Church on **Friday 2nd September at 11am** followed by a burial in the graveyard and refreshments in the church lounge. *All welcome*.

Out and About Walk: The next walk takes place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This will be from Appley Bridge up to Ashurst Beacon and back, 6 miles and moderate. For those who'd prefer a short and easy 'family friendly' walk there is the option of walking along a canal tow path, with the main walkers, before they branch off to walk up to the beacon. Meet outside St. Peters Church to set off at 9 am. The main walkers will need a packed lunch but for those on the easy walk, packed lunch is optional - there are shops, cafes, and a playground in Parbold which is a short walk further on. For further details, speak with Rick or Jane Heath (07472 926650).



Prayer Zone: Parish-wide PrayerZone - worship. pray. seek: "Prayer is where the action is." John Wesley. If you want to be where the action is, join us for our next session on Monday 12th September at 8pm at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre) for a dynamic hour of worship, prayer and seeking God. Everybody welcome.

Message Conference: This is taking place on Saturday 19th November at Audacious Church, Manchester. It will be a full day of worship from The Message worship band and powerful teaching from Dr Amy Orr-Ewing, Andy Hawthorne, Sam Ward and Ben Jack during which we will be challenged about what it means to have A Burning Heart for God. Make sure to get your EARLY BIRD tickets before NEXT Wednesday, 31st August at message.org.uk/conference.



**Pop Up Cinema in St. Peter's Church:** Do come and join us at **2pm NEXT Thursday (1st September)** when we will be screening a recent Disney film! **FREE admission**. Refreshments will be available. For info and film details, contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103. *All welcome—young, old and in-between!* 

