

Prayer By Chris Winstanley on behalf of St. Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Prayer for schools

Father God,

We thank you that you love us and care about every part of our lives, and that you are with us in every situation wherever we are.

We ask that you will bring peace and calm to each classroom and office in school as we start the New Year.

Be with the teaching staff; give them wisdom, creativity and discernment.

We pray that the children will have peace as they go to school, and that they will have fun being with their friends as they learn.

We pray that your healing power would be poured out to children, members of staff and their families who are ill, that their symptoms would be mild and that they may make a speedy recovery.

We ask that you will give wisdom to our headteachers and senior leaders as they make decisions for their schools.

We also thank you for our school Governors and for the work they do to provide support for our Headteachers and schools.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour,

Amen



Please pray for: (no names at present) 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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Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name



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 8th January 2023

Rev. Alan writes... AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD! Happy New Year!

There are some great opportunities coming up that I am excited to inform you about.

First, we launch our verse for the year at all services this Sunday, be sure to take away a copy of the text card and display it somewhere prominent as an ongoing reminder and encouragement. I am praying that as we all hope in the Lord, we will receive strength to soar like eagles.



Second, we had a superb Christmas collection for our new Pais team who join us in February, thank you so much. Please join me in praying for the team as they prepare to travel, especially for Visas. I'll be sharing ways in which you can get involved in supporting the team soon.

KINGDOM WISDOM

Third, next week we are launching a new six-week Sunday morning sermon series called **Kingdom Wisdom**, drawing on the wisdom of Solomon found in the Book of Proverbs.

Fourth, we are planning a week of prayer from Sun 29 Jan to Sun 5 Feb. We will launch it at all services on 29 Jan and it will include: a daily prayer guide for everyone, special prayer meetings in every fellowship, a virtual 24-7 prayer room to sign up to pray at home or with a group, an invite for anyone to grab the opportunity to organise an ad-hoc prayer event or walk, and a grand finale at our parish-wide 6.30pm service at St Peter's on 5 Feb. Contact Linda Foster to get involved.

Fifth, we are launching our parish-wide weekend away at the sensational Quinta conference centre in Shropshire. Take a look and make a booking to secure a place on what promises to be a fabulous experience for us all.

I look forward to seeing you at our services over the coming weeks, and especially encourage you to join us for our parish-wide 6.30pm services at St Peter's each Sunday - next week we resume our **Kingdom Values** sermon series learning from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Church services today: St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am All-age service. Livestream: <https://youtu.be/3xssTqumd-c>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching; **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Café Church).

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

Monday 9th: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 10.30am Strength and Balance class (FULL). To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info;

Tuesday 10th: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Thursday 12th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. All welcome. Contact Jane on 07472 926650/janeheath@heathnet.plus.com;

Friday 13th: 10.30am Friday Life. All welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. All welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 14th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

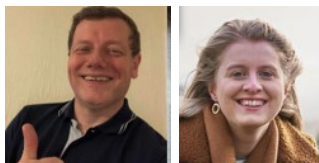
Tuesday 10th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

Wednesday 11th: 9am-1pm The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Curry Nights with St. Peter's guest speakers!: Taking place on Monday 16th

January at 7.30pm, a 'Ladies Curry Night' with guest speaker Kristen Allen and a 'Blokess Curry Night' on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm with guest speaker Alan Saunders! Set menu for £18. Taking place at Achari (near Sainsburys), 148-152 Crook Street, Bolton, BL3 6AS. Contact Jonathan on 07753 427329 ASAP to book your seat / blokescurrynight@outlook.com. Everybody welcome!



PrayerZone- worship. pray. seek: Our next session is at 8pm TOMORROW (9th) at St. Andrews (Hope Centre). Please join us for an hour of dynamic prayer. *Everybody welcome.*



Pais Team and Christmas Offering: Here are our new Pais team who will join us in



early February 2023 — Ilukena and Simone from Zambia and Manka'a from Cameroon. Pais is an amazing movement that for over 30 years has been enabling young adults from across the world to work as missionaries with local churches. Pais currently has teams in 16 countries on 6 continents. Visit: www.paismovement.com.

This year's Christmas offering, which is supported by our National and International Ministries (NIMS) group, was in aid of sponsoring a team of three Pais youth work apprentices to join us here in Bolton. **The amount raised so far is around £1175 so many thanks to everyone who contributed to this.** This will enable the team to run regular sessions in local high and primary schools, plan and deliver outreach events, and assist and develop our own church-based children's and youth groups. *If you would like to contribute to this offering, donations can be made in church or envelopes with cheques made payable to 'St. Peter's Halliwell' or cash can be posted through the letterbox at St. Peter's Parish Centre, 347 Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5RR. Alternatively, click on this link to go directly to the NIM giving page on our website: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12903>. Thanks for your support.*

Parish Weekend Away: Quinta goes live! A fantastic weekend away for the whole church family from Friday 15th – Sunday 17th Sept! Find out more, and book on, via the website: <https://stpetersparish.info/quinta-2023-booking> or simply scan this QR code. Alternatively pick up a paper booking form in each church from today.



15 Days of Prayer for the Buddhist World: This annual initiative takes place from



8th January to 22nd January 2023 (to coincide with Chinese New Year). If you would like to learn about, and pray, for the Buddhist World, each day of prayer will be uploaded to our website—www.stpetersparish.info. If you require a paper copy, prayer guides will also be available at the back of church or from the Parish Office.

Church supplementary form signing for primary school admissions 2023:

This takes place NEXT Thursday (12th) from 6.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Book your slot ASAP by contacting office@stpetersparish.info / 599900.