

## Prayers by Hilary Peake, St. Peter's Church

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."* Isaiah 40 v 31

### HEROES

We are hearing about Old Testament Heroes in our morning services, where God meets his people in their everyday lives to do extraordinary things. At the moment I'm following Pete Greig's Facebook podcasts\* of his pilgrimage from Iona to Lindisfarne highlighting the lives of Christians who brought God's word to the many remote areas. It's funny and challenging. Heroes of our past. One of the many quotes says this: "I will only meet two types of people, those who need an invitation to embrace the mystery of faith and Christians whose faith I can strengthen."

So here's a challenge. How can we be Heroes in our ordinary everyday lives?

### PRAYERS

This week...would you? Could you? Take this challenge! Wherever you work, study, shop, play, travel. Pray silently for those around you, whether you know them or not, that they would know how much God loves them. Ask a blessing for them. Thank God for his love. God knows their needs. You may be the first person who has ever prayed for them or be part of their journey of faith.

\*<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/aidansway>

*Pete Greig's special series of Lectio 365 involves spending three weeks travelling 300 miles, following in the footsteps of the 7th century Celtic saint Aidan and exploring how, in a contemporary context, we can know Christ and make Him known today.*

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**St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship**  
**One Parish—One Church—One Vision**

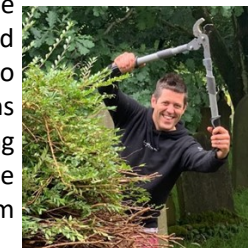
**Sunday 9th July 2023**

**Rev. Alan writes...**



I've been thinking a lot about **'building'** this week. Anyone who knows me will know I'm a practical guy and love a bit of DIY, I started my working life as a signals and telecoms engineer on the railway. I'm enjoying working with our newly formed Buildings and Maintenance team and we are prioritising some key areas for improvements. Some involve spending money from our limited funds, and some cost very little as we are using the skills, time, and energy we have.

In recent weeks we've seen the gents' urinals in St. Peter's renewed - you may have noticed the nasty smell has gone! The damaged driveway to the Parish Centre has been resurfaced. We've held two Saturday morning working parties to maintain the gardens around the Parish Centre and St. Peter's Church and jet-washed the Parish Centre steps and ramp. A new large TV screen is purchased and ready to install at Barrow Bridge Mission. Plans are afoot to resurface the main driveways at St. Peter's and improve the paths from the church car park to church. We're also looking at replacing the old carpet in St. Peter's and dreaming about ways to improve the quality and functionality of the building. It feels like momentum is building and we are pulling together effectively as a team!



Building is a key part of our call as Christians – indeed our 6.30pm parish-wide sermon series is about **Building a People of Faith**. Ultimately all these activities, be they practical work or growth in our faith as disciples, form part of our call to build the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven.

So, here's an appeal – will you join our movement to build the Kingdom of God? Consider how your time, talents and treasure can be used for this mission and speak to me or one of our leaders about ways to get involved. And join us if you can for our next working party at St. Peter's on **Saturday 22nd July, 9.30am-12.30pm**.

**Parish Bake Sale Coming Soon:** Taking place after all the services across the parish on **Sunday 23rd July**. Raising funds to take our young people to DTI (Dreaming the Impossible Christian youth festival) this summer. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.



### Church services across the parish today:

**St. Peter's Church:** 8.30am Service of the Word with Communion; 10.30am Morning service. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/yF1jLM8CkoY>; 6.30pm Worship and teaching. Livestream of reading and talk: <https://youtube.com/live/04ySR6zji1M>; **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship; 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Café Church).

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

**Monday 10th:** 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is open to everyone; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. These classes are FULL. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/[amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info);  
**Tuesday 11th:** 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 13th:** 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900;  
**Friday 14th:** 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 15th:** 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531

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

**Tuesday 11th:** 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group. Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

**Wednesday 12th:** From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



**Bolton Deanery Summer Praise:** Come along to see and hear the new Bishop of Bolton, Rev. Dr. Matthew Porter, **THIS Thursday (13th) at 7.30pm** at Bolton Parish Church. Hosted by Bolton Central Mission Community. All welcome.

**Midweek Service at St. Peter's Church:** We would like to explore the possibility of running a midweek service at St Peter's. We recognise that not everyone can come to church on a Sunday and a midweek service might be an alternative option and perhaps also provide an additional respite for some of our community. We would like to form a small team to consider this and possibly plan for it. If you would like to be part of this planning group please speak to either Alan Saunders, Helen Johnson or myself - Liz Nicholls ([liznicholls@gmail.com](mailto:liznicholls@gmail.com)). Thank you.



**Baptisms:** Please pray for Harry PENDLEBURY, Avery FISHER and Nathan GILLIGAN who are being baptised TODAY (9th) at 2pm in St. Peter's Church. We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

**Canon Slade Parents/Supporters Prayer Evening:** Taking place in Canon Slade School Chapel **THIS Tuesday (11th) from 6.30pm-7.30pm**. Paul Saxon, School Chaplain, says 'We would love as many parents/wider Christian community connected with Canon Slade to join in praying for the school/staff/students and to encourage one another for an hour. This is also open to parents of Year 6 children who are joining Canon Slade in September. We look forward to seeing you in school!'

**Good News for Romania Fundraiser: THIS Friday (14th) and Saturday (15th) at**



**7.30pm in the Parish Centre** there is a performance of the hilarious one act play 'A Man of Letters' starring our very own Ben Latham! Book your tickets (£10 (incl. refreshments and a potato pie supper, vegetarian option on request) from the Parish Office, Ben on 07512 753201 or direct at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gnfr/e-rzmgga>.

**Friendship Group for those with Dementia and Carers:** Taking place **THIS Thursday (13th—one week earlier than usual) from 2pm-4pm**. We will meet at 2pm this time in the café in Moss Bank Park. Come and join us. Info from Joan on 840180.

**Ordinations:** Many congratulations and blessings to **Beth Bird** (nee Johnson), ordained Deacon, and **Josh Openshaw**, ordained Priest, at Manchester Cathedral last weekend. Beth and Josh grew up attending St. Peter's so this is wonderful news. Please keep them in your prayers.



**Group booking for Spring Harvest at Butlins Skegness 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024:**

**Early bird booking discount ends 31st July 2023!** Join us for a parish-wide holiday packed full of inspiration, a safe space to find spiritual refreshment, hear God's voice and be inspired to make a difference. Contact our Group Organiser, Ruth Saunders, at [springharvest@stpetersparish.info](mailto:springharvest@stpetersparish.info) for info/booking or for more details visit: [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org).  SPRING HARVEST

**Curry Nights coming up soon:** Taking place at 7.30pm at Achari (near Sainsburys), 148—152 Crook Street, Bolton, BL3 6AS. Ladies Curry Night on **Monday 17th July** — contact Nicola on 07753 427329 ASAP and Blokes Curry Night on **Tuesday 18th July** — contact Jonathan on 07753 427329 / [blokescurrynight@outlook.com](mailto:blokescurrynight@outlook.com) ASAP. With inspirational guest speakers. Set menu £18. (The Way Church, Bolton)