



## Double Edition: Sundays 26 October and 2 November 2025

## HEADLINES

- Jubilee School Millenium Project
- ...*plus* lots of events coming up!
- Prayer for the Week from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

*Read on to find out more...*

## SERVICES

**Sun 26 Oct**

**Sun 2 Nov**

***It's Lighthouse week!***



## ST PETER'S CHURCH

|         |                                                                                                             |
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| 8.30am  | <b>No service today</b> (26 Oct)<br>Morning service (2 Nov)                                                 |
| 10.20am | Lighthouse at Parish Centre (2 Nov)                                                                         |
| 10.30am | <b>All-age service in Parish Centre, not church today</b> (26 Oct)<br>*Adult service with Twinklers (2 Nov) |
| 6.30pm  | *Parish-wide service (26 Oct and 2 Nov)                                                                     |

## SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

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| 10am | Family service (26 Oct)<br>Morning service with Lighthouse (2 Nov) |
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## BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

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| 10.30am | All-age Harvest service (26 Oct)<br>Morning service with Lighthouse (2 Nov) |
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## ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

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| 10.30am | Morning service (26 Oct)<br>Morning service with Communion (2 Nov) |
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\*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'

**Rev Alan writes...**

## The Jubilee School Millenium Project

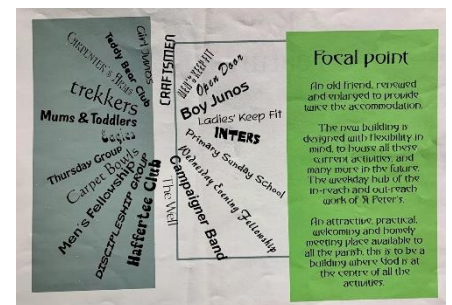
Rev Roger Oldfield gave me a copy of the original vision brochure for the rebuilding project. As I've



been reading it,  
I have come to  
appreciate ever  
more deeply  
just how that  
vision, together  
with the  
immense  
generosity and

commitment of many people in our parish, gave life to the Parish Centre we have today.

They worked with a determination to turn their vision into reality, which took 10 years in the making. I'm thrilled that Roger will be



joining us to share some of the story of this inspirational journey during our worship and celebrations on Sunday. Please join us for the celebration service at 10.30am and/or for refreshments afterwards. There will be photos, displays, a special cake, and a video of the opening. It's wonderful

to see how  
that vision  
continues to  
benefit so  
many people  
to this day.  
Every day of  
the week  
there is  
something  
going on in

the building, often multiple activities taking place at the same time. Amanda Blease and I have counted over 60 regular and occasional groups and activities



that currently take place. It's a focal point for our church mission and ministry; it provides a place where we offer support for families, children and young people, and older people; it's home to many community groups; we use it to support many other ministries and churches; it's our parish base for our staff team and office. **And we thank God for it!**



## Parish Centre 2000 Opening Service

Did you attend the re-opening service of the Parish Centre 25 years ago on 15 Oct 2000 following its re-furnishment? Attendees were filmed arriving – it's a fascinating watch, identifying who's who! See it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtj2N8ucsAA>

## Mike Baines' Funeral

**Weds 5 Nov, 12noon, Smithills Chapel**

Further to last week's announcement that Mike died on Mon 13 Oct, his wife, Vivienne, and sons, Andrew and Peter, would like to invite people to join them for refreshments in the Devey Room in Smithills Hall following the funeral service (details above).



## GNfR Coffee Morning

Dave and Kath say 'Thank you to everyone who helped at or supported last Sat's Coffee morning in aid of Good News for Romania – a wonderful **£1668.20** was raised, this will help our families so much. Praise be to God!'



## Café on the Green

**Sat 1 Nov, 9am-1.30pm \*NB: NEW TIME, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, Limefield Rd, BL1 6LA**

Delicious food and excellent service. All welcome at the last Café of this year. Proceeds to Operation Smile UK for children with cleft palates.



## Out and About Walk

**Sat 1 Nov, 9.30am, meet opposite St Peter's Church**

An 8-mile, moderate walk from Conder Green, near Glasson Dock, taking in Cockersand Abbey. Bring a packed lunch, waterproofs and suitable footwear. All welcome. Info from Brian Johnson.



## Barrow Bridge Bonfire Tickets

**Sat 1 Nov, Barrow Bridge Car park**



A limited number of tickets are now available from the Parish Centre – [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info) / 01204 599900 - and Barrow Bridge Mission. **Get yours before they sell out!**

## Disability Awareness Training

**Sat 15 Nov, 9am-12.30pm, Parish Centre**



**Disability Awareness Training Event**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9.00am-12.30pm**  
 St Peter's Parish Centre  
 347 Church Road  
 BL1 5RR

**COST £5**  
 (Includes a donation to Through the Roof)

**Booking details:**

- Contact the Parish Office
- Sign up on the sheet at the back of Church
- Sign up via ChurchSuite

*A relaxed and informal morning of training appropriate for all adults.*




**Being a welcoming church to everyone, is everyone's role. This is an opportunity to be more informed and upskilled, not just for church but also for life in general.** Training in conjunction with Through the Roof. £5 (incl. refreshments and donation to Through the Roof) or FREE if you currently serve on any teams in any of our churches. Sign up in church/ book at: <https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/dunontbf>

## Alpha Holy Spirit Day

**Sat 15 Nov, 10am-4pm, Audacious Church, Trinity Way, Salford, M3 7BD**

Have you been on an Alpha course but never quite managed to get on the Holy Spirit day? If so, why not join a group of us from across the parish who'll be attending this Holy Spirit Day. Contact Rev





Josh ([josh@stpetersparish.info](mailto:josh@stpetersparish.info)) for more info and/or if you'd like to attend and need a lift. Book your place at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/message-community-church>

## Create Boltões Musical Extravaganza

Fri 7 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter's

CreateBoltonPresents...

FRIDAY  
7th  
NOVEMBER

**MUSICAL  
EXTRAVAGANZA**



Performing a variety of show tunes, swing, marches and much much more...

**CC Concert Band+  
Midweek Sax**

**Fundraiser £10** £5 for +65 -18

Concert Starts: 7.30pm

St Peters Church, 419 Church Rd,  
Bolton BL1 5RH

For Tickets contact Café Create, Andrew K.  
Chandran, Church Office or by on  
[www.createbolton.org.uk](http://www.createbolton.org.uk) (Events)  
[www.createbolton.org.uk](http://www.createbolton.org.uk) | [createbolton@gmail.com](mailto:createbolton@gmail.com)

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Tickets available from Café Create, Chandran Jepegnanam or the Parish Office.

## Halliwell Local History Society

(incorporating Smithills)

Tues 28 Oct, 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
Steve Fielding 'Strangeways - A Place of Execution'. All welcome. Info from [enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk)



## Mission Matters



This is our feature on the last Sunday of each month focussing on stories and updates from our mission partners. This time we hear from Andrew and Joy Kilpatrick from Create Bolton:

*"We've just come out of our busiest summer ever - connecting with so many new people in the cafe, so please pray that these initial 'creationships' would bear fruit in God's time. We've introduced a new format in the Create Community, creative courses, meeting with more people, with more stories than introduced to the cafe. We have*



*had opportunities to have conversations about our faith and introduce people to church. God hand picks those He wants to draw close. Please pray for our staff and volunteers as we plan for Christmas and for next year."*



## PrayerZone



Weds 5 Nov, 7.30pm-8.30pm,  
Parish Centre

Gather from across the parish for an hour of dynamic prayer and worship from Rev Josh.

## Education India

24 Oct – 20 Nov

Dave Moffoot, one of our Mission partners, is visiting India as part of a team of 4 to train teachers, encourage Christian leadership and to take every opportunity to share the Gospel through assemblies, 1-to-1 teacher support and staff devotions. **Please pray for health, safety and God's guidance throughout his visit.** See his newsletter in St Peter's/Parish Centre.



## Prayer for the Week

Nigel Clarke, on behalf of Smithills Fellowship, says: "We are reminded that God is present not only in great celebrations or dramatic moments, but also in the quiet rhythm of our daily lives. Each ordinary day is an opportunity to live out our faith — to listen more deeply, love more freely, and serve more faithfully."

**See his prayer on the back page.**

## Looking Forward

### Christmas Choir 2025

Sun 21 Dec, St Peter's



To take part in this year's Christmas Choir, email name, email address, mobile phone number to [robandsue@stpetersparish.info](mailto:robandsue@stpetersparish.info). Rehearsals start on Sun 30 Nov, 12.30pm-2.30pm! All welcome.

### Smithills Christmas Market



Sat 6 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Offers of help and people to craft/make and sell products at this amazing 'not-for-profit' street market needed. Contact [j.t.platt@me.com](mailto:j.t.platt@me.com)

## Prayer from Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

### Faithful God

We thank You for meeting us in the everyday moments of life —

in the laughter we share, the work we do, and the quiet times of rest.

Teach us to see Your grace in small things and to trust Your goodness in all things.

When routines grow dull or worries weigh us down, renew our hearts with Your Spirit.

Lord, guide our steps, bless our families, and make us instruments of Your grace in a world that longs for hope.

Help us to live this week with kindness, patience, and hope,

reflecting the light of Christ in all we say and do.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

## Coming up: It's half-term so some activities are pausing for a week

| Date & Times                                       | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Location      |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Mon 27 Oct / 3 Nov</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 10am-12noon<br>10am-12noon<br>1.30pm-3.30pm        | AGE UK's Strength & Balance<br>Coffee Room *3 <sup>rd</sup> only<br>Art Group *3 <sup>rd</sup> only                                                                                                           | Classes full, contact Parish Office<br>Drop-in for coffee and cake<br><a href="mailto:rrobinson293@gmail.com">rrobinson293@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                 | Parish Centre |
| <b>Tues 28 Oct / 4 Nov</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 9.45am-11.30am                                     | Tots on Tuesday *4 <sup>th</sup> only                                                                                                                                                                         | Julie 07835 014470                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | St Andrew's   |
| 10am-11.30am<br>6pm-7.15pm<br>7.30pm-9pm<br>7.30pm | Little Wiggles Toddlers Group *4 <sup>th</sup> only<br>Ignite KS2 Children's Group *4 <sup>th</sup> only<br>Tread Youth Group *4 <sup>th</sup> only<br>Halliwell Local History Society *28 <sup>th</sup> only | <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a><br><a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a><br><a href="mailto:tread@stpetersparish.info">tread@stpetersparish.info</a><br><a href="mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk">enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk</a> | Parish Centre |
| <b>Weds 29 Oct / 5 Nov</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 9am-1pm                                            | Hope at the Hub                                                                                                                                                                                               | Drop-in community session, all welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | St Andrew's   |
| 10am-11.30am                                       | Open Door Ladies Group *5 <sup>th</sup> only                                                                                                                                                                  | Music morning – Jackie Godley. Val 07902 167971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Parish Centre |
| <b>Thu 30 Oct / 6 Nov</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 8.30am-9am                                         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                | Julie 07835 014470                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | St Andrew's   |
| 10.30am-12noon                                     | Oasis Coffee Morning and Service                                                                                                                                                                              | Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | St Peter's    |
| 8pm-9.30pm                                         | Alpha Course and Life Group *6 <sup>th</sup> only                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Parish Centre |
| <b>Fri 31 Oct / 7 Nov</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 10.30am-12noon<br>10am-12noon<br>8pm-10pm          | Friday Life Group<br>Watercolours Class<br>Stressbusters Badminton                                                                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a><br>Lucinda 07977 821119<br>Geoff 07835 388732                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Parish Centre |
| 7.30pm                                             | Create Bolton's & Midweek Sax *7 <sup>th</sup> only                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="mailto:createbolton@gmail.com">createbolton@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | St Peter's    |
| <b>Sat 1 / 8 Nov</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 9am-12pm                                           | INTERACT Performing Arts *8 <sup>th</sup> only                                                                                                                                                                | Lucy/Emma 07896 724531                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Parish Centre |

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