



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 22 June 2025

HEADLINES

- The Move of the Holy Spirit!
- Year 6's Prepare for High School
- House-Sitting Request – Can You Help?
- Prayer for the Week from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 22 June

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
*10.30am	Worship for Everyone
2pm	Baptism service
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service with Communion

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Family service
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

10.30am	Morning service
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

I have a saying...

The best organisations have a **vision**, it helps to focus their work and gives a strong sense of purpose and direction. Better organisations have an effective **culture**. Culture is a strong driver to empower and equip every member of an organisation to play their part and pull together for the good of the organisation.

At St Peter's we have a vision: '**Transforming Bolton Together in Jesus' Name**' and we have a strong culture as '**Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission**' where everyone has the opportunity to serve and play their part in our worshipping community as we **give, meet, serve, baptise and share, and pray**. Our verse for the year card reminds us of this.



But there is one thing that eclipses **vision** and eats **culture** for breakfast, do you know what it is?

... It's a move of the **Holy Spirit!**

We learned on Pentecost Sunday how the power of the Holy Spirit was able to transform the disciples from fearful and in hiding, to bold and proclaiming the wonders of God on the streets of Jerusalem. Filled with the Holy Spirit, their actions resulted in salvation for a huge number of people who became followers of Jesus and led to the birth of the church.

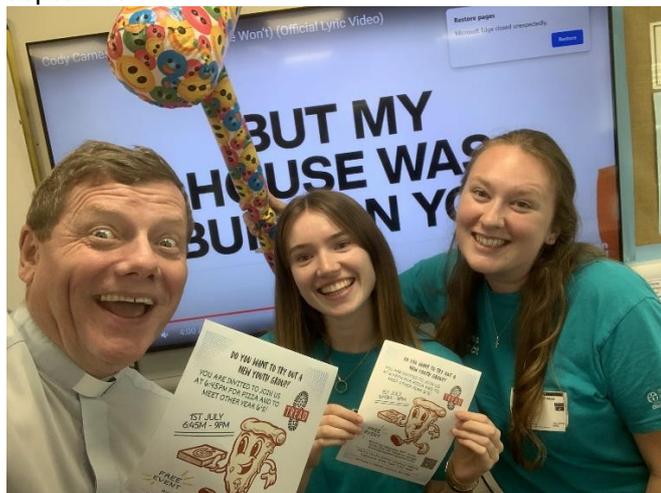
And that power from the Holy Spirit is available to us all today. At our 6.30pm service on Pentecost Sunday, I invited anyone to who wanted to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be given gifts to raise their hands. I was blown away by the response as

we prayed for lots of people to receive gifts to serve as evangelists, intercessors, the ability to heal, to prophecy and speak God's word, etc. It was exciting to see how God was stirring us up and equipping us for his purposes. I don't believe this was a one-off experience at a special service of Pentecost. I believe God wants to continue stirring us up and equipping us for his service and that, as we are filled, then we will see revival and a realisation of our vision to transform Bolton in ways we could only imagine. Do you believe it too?

If so, let's continue to ask God to send his Holy Spirit on us all as we prepare for greater things to come!

Year 6 Prepare for the Big Move

Rev Alan, Zoe and Lucy spent an afternoon with Year 6 at St Peter's Primary this week. The session included lots of fun games and activities designed to help them think through and prepare for their move up to high school in September. We invited them to the Tread Pizza Party on Tue 1 July. The Year 6 class also visited Manchester Cathedral on Monday for their leavers service with similar aged children from schools across Manchester Diocese. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for the big move to high school in September.



Both Zoe and Lucy work for Manchester Diocese's **Places Project** and have been visiting other Year 6 classes across the town. Zoe also works as an Assistant Chaplain with Paul Saxon at Canon Slade high school and helps lead our **Tread** youth group. Lucy works on various projects with primary-aged children and leads our **Ignite** children's group. Lucy is hopeful that she can start a new weekly children's group for children aged 5-7 called **Spark** and is keen to recruit volunteers, she is also recruiting volunteers for a holiday club at St Andrew's Johnson Fold in August. Please contact her if you can help: lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org.

Contacting Rev Alan

Due to a changeover with broadband, Rev Alan's landline number at the Vicarage no longer

works. Please delete it from your records and note that if you need to contact him directly, call his mobile on 07767 643444 or ring the Parish Office on 01204 599900. Thank you.

Kay and Salim's House-Sitting Request

Thu 7 Aug – 11 Aug

Do you have a property local to Bolton, or know of anyone that does, that would be available for our mission partners Kay and Salim Munayer to 'house sit' for just a few days when they are back in the UK during August? If you can help, please contact theweavers@ntlworld.com

Thank You from Christine Butcher

Following her recent stay in hospital, Christine is now home and recovering well. She wants to say a huge thank you to everyone who has shown her love and care by sending cards and gifts, visiting her, making meals and praying for her etc; she is very grateful.



Baptisms

Sun 22 June, 2pm, St Peter's

We welcome Arabella-Rose HOWARTH and Theo WITHINGTON and thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, Godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.



Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 24 June, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Peter Watson will be speaking on 'The Artifacts of Folk Magic'. All welcome. More info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk



Bolton Christian Meditation

Thurs 26 June, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com.

Out and About Walk

Sat 5 July, 9.30am. meet opposite St Peter's Church



Dave Moffoot says "This is a lovely, lovely easy to moderate 6-mile walk based on Barley. Cafes and perhaps ice cream, what a treat. Good walking shoes for good views!" All welcome. For further details contact Dave on 07767 055967.

Year 6's Pizza Evening Invitation

Tues 1 July, 6.45pm-9pm, Parish Centre

DO YOU WANT TO TRY OUT A
NEW YOUTH GROUP?

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
AT 6:45PM FOR PIZZA AND TO
MEET OTHER YEAR 6'S!



1ST JULY
6:45M - 9PM



FREE
EVENT

RSVP by Monday 30th June -
scan the QR code or email
tread@stpetersparish.info



TREAD YOUTH GROUP USUALLY MEETS
TUESDAYS TERM TIME 7:30-9PM

St Peter's Parish Centre, BL1 5RR

CAP Money Course for Women

Tues 3 July and Thurs 10 July, 10am-12noon (light lunch provided), Urban Outreach's 'Amber Centre', 20 Thomas Holden St, Bolton BL1 2QG



CAP Money Coaching is a FREE revolutionary money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances so they can save,

give and prevent debt. The course is devised by the award-winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty. The topics covered will include drawing up and balancing a personal budget and managing expenditure using the CAP Money system. For more details, contact Peter Caffrey on 07767 651103 or Sam on 07934 716509.

Save the Date! Bolton Play in St Peter's

Tue 23 – Fri 26 Sept, 7.30pm-10pm, St Peter's

Bolton-based, award-winning drama society The Marco Players will be bringing their next production of 'All in Good Time' to St Peter's Church. Written by classic Bolton playwright, Bill Naughton, this domestic comedy centres around Arthur and Violet Fitton who are a newly married couple as they navigate the drama of marriage in the 1960's... what could possibly go wrong!? It was made into a film, 'The Family Way' starring John and Hayley Mills in 1966. The Marco Players are delighted to be able to bring this production, which will launch their 2025/26 season, to

this very fitting venue and it will also star the church's very own Lewis Cunliffe and be directed by Ben Latham. This warm-hearted family comedy drama is sure to leave you in good spirits.

Appropriate for anyone 11+. Tickets available from themarcoplayers.net



Bolton Repair Café Needs Your Help!

Steve Walsh says "Our clothing repair specialist is leaving the county (nothing to do with the Repair Café volunteers, I promise). Can you help? We need someone who could join our merry band for a couple of hours each month on the morning of the 3rd Weds at St Andrew's (Hope Centre) – could that be you or perhaps someone you know? The person does not need to be connected to the church. No sewing machine necessary as we have two machines. If you want to come along with no pressure to see what goes on, that would be fine." For further details or to express an interest, please contact Steve on 07890 547639 or Amanda in the Parish Office – amanda@stpetersparish.info/599900.

Johnson Fold Holiday Club – Help Needed Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug, 10am-12noon, St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

Are you passionate about children's ministry and looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? Join us as we partner with the Places Project for a second year to run a fun and faith-filled holiday club. We need enthusiastic volunteers who care about investing in the next generation and helping this ministry grow. Is this you? Please contact lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org



PrayerZone



Wed 2 July 7.30pm-8.30pm,
Parish Centre

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

Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St Peter's Church, invites us to call on our Lord in prayer. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Prayer by Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

Oh Lord hear our prayer. Oh Lord hear our prayer. When we call, answer us
Oh Lord hear our prayer. Oh Lord hear our prayer. Come and listen to us

Lord, in a world that has become blind and hard-hearted, we ask you to breathe your breath on all people. Pour out your light into the darkness and bring Your strength, comfort and hope. We lift to you:

Those caught up or facing war, persecution and terrors of all kinds

Those in need of food, water and medical care

The oppressed, mistreated, trapped and forgotten

Those stuck in bad relationships, addictions and situations

Those facing fears because of painful memories, life changing health needs and unknown futures

LORD, you have walked every path. You know every pain, every thought, every fear.

LORD, walk with all those whose hearts are heavy. **AMEN**

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 23 Jun			
10am-12noon 10am-12noon 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance Coffee Room ABL Weight Management	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 24 Jun			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite KS2 Children's Group Halliwell Local History Society Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 25 Jun			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Relax, It's Summer! Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 26 Jun			
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
2pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 27 Jun			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 denis.collier@gmail.com Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
Sat 28 Jun			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
10am-4pm	Lancashire Online Parish Clerks Meeting	office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre

Keep Connected

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