



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 20 July 2025

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- It's the Summer Holidays!
- Holiday at Home
- Carpet in St Peter's
- Serving Opportunities – Volunteers Needed, Can YOU Help?
- Prayer for the Week from Diane Ball on behalf of St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

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SERVICES

Sunday 20 July
It's Lighthouse week!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.30am	Morning service
10.20am	Lighthouse at the Parish Centre
*10.30am	Adult Communion service with Twinklers
*6.30pm	Parish-wide service

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Communion service with Lighthouse
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

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

Rev Alan writes...

It's the Summer Holidays!

As the school year ends and we enter the summer holidays, I always like to take stock of where we are – it's been a wonderful year for our parish so far, of course tinged with sadness at the loss of some of our dear friends and family. So much has been achieved thanks to the magnificent commitment from you all, thanks for all you do and give and pray.

Many of our activities and meetings take a well-earned break over August, so please do take the opportunity to rest and recharge. Our weekly **Oasis** coffee morning and service will continue, and there are opportunities to volunteer to support Urban Outreach's **Bolton Lunches** and our children's **Holiday Club** at St Andrew's.

There is so much to look forward to in the Autumn. Josh and Jess Openshaw and family will be joining us in Sept. We are planning a special licensing service to officially welcome Josh, provisionally on Sun 7 Sept, 6.30pm at St Peter's. Josh will be part of our clergy team and will develop our outreach work – his first project will be leading a new **Alpha Course** which will link with a Greater Manchester-wide Alpha initiative.



I'm delighted that over 160 people are booked onto our **Parish Quinta Weekend**, 12-14 Sept. Bishop Matthew will be leading the teaching and the planning team have a fabulous programme for all ages in store.



We are planning another **Parish-Wide Vision Service** on Sun 5 Oct, venue TBC – it's a significant opportunity to gather all four fellowships which form our whole church family in worship, fun and fellowship. Please reserve this date in your diary.

Plans are shaping up for the **Mission Week** at Canon Slade, 6-10 Oct. Emma Owen, The Message Trust's Head of Youth Engagement, and I had an excellent meeting with the Headteacher and key staff at the school last week and there was a buzz of excitement for the plans.



And later in October, we plan to celebrate in style the 25th anniversary of the refurbishment and reopening of our **Parish Centre** – watch for details.

Have a wonderful summer!

Holiday at Home



Oasis hosted a special Holiday at Home at the Parish Centre on Thursday. A fun-packed day of activities with a chance to relax and enjoy time together. Activities included chilling out with a newspaper, card making, flower-arranging, jigsaws, a quiz, a sing-along, a funny talk, jokes from the Vicar, and an afternoon cream tea. Huge thanks to all the Oasis team and helpers for putting on a wonderful day.

David Butcher

Joan and her family wish to thank everyone for their cards, love, prayers and support at this difficult time (especially those at Barrow Bridge) and for the very kind donations to Barrow Bridge Mission in memory of David.

Carpet in St Peter's

Who would have thought so much dirt can build up in just one year? As part of the ongoing care of our buildings, our caretaker, Dave Park, arranged for a professional deep clean of St Peter's carpet. And after a day's hard work and 11 buckets of sludge, it's come up looking like new again.

Everyone - please do your best to keep it clean, there is an emergency spillage kit at the back of church. There is lots of work going on – all St Peter's gas heaters have recently been renewed, and plans are in progress to fit new flooring and redecorate the Jubilee Room in the Parish Centre over the school holidays. Thanks Dave, and the wonderful Buildings and Maintenance Team, for all your hard work.



Holiday Club – Help Needed Please!

Mon 4 - Fri 8 Aug, 10am-12noon, St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

We're still looking for volunteers for our week-long (mornings only) holiday club! **Can you help for just 1 morning or more?** If so, please can you contact LucyHargraves@manchester.anglican.org or the Parish Office. If you can't help physically, can you consider offering a small donation please to help cover the lunch we are providing for the children? Donations (*in an envelope labelled 'St. Andrew's Holiday Club'*) can be placed on the plate at any church across the parish or handed to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Volunteers for Bolton Lunches 2025

Mon 21 July - Fri 29 Aug

Every summer, Urban Outreach helps ensure that children across Bolton don't go hungry during the holidays. For many children in our town, these lunches are more than a meal - they're a lifeline. This year, they'll be making and delivering thousands of



packed lunches — and it wouldn't be possible without the amazing people who give their time to make it all happen. They need volunteers to make sandwiches (lots of them!) and pack fruit and snacks. It's a 6.45am start, but

the atmosphere is always buzzing, and you'll be amazed at what is achieved together *before 8am!* Whether you're coming once or every week, your help makes a real difference. Volunteer for 1 morning, 1 week, or 1 morning each week or random days - it's up to you. Email admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk to sign up and tell them when you're available.



Bolton Christian Meditation

Thurs 24 July, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

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



Summer Fun!

Tues 29 July,
1.30pm-3.30pm, Parish Centre

All KS2 children welcome to attend. Hope to see you there! Email ignite@stpetersparish.info to let us know you're coming to this one-off daytime session.

Halliwell Local History Society (incorporating Smithills)

Tues 29 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Parish Centre

This month's guest speaker is Marilyn Shalks with 'The Magic of Musicals'. Info from enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk



Macmillan Coffee Morning at Oasis

Thurs 25 Sept, 10am-11.30am, St Peter's

Save the date! All welcome to come along and join us in the Church Lounge for our coffee morning to raise valuable funds for this very worthwhile cause. *Please join us if you can.*



Alpha Course Coming Up

Thurs 25 Sept, 8pm-9.30pm, Parish Centre



Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open,

friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. **No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.**

Find out more at <https://alpha.org.uk/try-alpha>.

For details/sign up at amanda@stpetersparish.info

Holiday Club Summer Fun

Mon 21 July – Fri 29 Aug, 8am-5.30pm, Parish Centre



The Family Club operate a term-time before school/after school club at the Parish Centre and are running a holiday club over the summer

holidays for primary school aged children. Join them for fun-filled days packed with planned events, themed days, exciting activities, and plenty of sports and outdoor play to keep everyone active and entertained. Whether you're looking for a full day of adventures or just a half-day session to fit around your plans, they've got you covered! To book your place email hello@thefamily-club.co.uk or call 01204 494888 (Option 1 - Heaton House Nursery).



Prayer for the Week

Diane Ball, on behalf of St Andrew's (Hope Centre), has a prayer for us focussing on the start of the school summer holidays and the changes that brings. **See her prayer on the back page.**

Looking Forward

Good News for Romania Coffee Morning

Sat 18 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

Save the date! All invited to come along for the next GNfR coffee morning and bring and buy fundraiser.



25th Anniversary Celebrations at Parish Centre

Sun 26 Oct, 10.30am, Parish Centre

Save the date! Join our service commemorating the re-opening of the Parish Centre on 15 Oct 2000 following its redevelopment and extension. Let's reminisce on the past and all the amazing things that have gone on in the centre and look forward to the future with hope and excitement! **NB: No 10.30am service in St Peter's on this date**

Prayer from Diane Ball on behalf of St Andrew's (Hope Centre)

As the school holidays start, we remember the changes that this brings about in family life, in school life and in the life of our Churches. We pray for God's eyes to be on all that goes on in our families, neighbourhoods, Parish and town. Jesus said "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." Matthew 10:29

Father God

We bring to you our prayers for this summer holiday time.

We ask for rest and re-creation for teachers and group leaders and for renewed vision for them for the next season.

We pray for children and young people for whom there is a change of routine and rules. We pray that you will keep each one safe and help them to learn new skills, values and strengths as they play and do different activities.

We pray for parents; those struggling with finding affordable food, childcare or activities, those who are struggling with lack of energy, and for those who love this extra time with their children.

We pray especially for the Summer Kids Club at St Andrew's, Monday 4 – Friday 8 August; for the team preparing and delivering the sessions; for more people to be inspired to offer to help; for us all to play our part in praying every day for safe, happy sessions, and that the children will come to see Jesus as real, as a miracle worker, and also as a personal friend who loves them.

Lord, your heart is that all children would be cared for well and be introduced to you.

Hear our prayers.

Amen

Coming up

*****Most activities are now paused for the summer break*****

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 21 July			
10am-12noon 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance ABL Weight Management	Classes full, contact Parish Office www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Thu 24 July			
8.30am-9am	Prayer Meeting	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
2pm-3pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com	Parish Centre
10.30am-4pm	Oasis Coffee Morning and Service	Refreshments 10.30am, service 11.30am	St Peter's
Fri 25 July			
10.30am-12noon 10am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Friday Life Group Watercolours Class Stressbusters Badminton	denis.collier@gmail.com Lucinda 07977 821119 Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre

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