



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 5 October 2025

HEADLINES

- Today's Parish-wide Vision Service
- Disability Awareness Training
- Mission Community Service Invite
- Macmillan Coffee Morning Thanks
- Prayer for the Week from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 28 September
It's Vision Sunday with
Lighthouse United!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

10.45am	Lighthouse United at Parish Centre
*11am	Parish-wide Vision Service
After service	Family lunch at Parish Centre
NB	No 8.30am/6.30pm service today

SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

	Join us in St Peter's today!
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BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

	Join us in St Peter's today!
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ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

	Join us in St Peter's today!
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

Parish-wide Vision Service: What's Your Next Step?

At last year's Parish-wide Vision Service I shared a vision to grow in commitment in 5 key areas: Give, Meet, Serve, Baptise and Share, and Pray. At our Vision Service this year I will update you on progress in each of these areas. Looking forward, I will build on this by asking the question: What's Your Next Step?



It's an interesting question to consider as we take stock of where we are as a parish and across our four fellowship and the opportunities that lie ahead of us. Josh Openshaw will be sharing on progress he is making to lay the foundations towards planting a new church in Bolton town centre.

In addition to sharing our vision, the service is an opportunity to worship together as all four fellowships – it's the one occasion each year that we all get together, so please make a special effort to come. We've a fantastic band and a great selection of songs and hymns.

Be sure to arrive early - we will be serving refreshments from 10am and the service starts at 11am to allow plenty of time to socialise. After the service, we have a team who has generously prepared a mountain of baked potatoes with delicious fillings and cake – this will be served at the Parish Centre, so please do plan to stay on afterwards.

For the pre-school aged children there will be a special Twinklers session in St Peter's Church Lounge and primary-aged children will enjoy Lighthouse United where we will bring together all our fellowship Lighthouse Groups at the Parish Centre. Please drop off your children at 10.45am.

Monday sees the start of the Message Mission Week at Canon Slade High School. The Message band NXT CHAPTR will be leading lessons on the



theme of the Ultimate Influencer (Jesus Christ). Please hold the week in your prayers.



Disability Awareness Training

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

Building on the interest in, and success of, Disability Awareness Sunday services held last week*, our Accessibility team have arranged this training event in conjunction with Through the Roof. Refreshments provided. Cost £5 (incl. donation to Through the Roof) or FREE if you are currently serving on any teams in the churches in our parish. To book, simply go to:

<https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/dunontbf>



Disability Awareness Training Event

An opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of how to welcome and support people with disabilities in the church setting.

Saturday 15th 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.



*A Disability Awareness Sunday service will be held at 10.30am service at St Peter's on Sun 12 Oct.

Mission Community Service

Fri 24 Oct, 7.30pm, Bolton Parish Church



AUTUMN SERVICE

Come and Join us for our Mission Community Service to be held at Bolton Parish Church – St Peter Bolton-le-Moors where the Theme is

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

We will enjoy our joint choirs and have the opportunity to chat over **Light** Refreshments

We have a guest preacher (Phil Cansdale), hymns, prayers and so much more.

What's stopping you?

Help us to bring Light into our Dark world

October 24th 2025, 7.30pm



25th Anniversary Celebration

Sun 26 Oct, 10.30am, Parish Centre

All invited to celebrate the building of the extension to the Jubilee School and re-opening as the Parish Centre on 15 Oct 2000. We'll celebrate the past and

look to the future. More details next week. NB: No 8.30am or 10.30am services in St Peter's on this date.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who baked, attended and in any way supported Val Perris' coffee morning in St Peter's at Oasis last week. We

enjoyed lots of delicious cake and a great talk from Dave Bagley. So far, an amazing **£1419.03** has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Care for the Family Live Event

Weds 7 Oct, 7.30pm-10pm, GoChurch, Dallas Court Salford M50 2GF



Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. This adults-only event - **Left to Their Own Devices?** Tech-savvy kids and how to raise them - will help you

stay ahead of the curve and help your children navigate the online world safely and to their advantage. Book at cff.org.uk/owndevices.

Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thu 9 Oct, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome to join us for this session. More info from j.wilde.1963@gmail.com

Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 11 Oct, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info:



Part of the
Home for Good
network

Fiona 07786 844141

Do Lunch, Do Life



Sun 12 Oct, St Peter's Church

Join us for bacon butties straight after the 10.30am service and a cake sale to raise funds for **Good News for Romania**. NB: Next GNFR Coffee Morning/ Bring and Buy is **Sat 18 Oct, 10am-12noon, Parish Centre**.

Helen's Honour: Create Bolton Fundraiser

Tues 21 Oct, 6.30pm-8.30pm, CreateBolton, Claremont House, Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 2BY

This is a sale of pre-loved fashion and accessories, beauty products and beautiful, bespoke items made by Helen - a lovely friend of Create whose wish was to donate them to raise money for Create. Tickets £10 include a glass of fizz, canapes and cake and free draw entry. Book online at www.createbolton.org.uk (scroll down to 'events' link)



St Peter's Community Allotment



We've been offered a superb greenhouse for our allotment, but we need about **24** flags either 2x2 foot or 2x3 foot. If anyone has any

going free or cheap, please let Rev Alan know on 07767 643444, thanks!

Save the Date and Can You Help?

Sat 6 Dec, 12.30pm-3.30pm

Are you a maker/crafter? We're always in need of offers to make and sell products at this amazing 'not-for-profit' street market, now in its 12th year of raising funds for Urban Outreach. Please contact j.t.platt@me.com if you can help with this or in any other way. Thank you.

Smithills Christmas Market

Save the date 6th DECEMBER 2025



URBAN
OUTREACH

12th year 'not-for-profit street market'
12:30-15:30 Redcar Rd Smithills.

Contact: j.t.platt@me.com



The Family Club: Autumn Holiday Club

Mon 27 – Fri 31 Oct, 8am-5.30pm, Parish Centre

A fun-packed week of different themed days including Mad Scientist and Slime Factory (Mon), a Bush Tucker Trial with a visit from Curious Critters (Weds) and a Lightopia UV Party (Fri). Limited places so book ASAP at hello@thefamily-club.co.uk / 07577 835377



Prayer for the Week

Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Primary



School says 'At the beginning of the Autumn term, we think about our children, staff, and communities and the youngest children, especially those in Reception, as they settle into their new routines,

hoping they feel safe, happy, and excited to learn. We are really thankful for the opportunities Christians have to serve in our local schools, especially thinking of the Message Trust as they begin their mission at Canon Slade High School next week. The "NXT CHAPTR" band will be exploring the question, "Who is Jesus – the ultimate influencer?" so we trust their stories of hope and faith will resonate deeply with every student.' *See her prayer on the back page.*

Looking Forward

Parish Men's Event - Trail and Ales

Sat 11 Oct, meet 1pm, Parish Centre

A 7-mile country walk from the Parish Centre, arriving at Rivington Brewery Tap at about 4pm. Food, drinks/soft drinks, possible curry in Horwich later on! To sign-up message Rev Alan on 07767 643444.

Parish Men's Event



Prayer from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Primary School

Heavenly Father

We remember those who've moved on to new schools, colleges, or universities. May they find confidence in unfamiliar places, make meaningful friendships, and grow in wisdom. We ask that every teacher, teaching assistant, and staff member be filled with enthusiasm and strength, equipped to inspire and support each child to reach their full potential.

Lord, We pray for the Message Trust mission in Canon Slade School, particularly that: the message would be well received by both staff and students; every student would be introduced to Jesus Christ and begin their own journey of faith; Christian students would be encouraged and strengthened in their walk with You and that seeds of curiosity and belief would be planted in hearts ready to receive Your truth. Strengthen the links between churches and schools, that together we may make a lasting difference in the lives of young people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 6 Oct			
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 cake www.yhbolton.co.uk / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
Tues 7 Oct			
9.45am-11.30am	Tots on Tuesday	Julie 07835 014470	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite KS2 Children's Group Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 ignite@stpetersparish.info tread@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 8 Oct			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	Bible Study – Steve Walsh. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 9 Oct			
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
1pm-3pm 8pm-9.30pm	Bolton Christian Meditation Group Alpha Course and Life Group	j.wilde.1963@gmail.com josh@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Fri 10 Oct			
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
Sat 11 Oct			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	St Peter's
12.30pm-2pm	Home for Good Peer Support Group	Fiona 07786 844141	Parish Centre

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