



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15 June 2025

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- Introducing Our New Youth and Children's Ministry Lead!
- World Focus Sunday in St Peter's
- A Sign for St Peter's Community Allotment
- Prayer for the Week from Geoff Gunshon on behalf of the National and International Ministry Team (NIM)

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## SERVICES

**Sunday 15 June**  
**It's Lighthouse week!**



### ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

10am	Morning service with Lighthouse
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### BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

10.30am	Morning service with Communion and 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...*

#### **Our New Youth and Children's Ministry Lead!**



I am delighted to announce that Jo Field will be our new Youth and Children's Ministry Lead. The role will involve overseeing all of our youth and children's work, from toddlers to teenagers, across the parish and delivering some of our key activities.

A start date will be worked out soon, subject to contract, references and safeguarding checks.

Jo brings a wealth of experience as both a volunteer and from a career in primary education spanning over 20-years which included holding senior leadership roles. She has worshipped regularly at St Peter's for the last 18-months having previously been an active member at St Paul's Astley Bridge.

I am pleased to say that throughout the selection process there was a strong sense of confirmation that Jo is called by God into this key role for our parish. I am confident that she will bring a passion and energy to build on the great work that's already happening and grow our ministry and mission with children and young people.

I am sure you will agree after such a long wait, that it is fantastic news to have recruited such an amazing person for this role, we praise God! I am really excited to work with her and ask that you join me in congratulating, praying for her, and supporting her. I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has played a part in getting us to this significant point.

I asked Jo to write a few words to introduce herself, here's what she has to say...

***Dear Parish family,***  
***I'm so excited to say hello and introduce myself to you all as your new Youth and Children's Ministry lead!***

*It's a real honour for me to be given this important role and I want to thank you all for all the kind welcome and congratulations messages I've already received.*

*My heart is for our children and young people to know how deeply loved they are by God and how vital they are to our church today - not just someday. I look forward to getting to know each of them, their families and working with our amazing leaders and volunteers to plan and create fun opportunities where friendship and faith can grow, questions are welcomed, and joy is found in Jesus.*

*Please pray for me, my husband Mark and our two teenage children, Ben and Ruby, as I begin this new chapter, and know that I'm always happy to chat, listen or dream together about what God is doing in the lives of our children and young people. With love and excitement, Jo.*

## World Focus Sunday

Sun 15 June, 10.30am and 6.30pm services, St Peter's

At both these services today, we will be welcoming a guest speaker – Allister du Plessis – from Release International. Please do come along and join us to hear what he has to say about Christians suffering the effects of persecution



## A Sign for St Peter's Community Allotment

You can always be sure of a warm welcome whenever you visit our parish community allotment, which is on Harper's Lane allotments - we are there most Saturday mornings and would love anyone to join our 'growing' community!



Recently there has been lots of progress with developing the plot – building raised beds, laying paths, and of course planting lots of fruit and veg. We are especially proud of our new sign, expertly painted by the talented Vicki Park. Thanks Vicki!

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Ruth or Alan Saunders or just turn up. We are always on the lookout for gardening tools and materials, but most of all people to just join in with the fun!

## Wedding Congratulations

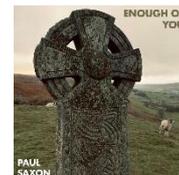


We are delighted to announce the wonderful news that **Jack Shuttleworth and Judith Bower** were married in Smithills Chapel last Saturday (7 June). May God bless

their marriage in the years to come. Please also keep them in your prayers as they start out in married life. *Congratulations Mr and Mrs Shuttleworth!*

## New Release

Paul Saxon has just released a brand-new worship song called **Enough of You**. It's available on all streaming platforms from Fri 13 June.



## Bolton Repair Café

Weds 18 June, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews

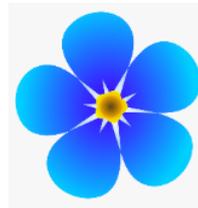


Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

## Dementia Friendship Support Group

Thurs 19 June, 2pm-4pm, Parish Centre

For those with dementia *and* their carers. Singalong, games, quiz and fun. Tea/coffee and cake and a very warm welcome. For info, please contact [joan@stpetersparish.info](mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info) /01204 840180



## Home for Good Peer Support Group

Sat 21 June, 12.30pm-2pm, Parish Centre

For adopters, foster, kinship carers and families. Bring and share lunch. Info from Fiona on 07786 844141



## 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](mailto:enquiries@halliwell-lhs.co.uk)



## Oasis Mid-week Service

Every Thurs, 10.30am-11.30am refreshments in Church Lounge, 11.30 service in St Peter's

Are you around on Thurs mornings? If so, you would be most welcome to join us for our weekly coffee morning in the church lounge followed by our short service. The service is made up with hymns, a short talk with a different speaker each week, prayers and sometimes we take Communion together. Come just for coffee and stay for the service, if you choose to do so – we'd love to see you!



## Bolton Repair Café Needs Your Help!

**REPAIR  
CAFÉ** BOLTON

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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? We'd love to invite you to be part of an exciting opportunity at the Hope Centre on Johnson Fold. From 4–8 Aug, we're partnering with the Places Project for a second year to run a fun and faith-

filled holiday club. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who care about investing in the next generation and helping this ministry grow. E-mail [lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org) if interested and come along to our meeting on **Wed 18 June at 7.30pm** at the Hope Centre to learn more. Thanks in advance for your support!

## Cracking Good Food – Can You Help?



## Tues 15 July (set up) and Weds 16 July, Bolton Arena

Cracking Good Food is a social enterprise working to combat food and kitchen kit poverty through various initiatives. On Wed 16 July, the BIG Kitchen Redistribution Event will take place at Bolton Arena from 9am-3pm when FREE, pre-loved kitchen equipment will be given out to community organisations and charities. To find out more and sign up to volunteer, please contact Ellie - [ellie@crackinggoodfood.org](mailto:ellie@crackinggoodfood.org). All you need to do is show up! Some manual labour involved so need to be reasonably fit - tasks like welcoming people, registering attendees, helping people take things to their car, packing and weighing items.



## Open Staff Prayers

Weds 18 June, 9.30am-10am, Parish Centre

All welcome to join the church staff team at their morning prayers. No need to book, just turn up.

## Prayer for the Week



Geoff Gunshon, on behalf of our National and International Ministry Team, says *"You probably know that Craig and Elaine Watson have obeyed the Lord's call and taken over the Holy Trinity Church, Algiers. Let's pray for them."* See his prayer on the back page.

## Prayers by Geoff Gunshon on behalf of our National and International Ministry Team

*Father, we lift Craig, Elaine and the whole congregation of Holy Trinity, Algiers (HTA) to you for your blessing, protection and guidance.*

Last Friday (Trinity - they celebrate on Friday not Sunday) was the church's birthday. There were plans for photographs and cake. *Father, we pray that all went well on the day and that HTA will be built up because of the celebration.*

HTA will have their annual meeting on 20th June. There is a need for 2 wardens and 8 council members. *Father, we lift this meeting to you. We ask that you touch the hearts and minds of the congregation so that the people you have chosen for the posts will come forward.*

*We ask all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

## Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
<b>Mon 16 Jun</b>			
10am-12noon 10am-12noon 1.30pm-3.30pm 5.30pm-7.30pm	AGE UK's Strength & Balance Coffee Room Art Group ABL Weight Management	Classes full, contact Parish Office Drop-in for coffee and cakes <a href="mailto:ruthrobinson293@gmail.com">ruthrobinson293@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.yhbolton.co.uk">www.yhbolton.co.uk</a> / 01204 205090	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 17 Jun</b>			
10am-11.30am 6pm-7.15pm 7.30pm-9pm	Little Wiggles Toddlers Group Ignite KS2 Children's Group Tread Youth Group	Suzi 07834 371509 <a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a> <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 18 Jun</b>			
9am-1pm 10.30am-12.30pm	Hope at the Hub Bolton Repair Cafe	Drop-in community session, all welcome Bring your items for repair, stay for refreshments	St Andrew's
9.30am-10am 10am-11.30am	Open Staff Prayers Open Door Ladies Group	All welcome, just turn up. Bible Study – Florence Odonga. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
<b>Thu 19 Jun</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
2pm-4pm 8pm-9.30pm	Dementia Friendship Support Group Alpha Course and Life Group	<a href="mailto:joan@stpetersparish.info">joan@stpetersparish.info</a> / 01204 840180 <a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 20 Jun</b>			
10am-12noon 10.30am-12noon 8pm-10pm	Watercolours Class Friday Life Group Stressbusters Badminton	Lucinda 07977 821119 <a href="mailto:denis.collier@gmail.com">denis.collier@gmail.com</a> Geoff 07835 388732	Parish Centre
<b>Sat 21 Jun</b>			
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

## Keep Connected

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**Caretaker:** David Park E: [david@stpetersparish.info](mailto:david@stpetersparish.info)

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