



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

# NEWSLETTER



Sunday 19 October 2025

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- Yesterday, Today and Forever
- A Marvellous Mission Week!
- Fun on the Ale Trail
- Prayer for the Week from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church

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## SERVICES

**Sun 19 Oct**  
**It's Lighthouse week!**



### ST PETER'S CHURCH

|          |                                            |
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| 8.30am   | Morning service                            |
| *10.30am | Adult service with Communion and Twinklers |
| 6.30pm   | Parish-wide service                        |

### SMITHILLS FELLOWSHIP

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

|         |                                               |
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| 10.30am | Morning service with Communion and Lighthouse |
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### ST ANDREW'S HOPE CENTRE

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

## Rev Alan writes...

### Yesterday, Today and Forever

Did you know that last Sat 11 Oct was the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church in 1840? And this week we had another important anniversary. On Wed 15 Oct it was 25 years since the opening of our Parish Centre in the year 2000. To mark this significant milestone, we are holding a special celebration service in the Parish Centre on **Sun 26 Oct at 10.30am**



in place of our regular 8.30am and 10.30am services in St Peter's Church. I'm delighted that Rev Roger Oldfield will be joining me to lead this service as we look back with thanksgiving for the hard work and commitment that led to the refurbishment of the old Jubilee School.



We want to invite everyone who has had any involvement with the Parish Centre to join us for this special celebration service which will be inspired by the verse for the year 2000:

Greetings from the Parish of St Peter's Halliwell

**2000**

**He will be the sure foundation for your times.**  
Isaiah 33:6

**JESUS CHRIST**

**is the same yesterday, today and for ever.**  
Hebrews 13:8

Roger & Ruth Oldfield · Mark & Trish Smith · Alison Bailie  
Graham Cook · Derek Nightingale · Anne Roberts

"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

## St Peter's Parish Centre



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2000 - 2025**

We'll sing songs old and new, and celebrate the old, and the new, and look to the future of our Parish Centre which is such a fantastic facility for our parish and community. There will

be displays showing the history of the building plus displays from some of our groups, and of course, we will have an anniversary celebration cake! *Offers of cake to supplement this will be appreciated, thanks.*

## A Marvellous Mission Week!

Students and staff loved the Message mission week with their band Nxt Chaptr at Canon Slade High School on the theme of Jesus, the Ultimate Influencer.



Here is just a snapshot of some of the incredible feedback they received, from staff:

***"How engaging the session was and how they made it relatable to all pupils. Made the pupils really think about the importance of the choices they make and the kind of influencer they want to have. A fabulous session- the pupils loved it!"*** Cath Walmsley, PSHE lead. ***"A wonderfully interactive session with a great mixture of personal, powerful testimony, thought provoking discussion and soul moving music."***

L Holmes, RS and PSHE teacher.

From students: ***"Made me think more about Jesus. It taught me that God is always there. That you never know the silent battles people are facing. It made me think about the truth to influencers. It made me think about who influences me. Let me realise to be yourself. I feel closer to Jesus and who he is. It taught me how many things have been impacted by Jesus. Showed me Jesus has a plan for all of us. It made me think and ponder a lot to have a great impact on people. It taught me to turn to God in tough times."***

Looking forward Rev's Alan and Josh, together with Paul Saxon and Zoe Eddleston, are hosting a Fri lunchtime Youth Alpha Course starting 7 Nov.

## Fun on the Ale Trail

Last Sat (11 Oct), 28 men from across the parish enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon which involved a 7-mile walk from the Parish Centre to Rivington Brewery Tap, where they had a few drinks and relaxed together. It was a great opportunity to build friendships and talk. Watch this space for details of another event coming soon!



## Harvest Services across the Parish

Our remaining Harvest services are being held today at St Peter's and St Andrew's and at Barrow Bridge on 26 Oct. Please drop off packaged, dried and tinned goods (**not** fresh) so that these can be passed on to

**URBAN  
OUTREACH** (BOLTON)

Urban Outreach for distribution to those in need across Bolton.

## Mike Baines

We are very sorry to inform you that Mike, husband of Vivienne, died on Mon 13 Oct. Mike was part of Smithills Fellowship. Please pray for their children – Andrew and Peter – and the wider family and friends at this difficult time. Funeral details will follow.

## GNfR Cake Sale

Dave and Kath thank everyone who supported last



Sun's cake sale in aid of Good News for Romania - a wonderful **£270.16** was raised to help the families in Barlad. Huge thanks especially to Nicola and Lucy!

## Education India



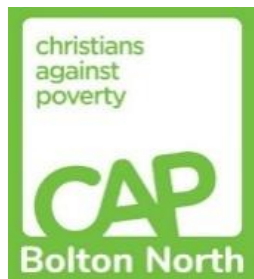
Dave Moffoot, one of our Mission partners, says *"I will soon be going to India as part of a team of 4 to train teachers, encourage Christian leadership and to take every opportunity to share the Gospel through assemblies, 1-to-1 teacher support and staff devotions. The dates are from 24 Oct – 20 Nov. Massive sensitivity is needed in doing this as India has*



now risen to 11th position for persecuting Christians the most. We will be visiting 6 schools in Tamil Nadu and would really appreciate your prayers for health, safety and God's guidance throughout. I will leave newsletters at the back of St Peter's and in the Parish Centre before I leave. Thank you."

### CAP Advent Calendars

We're giving clients' children a Meaningful Chocolate 'Real' Christmas advent calendar as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas. If you'd like to contribute (each one is £5.50), please give any donations to Sam via the Parish Office.



### Diocese's Income Survey 2025

If you are over 16 and have attended a church in this parish at least 12 times in the last 12 months, please make sure you fill in a confidential and anonymous form – **it's simply one box to tick and then you just put the form in the sealed box!** Thanks.



### Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thu 23 Oct, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session. No need to book, just turn up. For info, contact [j.wilde.1963@gmail.com](mailto:j.wilde.1963@gmail.com).

### Mission Community Service

Fri 24 Oct, 7.30pm, Bolton Parish Church

All welcome at this service where the theme is 'Light in the Darkness'. Enjoy our joint choirs, refreshments, hymns and prayers. Guest speaker: Rev Phil Cansdale.

### Out and About Walk

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

### Café on the Green

Sat 1 Nov, 9.30am-2pm, St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, Limefield Road, 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.

### Barrow Bridge Bonfire



Sat 1 Nov, Barrow Bridge Car park

A limited number of tickets are now available from the Parish Centre and Barrow Bridge Mission. **Get yours before they sell out!**

### Disability Awareness Training

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

Training in conjunction with Through the Roof. £5 (incl. refreshments and donation to Through the Roof) or FREE if you are currently serving on any teams in the churches in our parish. Sign up in church/ book at: <https://stpetershalliwell.churchsuite.com/events/dunontbf>



### Prayer for the Week

Hilary Peake, on behalf of St Peter's Church, reflects on 'Seasons'. **See her prayer on back page.**

### Looking Forward

CC Concert Band and Midweek Sax



Fri 7 Nov, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

Fundraiser for Bolton. Tickets £10 or £5 for o65's and u18's from Parish Office, Café Create or Chandran. All welcome.

Smithills Christmas Market

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. Please contact [j.t.platt@me.com](mailto:j.t.platt@me.com) if you can help with this/in any other way.

## Prayer from Hilary Peake on behalf of St Peter's Church: SEASONS

*God has given us seasons to bring order from chaos. God created the heavens and the earth to mark the seasons (Genesis 1). God blessed those who walked with him who yield fruit in their season (Psalm 1). There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3). Be prepared in season and out of season to correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction (2 Timothy 4:2).*

*If you have lived in Bolton for any length of time, you may have experienced all 4 seasons in one day. Well, we are in Autumn but what is our season like at the moment? Are we experiencing Spring with its new growth, Summer with time for new opportunities, Autumn with its abundance and beauty, Winter with darkness, cold, pressure of preparations and fleeting moments of beauty as snow covers the mess?*

*Please take time this week as you pray for yourself and others. Ask God what he wants to give. Bring those things we struggle with. Be brave, he's a good listener. My prayer for us all is that we will grow deeper with God, be honest where we're at, be brave and ask for help and be willing to use our gifts and abilities to further God's kingdom. Heavenly Father, will you break down the walls that block and bind us. In the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Coming up this week

| Date & Times                              | Activity                                                                          | Details                                                                                                                                                                     | Location      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Mon 20 Oct</b>                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| 10am-12noon<br>10am-12noon                | AGE UK's Strength & Balance<br>Coffee Room                                        | Classes full, contact Parish Office<br>Drop-in for coffee and cake                                                                                                          | Parish Centre |
| <b>Tues 21 Oct</b>                        |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| 9.45am-11.30am                            | Tots on Tuesday                                                                   | Julie 07835 014470                                                                                                                                                          | St Andrew's   |
| 10am-11.30am<br>6pm-7.15pm<br>7.30pm-9pm  | Little Wiggles Toddlers Group<br>Ignite KS2 Children's Group<br>Tread Youth Group | Suzi 07834 371509<br><a href="mailto:ignite@stpetersparish.info">ignite@stpetersparish.info</a><br><a href="mailto:tread@stpetersparish.info">tread@stpetersparish.info</a> | Parish Centre |
| <b>Weds 22 Oct</b>                        |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| 9am-1pm                                   | Hope at the Hub                                                                   | Drop-in community session, all welcome                                                                                                                                      | St Andrew's   |
| 10am-11.30am                              | Open Door Ladies Group                                                            | History of the Triangle Church. Val 07902 167971                                                                                                                            | Parish Centre |
| <b>Thu 23 Oct</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-3pm<br>8pm-9.30pm                     | Christian Meditation Group<br>Alpha Course and Life Group                         | <a href="mailto:j.wilde.1963@gmail.com">j.wilde.1963@gmail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:office@stpetersparish.info">office@stpetersparish.info</a>                            | Parish Centre |
| <b>Fri 24 Oct</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 |
| <b>Sat 25 Oct</b>                         |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| 9am-12pm                                  | INTERACT Performing Arts Group                                                    | Lucy/Emma 07896 724531                                                                                                                                                      | St Peter's    |

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