



PARISH OF ST PETER'S, HALLIWELL

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 8 June 2025

HEADLINES

- It's Pentecost – Come Holy Spirit!
- Staffing News Updates
- Spring Harvest 2026 Group Booking Deadline
- Prayer for the Week from Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School.

Read on to find out more...

SERVICES

Sunday 8 June
Pentecost Sunday

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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

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

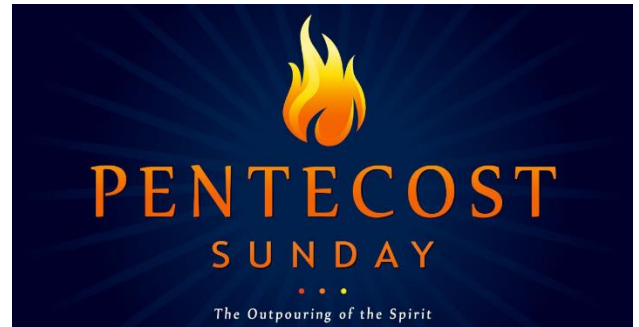
10.30am	Morning service with Communion
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*Livestreamed, search YouTube for 'stpetershalliwell'
We are an accessibility-friendly parish

Rev Alan writes...

It's Pentecost – Come Holy Spirit!

At all our services across the parish this Sunday we are remembering Pentecost. It's a special celebration because it marks the birthday of the church.



Have a read of Acts 2:1-41. You'll see how the disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit - promised to them by the resurrected Jesus before he ascended to heaven. When the Holy Spirit came, the disciples were given gifts to speak in tongues of the many languages of the visitors to Jerusalem, and they declared the mighty works of God. But the crowds were puzzled, until Peter spoke about what was happening and referenced back to the Old Testament prophet Joel. It must have been an amazing atmosphere as about 3,000 people responded to Peter's message and the church was born! It was the start of age of the Spirit of God. Reading on through Acts, we see many examples of the Holy Spirit bringing new life and gifts to all of Jesus' followers. And has been the case throughout the 2,000-year history of the church from that first Pentecost until now. God is eager to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. Indeed, Luke 11:13 shows us that even in our fallen sinful nature, God will send his Holy Spirit to guide and equip us as his disciples today: ***If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!***

I am eager to see the Holy Spirit breathing new life into God's church and equipping us with the power and the gifts to follow our call as ***Jesus' Family on Jesus' Mission***. At our 6.30pm parish-wide service this Sunday, I'll be leading a time of ministry and

inviting anyone to receive the Holy Spirit and Steve Walsh will be speaking from Acts 2.

Staffing News Updates – I've heard that the diocese has had an offer on a house suitable for an Associate Minister on Smithills Croft Road accepted, praise God! Please pray that the sale goes through successfully. This will be a big step forward in our recruitment. Interviews and selection for our Youth and Children's Ministry Lead role take place this Sunday and Monday. Pray for God to make clear who he is calling to this key role.

I spent a fantastic afternoon this week prayer walking around Bolton University and town centre with Josh Openshaw, who will



be joining us as a Pioneer Minister in September. Please continue to pray for Josh, Jess and children, especially that a suitable house can soon be found for them.

Bolton Iron Man

Fri 6 – Sun 8 June

Due to Iron Man taking place across Bolton this weekend, please be mindful that road closures may impact your journey to church on Sunday. Go to <https://bit.ly/43VDboO> for more details.

Spring Harvest 2026 Group Booking Deadline

A group of us are planning to attend Spring Harvest at Butlins in Minehead between Mon 6 (Easter Monday) and Fri 10 April next year. It's 5 days filled with worship and teaching for all ages as well as seminars and workshops on various Christian topics, along with everything that the Butlins site offers. With various accommodation options to choose from, we are hoping that we can place a group booking when lines open on 11 June. **For more info, please contact, by TODAY (Sun 8):**



Ruth Barklem- ruthbarklem@gmail.com or
Katie Leaver - katie.leaver@hotmail.co.uk



Bolton Christian Meditation Group

Thu 12 June, 2pm-3pm, Parish Centre

All welcome at this session, no need to book, just turn up. For info, contact j.wilde.1963@gmail.com.

Bolton Repair Café

Weds 18 June, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Andrews (Hope Centre)

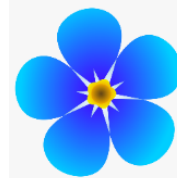


Bring your items in need of repair and stay for delicious coffee and cake.

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 /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



The Coffee Room

Mon (term-time), 10am-12noon, Parish Centre

Drop in for coffee and home-baked cakes and a lovely, warm welcome. Open to everyone so if you are free on Monday mornings, do come along - we look forward to seeing you there!

Little Wiggles

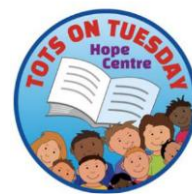
Tues (term-time), 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre



This group is for parents/carers with their pre-school children. We play, sing, chat and enjoy refreshments. All welcome to come so just turn up. Contact Suzi for more info on 07834 371509

Tots on Tuesdays

Tues (term-time), 9.45am-11.30am, St Andrew's (Hope Centre), Tattersall Avenue



All parents and toddlers welcome to come along to this group. Join us for play, songs, stories and snacks. Contact Julie for more info on 07835 014470.

Open Door

Weds (term-time), 10am-11.30am, Parish Centre

All ladies welcome to join us. An opportunity to meet people and bring friends and neighbours. We start at 10am with coffee and a chat followed by a guest speaker – we have a varied programme of talks during the year. Contact Val for more info on 07902 167971.

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!



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. Interested? E-mail lucyhargraves@manchester.anglican.org 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!

Our Mission Partners: Create Bolton



Great news! Café Create on Bark Street in Bolton town centre is now open every Wednesday! The Create Bolton team started off this journey over 12 years ago, opening for 2 hours on a Friday, then added Saturday, and three years ago added a Thursday and now they're open on Wednesdays too! For more info about everything that Create Bolton do, including their many art and craft workshops, please visit their new website www.createbolton.org.uk



Youth and Children's Ministry Lead

Sun 7 and Mon 8 June

Interviews and selection for this exciting new role take place over these two days. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the interview panel, that God would make it clear who to appoint. Thank you.

Our Mission Partners: Good News for Romania

Wed 4 – Fri 20 June



Please keep Dave and Kath Richardson in your prayers during their current visit to Barlad. Pray especially for good health and safety in all the travelling around they will be doing. Thanks for your support.

Prayer for the Week

Chris Winstanley, on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School, reminds us of the school's mission statement: Let Your Light Shine, based on Matthew 5 v16. **See her prayer on the back page.**



Let Your Light Shine

Prayers by Chris Winstanley on behalf of St Peter's Smithills Dean Primary School

Lord, we pray that all our children would shine in whatever they do. Help them to follow the example, values and teaching of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another as He has loved us and reminds us that He has come to bring us all life to the full! Father, grant that this would be true for everyone at St Peter's – children, staff, parents and governors. We pray that the school would be a happy place full of life and joy!

We pray particularly for our Year 6 pupils as they spend their last few weeks at St Peter's. As they go away on their residential trip, we pray for safety and that they would all enjoy the many activities available to them.

We continue to pray for pupils we know who are preparing for examinations in the next few weeks. We pray that they would be peaceful and diligent in their study, so that their results accurately reflect their capability.

We pray for relationships in our local schools between teachers and pupils, teachers and parents and between pupils themselves. We ask that they would be positive and provide mutual encouragement.

We ask all these prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

Coming up this week

Date & Times	Activity	Details	Location
Mon 9 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 10 Jun			
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 office@stpetersparish.info	Parish Centre
Weds 11 Jun			
9am-1pm	Hope at the Hub	Drop-in community session, all welcome	St Andrew's
10am-11.30am	Open Door Ladies Group	CAP Update – Sam Wolstencroft. Val 07902 167971	Parish Centre
Thu 12 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 13 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 14 Jun			
9am-12pm	INTERACT Performing Arts Group	Lucy/Emma 07896 724531	Parish Centre

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