



PARISH OF ST. PETER'S
HALLIWELL, BOLTON



St Peter's Church

Priorities for 2010

July 2010 Update



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WAY FORWARD – IN PRAYER

Where two or three come together in my name there am I with them. Matt 18 v 20

Action (What are we trying to achieve)	Process (How to achieve the action)	Outcome (How to measure achievement)	Deadline
<p>1. Increase fellowship support for corporate and group prayer.</p>	<p>Arrange Meeting to organise way forward.</p> <p>(a) - Unite prayer meetings to carry on, Brian & Joy to lead unite. Suggest - Prayer Warriors. (People committed to prayer).</p> <p>(b) Four weeks of prayer to be held annually</p> <p>Wk 1 - New Year. Wk 2 - Easter Meditations. Wk 3 - After Easter. Wk 4 - September.</p> <p>Suggest - This is before any activities for the new term begin. Each evening or day time prayer to be lead by different groups, i.e. youth & children's. Prayer meetings for town, country, world issues.</p>	<p>(a) Report on the support of unite prayer meetings</p> <p>(b) Report on the attendance and success of the prayer groups.</p> <p>Review support at groups over a one year period</p>	<p>June 2010</p> <p>Nov 2010</p>
<p>2. Increased time for the Leadership team to meet & pray together</p>	<p>Leadership team prayer times to take place during the weeks of prayer at the beginning of each term. Arrange dates for Leadership team times together.</p>	<p>Report on the meeting which have taken place.</p>	<p>September 2010</p>

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3. Define Times of fasting	Times of fasting to be include in the leadership team meetings agenda. This is something for the future. Teaching about fasting and fasting for specific things e.g. a CAP centre.	Dates arranged for times of fasting.	June 2010
4. Define Healing-services, ministry, anointing etc.	Meeting required between Paul & Roger to define Healing services, ministry, anointing etc.	Report from the meeting.	March 2010
5. Provide list of topics for day to day prayer.	(a) A prayer list is to be published once per term (b) Eventually a prayer list is to be published once a month similar to the one produced during the summer. The list would include praying for the church, Town, World, Sick, Tear fund, & CAP. Missionaries etc.	(a) View term prayer list provided. (b) View monthly prayer list provided.	September2010
6. Define School Prayer group	Meeting to be arranged with Joy K.	Report from the meeting.	January2010
7. Prayer for missionaries	Link missionaries and small groups together for prayer and letters etc.	Report if missionary links have been established with small groups.	March 2010
8. Prayer letters are to be produced	The various groups are to produce prayer letters similar to the one from Lighthouse. These to be given to the whole fellowship for information and prayer.	Report that prayer letters have been given whole fellowship.	March 2010
9. New prayer groups are required.	Ask in the church notices for names of people who would like to set up prayer times for various things e.g. the town, the country, world issues. People who are passionate about something, and would like to join?	View church notices & report on the names received.	March/April 2010
10. Increased publicity on Answers to prayer	Encourage more people to share with the fellowship answers to prayer, In groups. In church Answers to prayer etc.	Report on the sharing of answers to prayer	September 2010



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SMALL GROUPS

Action (What are we trying to achieve)	Process (How to achieve the action)	LT Lead	Outcome (How to measure achievement)	Update	Deadline
11. Raise awareness of small groups.	Embed small group promotion through teaching. Provide visible information about small groups. E.g. Hosts photos at back of St Peters + Parish Centre. Display at back of St Peters + Parish Centre. Create small group events to promote growth of small groups.	Craig	Increase in awareness of small groups: More regular references in teaching Display at back of St Peters + Parish Centre Survey to show increase in awareness of small groups		
12. Create expectation that belonging to St Peters means small group membership.	Establish this expectation through teaching, notices, display and feedback. Promotion of 'Hosts' rather than leaders of small groups who will recruit members and welcome/provide care for members	Craig	Increase in the number of people in small groups. Increase in the number of small groups.		
13. Embed the role of small groups in the vision to grow the community of believers.	Deliver the belonging course to all small groups and include the need for small groups to play a central role in delivering the vision. Make getting involved in small	Craig	Belonging course delivered to all small groups who wish to continue as St Peters small groups.		

	groups a key message of the belonging course once it is delivered to others outside small groups.				
14. Create a clear understanding of what is expected of a St Peters small group with clear identification of those groups that are part of the small group set up.	Through small group leaders meetings and the delivery of the belonging course, gain the commitment to the vision from as many small groups as possible.	Craig	A list of those existing groups that wish to be known as St Peters small groups. These groups and hosts to be promoted and supported by the leadership team.		
15. Develop a new concept for small groups that sees them as focused on relationships, targeted at believers and seekers together,	Develop the small group leaders meeting to become a supportive environment to help train hosts. Shift the emphasis from leaders to hosts. Provide biblical insight on contemporary issues so that discussion is around the issues, not a bible study	Craig	Groups made up of both believers and seekers. Believers as hosts, seeing their role as to build relationships and draw on biblical insights to inform discussions. Not all small groups doing the same thing when they meet.		
16. Explore the idea of clustering small groups to facilitate the development of new hosts, enable growth and provide support	Discuss this concept with signed up small group leaders to see if this will enable the expansion of the number of groups and the provision of new hosts.	Craig	Agreed method for developing new hosts and supporting existing hosts.		
17. Establish a clear connection between small group hosting and welcoming to services/pastoral care	Outline this role to current hosts and seek to encourage it at St Peters. Agree how this will work in partnership with the welcome team and new welcome pack.	Craig	Hosts regularly engaged in meeting and greeting their group members on a Sunday at the service(s) they attend.		



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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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NURTURE AND KEEPING PEOPLE

Action (What are we trying to achieve)	Process (How will we achieve the action)	Outcome (How to measure achievement)
Develop if view on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who is leaving the church? ● When are they leaving? ● Are there specific cohorts leaving? ● Why are they leaving? ● If people are moving on to another church is it a cause for concern? 	Set up a small group to look at these questions and to listen to peoples stories – for example through the work relating to the 11.15 service	Group set up and report progress to date to the leadership team on the picture developing – meeting *****
Consider what we need to do / issues we need work on to address these	Consider aspects of church which might help us to address this priority - where we are up to if we are already working on these as well as any potential new areas of work. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● relationships ● welcome ● communication ● involvement beyond Sunday 	Group reports to leadership team areas for focus to ensure we are nurturing and keeping people – meeting *****

<p>Develop key actions for the church – as this is an issue which will rely on ministries and individual members and will not be addressed by the leadership team alone</p>	<p>Share work of group and key actions with leadership team and ministry leaders</p>	<p>Report to leadership team and presentation to ministry leaders - leadership team meeting ***** and ministry leaders meeting *****</p>
<p>Ministries / leaders consider outcome of the work of the group and how they will contribute to this work</p>	<p>This will require various people to discuss the outcomes in their own groups. Groups will include various ministries, clergy, service leaders, preachers, welcome team, worship leaders, etc. Ministries and leaders accommodate findings in their practice / own development work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awareness of issues which contribute to people leaving the church is raised across the church and ● ministries and individuals develop as a church which is more inclusive, welcoming, and caring ● all members of our local community – church and living in the parish - develop a view that this is the case