

* PRAISE * WORSHIP *



As we go through Lent and follow Jesus's steps to the cross let us say the prayer below.

As we do, imagine holding a length of string with a knot at each end and pulling that piece of string tight.

The first knot represents Jesus and the last knot represents each of us, last and far from Jesus.

But God's love is like a circle with no end or beginning, so Jesus (as God on earth) moved to us in love.

Imagine linking up that string into a circle on a flat surface and the knots become one, reminding us of the last becoming also first because the first, Jesus, became last for us.

You are the Father who welcomes home the prodigal who has wandered far.
 You are the Father who prepares a meal when others would simply ignore.
 You are the Father whose love extends beyond our thoughts or minds.
 You are the Father who knows our hearts and yet loves us as we are.
 You are the Father whose word we trust, in whose presence we have no fear.
 You are the Father whose tender touch makes a wounded spirit whole.
 You are the Father whose only Son was born that he might die.
 You are the Father whose gracious love we celebrate this day.

Amen

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Please pray for Trevor Cole, Joyce Taylor, Lynn Walmsley, Edna Makin, Geoff Ball, Florence Smethurst, Mary Sutcliffe, Michael Greenhalgh, John Mather, Connie Wood, Joy Cox

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PARISH OF ST. PETER'S
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WELCOME to ST. PETER'S Worship We are 4 churches
St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship
One Parish—One Church—One Vision
"Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name"

Sunday 10th March 2019

Lent Sermon Series During our morning services during Lent we are looking at the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). To go alongside the series, a booklet entitled **40 Days of Reflection on the Beatitudes** is available in all our churches. This gives you material for personal reflection during Lent until Easter. We suggest a donation of £2 to cover costs. You can also receive the reflections on an app or by email; further details at www.churchofengland.org/lent. In the evening, we continue to look at the theme of God's love in the Minor Prophets; tonight we consider of message of Joel.

Baptism and Re-affirmation of Baptism Vow by Immersion. We will be holding this service on **March 24th at 6.30pm**. If you would like to be baptised or to re-affirm your baptism vows (on the basis that you have been baptised in the past), please speak to one of the clergy.



Connect Groups—Lent 2019

Thank you to everyone who came along to the launch night for our Connect Lent groups. There are still places available. The groups running this year include: The Enabling Church, Collective Art Project, From Now On (studies based on *The Greatest Showman*), Lego Lent Journey, Parent Talk (The Primary Years), Lent Book and Reflection Group, Audience with The King, Green Fingers, An Introduction to Contemplative Prayer in a Busy World. See the group details sheet (available from service leaders) or contact Oli Preston or Janette Daeth for more info.

There's still time to sign up !

Electoral Roll Revision This year we are preparing a completely new Electoral Roll; this takes place every 6 years. To be included on the new Roll everyone needs to complete an Electoral Form and a Consent Form with your contact details, which will enable us to communicate with you. If you regard the church you attend as your home church, we would encourage you to go on to the Roll.



Parish diary

St PETER'S Church
Sunday 10th March
9.30am All Age Service
11am Thanksgiving Service. Welcome to family and friends of Rex & Winnie.
6.30pm Evening Service with Youth Band
Sunday 17th March
9.30 Communion Service
11am Communion Service of Healing & Wholeness
6.30pm Evening Service

ST ANDREWS Hope Centre
Sunday 10th March
10.30 Morning Service
Tuesday 12th March
9.30am to 3.30pm R Place.
9.45-11.30 TOTS with HV **9.30-10.30**
Wednesday 13th March
4pm Messy Church
Thursday 14th March
1-4 pm Storehouse Pantry
Friday 15th March
6.30 pm Youth Group
Sunday 17th March
10.30 service followed by prayer time.

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION
Sunday 10th March
10.30am Communion Service
Monday 11th March
8pm Channel God at 2 Riversleigh Close
Sunday 17th March
10.30 am Morning Service

SMITHILLS
Sunday 10 March
10 am Family Service, School
Wednesday 13th, Prayer meeting –school
Sunday 17th March
10am Family Service.

PARISH CENTRE
Monday 11th March
10am Coffee Room & Knit in.
2pm Singing for the brain
Tuesday 12th March
10am Toddler Group
6.30pm ALM course
7.30pm Connect Lent Group.
7.30pm Art Group
8pm Stressbusters
Wednesday 13th March
10am Open Door—WHO AM I?
9.40am Creation Station
7.30pm Lent Connect Group
8pm CAP money course.
Thursday 14th March
10am Aerobics
12noon The Well
1pm-2.45pm Toddler Group
2pm Thursday Group
7.30pm Recovery Group
Friday 15th March.
9.45am Moo Music
10.30am Friday Connections
12.30pm Pilates
Saturday 16th March
12-2pm Home For Good.



Children & Young People
Tuesday 12th March
10am-11.30am Toddlers-SPPC
9:30am R Place Toddlers at St. Andrews
Thursday 14th March
1pm-2:30pm The Well Toddlers at Parish Centre
Friday 15th March
4pm-6pm BOOM Dance Group
6.30pm -8.30pm Youth Club at St. Andrews



Gift Aid Envelopes are at the back of St Peters Church for collection.

GNFR Good News for Romania quiz night Saturday April 6th. Dave Moffoot does a great quiz and it's a real fun evening. Tickets on sale from David or Kath, (841906 Or 07903546008) £6.50 including supper. **36 TICKETS LEFT!**

GNFR & Lindsay & Rachel's Newsletters are at the back of Churches.

Singing for the Brain— Monday 11th March 2-4pm at St. Peter's Parish Centre. This is a monthly group aimed at people who have or may have memory worries with their carers. Singing for the Brain is a service provided by Alzheimer's Society which uses singing to bring people together in a friendly and stimulating social environment. Do come along!

BIG VISION Buildings Update
 Thank you for the responses we have received to the Building Project at St Peter's. We will be holding another evening for you to ask questions and raise concerns on **Thursday 4th April at 7.30 pm** in Church. The BIG Vision FAQs are available as a paper copy from the Wardens or under the *resource* menu at <https://www.stpetersparish.info/thebigvision>

'Café on the Green'
 At St Peter's School, Limefield Rd, Fresh coffee/tea/hot choc—bacon/sausage baps and fresh cakes. Monies to children in Kenya for Cleft Palate. Café open 9am-2pm on Saturday 23rd March, 11th May, 13th July and 5th October. All Welcome!

CAP Prayers is at 11.30am the CAP office on Monday 11th March. **All welcome!**



PASSION FOR BOLTON 2030 VISION: THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE
 The Steering Team in partnership with Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, are hosting a **'Starting Well' conference** at the Lion of Vienna Suite at BWFC University of Bolton Stadium. on **Tuesday April 2nd 2019, 7-9.30pm** Everyone involved in, or are interested in running activities and services which support children and carers/parents are invited to attend.

Songs of praise to celebrate new Roman Catholic Parish:
 We have been sent an invitation on behalf of St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Parish to a Songs of Praise at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church **on March 20th, 7-8 pm.** This is to celebrate the formation of the new St. Cuthbert's Parish, on St Cuthbert's day, and will include music, singing, and readings appropriate to the occasion with refreshments afterwards. A good opportunity to join with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters to praise God together.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS AND COMMUNION on Sunday 17th March at 11am in Church.
Everyone welcome!

