



PRAYER

*** PRAISE * WORSHIP ***

Now this is how God demonstrated His love for us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. We see real love, not in the fact that we loved God, but that He first loved us & sent His Son to make personal atonement for our sin 1 John 4 vs 9 & 10 We praise & trust you Lord for this mind blowing truth. Thank you Lord for the inheritance we have of so many Carols that express the wonder of Christmas (Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him – a stable place sufficed!) We thank you Lord God for the special happiness we can experience at this time of year, for the fun, laughter and festive times. We ask that we will see ways to share these blessings and not be so dazzled by goodies that we forget You.

God has said, “Never will I leave you, Never will I forsake you”

Holy Spirit, we pray that You will make this promise real & alive in the hearts of the folk who are sad, lonely, ill, or in need, for those who are in desperate situations, in danger or fleeing for their lives.

Lord Jesus, we pray for those of our family who have gone where You have led them to other lands.

For Salim & Kay in Jerusalem & for Tim Ball in Central Asia in the midst of political uncertainty (very much like the first Christmas!).

For Daniel & Janet in Croatia where rising commercialism is beginning to swamp Christmas celebrations.

For Lindsay & Rachel in Thailand who will spend Christmas Day visiting several schools & the local prison with the message of Christmas. (They will be able to skype Chloe in Korea & Andrew in Denmark).

“And they shall call His name Immanuel – God with us”

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

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PARISH OF ST. PETER'S
HALLIWELL, BOLTON



Transforming Bolton together in Jesus' name

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 23rd & 30th December 2018

Our Christmas Offering at St Peters will be used to support the work of Bethlehem Bible College which seeks to strengthen the Christian Church and its community in Bethlehem and across the Holy Land.

Christmas Services across the Parish

Invitation Cards are available to invite family and friends to our Christmas Services:

Sunday December 23rd

St Peters: 9.30am Family Carols; **11am** Traditional Carol Service;

6.30pm 'Make Room' (A Christmas Service with a difference: music, movement, silence and space)

Barrow Bridge:

10.30am Family Carols

Smithills:

6.30pm Carol Service in Smithills Hall Chapel

St Andrew's: 3pm Community Carol Service

Christmas Eve at St Peter's

5pm Family Carol Service;

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

St Peter's:

9am Communion; **10.30am** Family Christmas Celebration

Smithills:

10am Family Service

Barrow Bridge & St Andrew's: 10.30am Joint Family Celebration at Barrow Bridge

Sunday December 30th

Joint Parish All Age Communion Service at 10.30am at St Peter's; no other services across the parish.



Text for 2019:

My dear children, let's not just talk about love;

let's practise real love. 1 John 3 v 18 (The Message)

Parish diary



St PETER'S Church

SUNDAY 23rd December:

9.30am All Age Carol Service

11am Carol Service

6.30pm Make Room: music, movement, silence, space.

Christmas Eve

5pm Carol Service

11.30pm. Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion.

10.30am All Age Christmas service

SUNDAY 30th December:

10.30am Family Communion Service.

Sunday 6th January 2019

9.30 & 11am Morning Services

6.30pm. Evening Service with Communion.

PARISH CENTRE

Dear diary



No activities over the Christmas period. We wish you a lovely Christmas and look forward to see you when activities start again week beginning Monday 7th January 2019.

Baptism and Re-affirmation of Baptism Vow by Immersion.

We will be holding this service in the New Year. 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.

Crux magazines are at the back of Church and there are spare copies for sale @ 25p



ST ANDREWS Hope Centre

Christmas Day

10.30am Joint Christmas Day Service at Barrow Bridge.

Sunday 30th December

10.30am Joint Communion Service at St Peter's Church.

Thursday 3rd January 2019.

1.30pm to 3.30pm Storehouse Pantry.

Sunday 6th January

10.30am Family Church Service followed by 'Soup & Roll'.

Children & Young People



TUCK SHOP RUN

Can anyone serve our youth ministry by going to the cash and carry once a term for our Tread youth and Johnson Fold youth clubs? It would mean driving to Bookers in Walkden, shopping for tuck shop items in bulk, then delivering to the parish Centre. Please contact Sarah Saxon if you can commit to serving in this way.

See you again week beginning January 7th 2019, Have a lovely Christmas!



SMITHILLS

Sunday 23 December

6.30 pm Carol Service in Chapel (followed by hot drinks & mincepies in School)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am Family Service in School

Sunday 30 December

10.30 am JOINT PARISH All Age Communion Service at St Peter's.

Sunday January 6th 2019

10am Family Service in school.

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am Carol Service

Christmas Day

10.30 am Joint Service with St Andrews at Barrow Bridge

Sunday 30th

10.30am whole parish service at St.Peters

Sunday January 6th 2019

10.30am Morning Service.

The Coffee Room

The coffee room will re-open after the Christmas break on Monday 7th January at 10am. The team look forward to seeing you then and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Office Changes:

The PCC have been working towards developing our office staffing to support both the Parish and The BIG Vision developments.

The role of Centre Manager has been expanded into the new role of Parish Business Manager (PBM).

The PBM will manage the Parish Centre, and St Peter's church, as we develop the wider use of the church building.

The PBM will also look to strengthen the support provided to the sister churches.

This will be a five day role, 9:30-15:00, and the PCC are pleased to announce that Amanda Blease will be taking on this role from 1st January 2019. Also, early in the new year the PCC intend to advertise a new part-time admin/finance role to support Amanda in this work.

The PCC greatly value the work of many volunteers in supporting the office functions over many years, and both the PCC and Amanda look forward to their continued support in this vital ministry.

St Peter's Parish Weekend Away: 6-8 September 2019 @ Quinta; Guest Speaker:

Ven Jean Burgess, Archdeacon of Bolton. Brochures with booking forms are available; please return to the box in Church.

We are holding a number of fund raising events to keep the costs down for the weekend. The first event we are holding is a **Progressive Meal on Saturday 19th January**. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you want to come.



Thank you to everyone who donated food for Christmas on Jesus. We pray for the deliverers of the hampers and Christmas Dinners on Jesus as they are taken out and pray the receivers will recognise God's love.



Alpha Course



A new course starts

on **Thursday January 24th**

7-9 pm. This small group runs for 7 weeks and includes a meal, an Alpha film, and a group discussion. If you have questions about God, Jesus and the meaning of life, why not come and join us. For further details, talk to Paul. All Welcome. Invitation cards are available.

Out and About Treasure Hunt Walk

Come on this easy, flat 5 mile walk **Saturday 5th January** in the Lytham St. Annes area. Walk is on pavements only. Uncover the clues and enjoy the bracing sea air. Then enjoy the local shops and cafes afterwards.



We meet at 9am PROMPT outside church.

Whether you have been a Christian for a long time or if Jesus isn't really someone you think about much, we would like to offer a few short reflections that will be sent to you one a day over the Christmas period. These reflections are a path for your journey closer to Jesus. You can sign up to get them free now by going to: ChurchOfEngland.org/FollowTheStar Just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey.