



PRAYER

*** PRAISE * WORSHIP ***

As we begin our journey through Advent to Christmas,

let us pray that we will begin to see Jesus more fully and that others might also.

His incarnation was the beginning of the redemption of the world and His return is the completion of it.

Advent pulls those two moments together.

It brings together the joy of His arrival as a helpless babe with the hope of His appearing as conquering King.

LORD JESUS, in these four busy weeks of Advent,

help us to spend time remembering how deep Your love is for us.

Beyond anything we deserve or could imagine.

A love that led You from Your birth in a stable in Bethlehem,

all the way to Your sacrifice and victory on the cross at Calvary.

Open our hearts to welcome You anew,

so that we have something to share with all in need, each day.

Grant us the joy of Your friendship and give us the strength and determination

to seek to show You to others, in our community and town, as Lord and Saviour, through our lives and witness.

AMEN

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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 2nd December 2018

Going Crackers for Christmas Dinner on Jesus Update

The deadline for receiving crackers and cranberry sauce has passed; but you can still donate items this week at the Parish

Centre or bring items next Sunday. However we will be taking our donations to Urban Outreach on Monday 10th December. Also if you know of anyone in need or who needs to be blessed this Christmas and would appreciate a hamper; please contact Vinny by this Thursday at the latest! We already have received a number of nominations for this year.

We still need 400 Savoury Crackers — 200g-300g (packets only) & 400 jars of Cranberry Sauce 200g, **Please can we have some volunteers to pack on 10th December to transport everything to Urban Outreach.**



Blue Christmas

Christmas can be a time of sadness, as well as celebration. If this is you, join us at **St Peter's Church on Wednesday 19th December, anytime between 1-7pm.**

Blue Christmas is an opportunity to prepare for Christmas, expressing our grief if we have lost a loved one and drawing strength from Jesus who is God with us.

Christmas Carol Services

Come along and bring family and friends to one of our special Carol Services:

Sunday 16th December

10am Smithills Live Farm Nativity (see details)

10.30am Nativity at Barrow Bridge

Sunday December 23rd

St Peters:

9.30am Family Carols

11am Traditional Carol Service

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

Smithills:

6.30pm Carol Service in Smithills Hall Chapel

St Andrew's:

3pm Community Carol Service



Parish diary

St PETER'S Church
SUNDAY 2nd December: World Focus
9.30am & 11.00am Morning service
6.30pm. Service with Holy Communion
SUNDAY 9th December
9.30am (church) & 11.15am (SPPC) All Age Services; **11am** Advent Praise
6.30pm Evening Service (Youth Band)

ST ANDREWS Hope Centre
SUNDAY 2nd December: Advent
10.30am Family Church
12.15pm Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday 4th December
9.30am to 3.30pm R Place
9.45am to 11.30am Mum's & Tots.
9.30am to 10.30am Health Visitors.
Wednesday 5th December
2.00pm Messy Church Leaders Planning Meeting
Thursday 6th December
1.30pm to 3.30pm Storehouse Pantry
Friday 7th December
6.30pm to 8.30pm Youth Club.
Sunday 9th December
10.30 Family Church

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION
Sunday 2nd December: Advent Sunday
10.30am Morning Service
Friday 7th December
7.45pm Time out at The Mission
Sunday 9th December
10.30am Communion Service

SMITHILLS
Sunday 2nd December: Advent Sunday
10.00am Family Communion/Time Out, School
Sunday 9th December
10.00 am Family Service
Date for your diary: Next prayer meeting is on Wednesday December 12th.

PARISH CENTRE *Dear diary*
MONDAY 3rd December
10am Coffee room & knit in 
TUESDAY 4th December
10am Toddler group
8pm Stressbusters
WEDNESDAY 5th December
9.40am Creation Station
10am Open Door. Carols for all, Men welcome too! Coffee 10-10.15am.
THURSDAY 6th December
Well 12noon Christmas Lunch;
1- 2.45pm Toddlers
2pm Thursday Group
7.30pm Tread Craft Night.
FRIDAY 7th December
9.45am MOO music
10.30am Friday Connections
12.30pm Pilates
4pm Boom
SATURDAY 8th December
3.5pm Boom

Children & Young People 

W/C 2nd December - Youth Corner
Monday 3rd
7:30pm Young Band Practice
Tuesday 4th Toddlers - **10.00 – 11.30am** – Parish Centre R Place Toddlers St. Andrews
Thursday 5th
 The Well Toddlers – **1 – 2:30pm** – Parish Centre
7.30-9pm TREAD YOUTH
Friday 6th – BOOM Dance.
 Different Groups between: **4 – 6.00pm**
 Johnson Fold Youth Group: **6:30 – 8:30pm**
Sunday 9th Youth Service—all ages. Chill out of year 9+ after service until 9.15pm We are now taking bookings for Soul Survivor 2019! This will be on August 3rd - 8th, and is a lively Christian youth festival for those in year 8+. Please contact Sarah Saxon for booking details, and/or more information if your child is interested in attending.


The Well Christmas Lunch is on Thursday, 6th December and tickets are available from Ruth, 492637. David Willescroft is our speaker and Denis and Team will be leading the Carols. The Well will close on 6th and reopen on 10th January, 2019. We wish all our guests, adults and children, a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.


ADVENT PRAISE: We invite you to come and join us for our Advent Praise Service on **Sunday December 9th at 11.00am** at St Peters Church. All welcome!

Indonesia update Give thanks that the red tape issues are finally resolved. This has caused delays in transporting and installing the new pump. Please pray all the next steps will go smoothly so there is time to trial it fully before Ben leaves. Also please pray for God's wisdom and grace in village relationships so that the experimental valve can be fully tested. (i.e. 2 different projects to manage)

New Ministry
 Last week, Vinny announced he will be leaving St Peters in a few months to begin his new post as Team Vicar of St Andrew's Over Hulton in the Deane Team and Priest in Charge of St Bede's, Bolton-le-Moors. Please do keep Vinny and the family in your prayers as they prepare to move on.

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 and return to box in Church.

David & Kath thank everyone who supported the Good News for Romania coffee morning, an amazing £1482.22 was raised to bring the love of Jesus to the extremely poor families they support. 

 We would really appreciate £5 or £10 vouchers for any supermarket to give to families at Christmas. Please pass to Sam by 9th December. Many thanks.
 It's not too late to become a Life Changer, a regular giver to CAP HQ. See Sam for a form. Thank you!

St Peter's School Admission Form signings are on **Dec 6 & 10, 4 – 6 pm at the Vicarage** (1 Sefton Rd). To book your slot, please contact the Parish Office.

The Live Nativity at Smithills Open Farm Sunday 16th December, 10am Back again this year, Smithills Fellowship are holding a Live Nativity at Smithills Open Farm. Journey with us as we follow the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus as we travel round the farm. Please do invite your family and friends to join us.

Smithills Christmas Market: On Redcar Rd, Saturday the 8th Dec. @2:30-5:00pm. Non for profit market, for Urban Outreach Family fun afternoon, with plenty of food drinks and treats. Crafts, Cakes, Community and Father Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALL: The last book-stall before Christmas will be in Church on 16th December.

Buildings Update November 2018 - The BIG Vision: on St Peter's building work available today in church or visit: www.stpetersparish.info/thebigvision

Condolences to the family of Connie Knowles. The funeral is in St Peters Church on Wednesday 5th December at 11am.