



*** PRAISE * WORSHIP ***

This Advent we thank you that we can tell others about your love, joy and peace.

We say a prayer of thanks today for those among us in our community, in our country, who are living in poverty.

Thank you for the courage of people with no money, for their resourcefulness and ingenuity, for the way they show that loving relationships do not depend on income, for their joy and laughter in difficult circumstances.

We say a prayer today for those among us who suffer from poverty; for the mother who must decide which bill to pay, the electricity or the heat, for the senior who moves to a room because they cannot afford an apartment, for the father who doesn't want to go anywhere near a foodbank but must stand in line there to feed his family, for the single person who has just been evicted and is in a shelter, for the child who listens quietly and sadly as their friends describe all the things they got for Christmas.

Show us, Lord, how to be people who bear good tidings. Help us to make the crooked way straight for people suffering in poverty, to set free those in captivity to want.

With our wallets and our voices and our votes, help us to be advocates, creating a society that takes care of its citizens.

Open our ears to the angel's song, peace and goodwill for all your children.

We pray for all the CAP Clients who will find Christmas very difficult because of their situation, especially those on our list but not to be seen until February.

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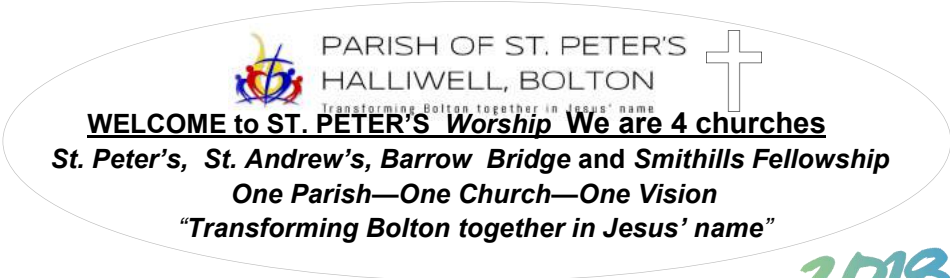
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Sunday 9th December

2018

Going Crackers for Christmas Dinner on Jesus Update



If you can help to transport the Savoury Crackers and Cranberry Sauce to Urban Outreach on 10th December, please tell Vinny, Diane O'Keeffe or Julie Walsh.

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 by expressing our grief if we have lost somebody close. Use the invitation cards to invite others along too.

Christmas Services across the Parish

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

Sunday December 16th Normal services except:

- 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)
- 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.



Parish diary

St PETER'S Church

SUNDAY 9th December:

9.30am (church), 11.15am (sppc) All Age

11am Advent Praise Service

6.30pm Evening Service (youth led service)

SUNDAY 16th December

9.30am Communion Service

11am Communion Service

6.30pm Evening Service.

ST ANDREWS Hope Centre

SUNDAY 9th December:

10.30am Family Church

Tuesday 11th December

9.30am to 3.30pm R Place

9.45am to 11.30am Mum's & Tots.

9.30am to 10.30am Health Visitors.

Wednesday 12th December

4.00pm—5.30pm. Messy Church Christingle Service.

Thursday 13th December

1.30pm to 3.30pm Storehouse Pantry

Friday 14th December

6.30pm to 8.30pm Youth Club.

Sunday 16th December

10.30 Family Communion Service

BARROW BRIDGE MISSION

Sunday 9th December:

10.30am Communion Service

Thursday 13th December

7.30pm Carols at The Finishers

Saturday 15th December

Family Christmas Party 6.30pm at 3 Riversleigh Close. Bring drink & nibbles

Sunday 16th December

10.30am Nativity Service

SMITHILLS

Sunday 9th December:

10.00am Family Service, School

Wednesday 12th December

8pm Prayer Meeting, School (all welcome)

Sunday 16th December:

10.00am Nativity at the Farm

PARISH CENTRE

MONDAY 10th December

10am Coffee room & knit in

7.15pm Boys Discipleship Group

TUESDAY 11th December

10am TODDLERS IN CHURCH

7.30pm Art Group

7.30pm Discipleship Group

8pm Stressbusters

WEDNESDAY 12th December

9.40am Creation Station

THURSDAY 13th December

1- 2.45pm The Well Toddlers Party

FRIDAY 14th December

9.45am MOO music

10.30am Friday Connections

12.30pm Pilates

4pm Boom

SATURDAY 15th December

3.5pm Boom

Sunday 16th

2.30pm Boom

Children & Young People

W/C 9th December - Youth Corner

Monday 10th

7:30pm Boys Discipleship Group

Tuesday 11th Toddlers - **10.00 – 11.30am** –

Parish Centre R Place Toddlers St. Andrews

Wednesday

Thursday 13th

The Well Toddlers – **1 – 2:30pm** –

Parish Centre

NO TREAD! Every other week, see you next

week! Discipleship Group

Friday 14th – BOOM Dance.

Different Groups between: **4 – 6.00pm**

Johnson Fold Youth Group:

6:30 – 8:30pm TRIP.

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 for

booking details, and/or more information if

your child is interested in attending.

Sharing God's Love:

We shall be sharing the Christmas message

at Glenhome on Monday 10th December

at 2.15pm and at Glenbank on

Wednesday 12th December at 2.15pm.

Please join with us in these celebrations.

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 Sep-

tember 2019 @ Quinta; Guest Speaker:

Ven Jean Burgess, Archdeacon of Bolton.

Brochures with booking forms are availa-

ble; 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 helped at the CAP Christmas event on Friday, everybody had a wonderful time and heard the gospel shared.

The monthly prayer meeting which should take place on Monday 10th is cancelled as there is a CAP conference

St Peter's School Admission Form signings is on **Dec 10th, 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.

You are warmly invited to the 'Friends of Smithills Hall Carol Service' 7pm this Wednesday 12th December in Smithills Chapel, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall. Vinny is speaking.

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 is available today in church or visit: www.stpetersparish.info/thebigvision We are holding a special **Church Meeting** on **January 17th @ 7.30pm** in St Peter's Church to discuss the plans in detail and offer a question and answer session.