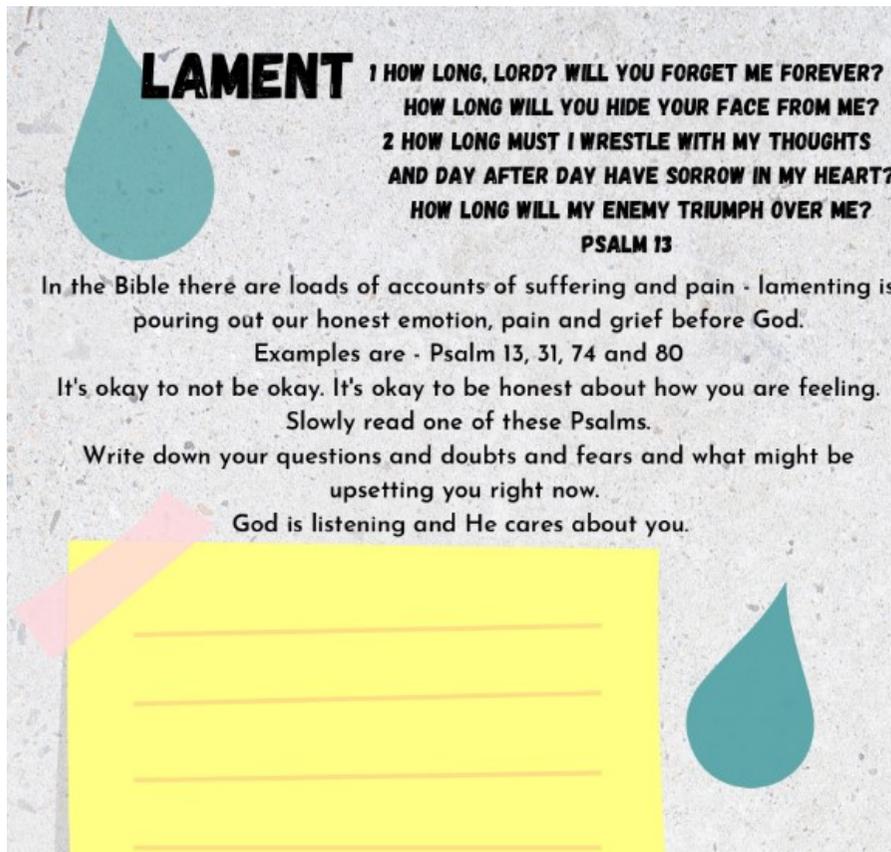


Prayer *By Sarah Saxon, Youth Minister*

Below is from the **Youth 24/7 Pray at Home** event held last year, in which prayer stations were detailed on a worksheet. This part was on lament - even though we thank God for the amazing resilience and courage our young people showed last year, we also acknowledge the difficulties and grief which is still carried into this new year.



LAMENT 1 HOW LONG, LORD? WILL YOU FORGET ME FOREVER?
HOW LONG WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME?
2 HOW LONG MUST I WRESTLE WITH MY THOUGHTS
AND DAY AFTER DAY HAVE SORROW IN MY HEART?
HOW LONG WILL MY ENEMY TRIUMPH OVER ME?
PSALM 13

In the Bible there are loads of accounts of suffering and pain - lamenting is pouring out our honest emotion, pain and grief before God.
Examples are - Psalm 13, 31, 74 and 80
It's okay to not be okay. It's okay to be honest about how you are feeling.
Slowly read one of these Psalms.
Write down your questions and doubts and fears and what might be upsetting you right now.
God is listening and He cares about you.

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Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:

St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship
One Parish—One Church—One Vision

Sunday 10th January 2021

Church Without Walls - Live streaming of services



You are warmly invited to join us for our service **LIVE at 10.30am** each Sunday on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Click on the 'Church Live' image at www.stpetersparish.info to go straight to this service. Today's YouTube link is: <https://youtu.be/LwwSpoftCtY>
Please subscribe to our YouTube channel - 'St. Peter's Halliwell'

Our 10.30am service today:

This service is being live-streamed from St. Peter's Church, featuring **LIVE worship from our band**. Today we are looking at **Revelation 1:9-18**, as we further explore our text for 2021. *All are welcome to attend this service but seats must be booked in advance at www.stpetersparish.info/book.*

***Please note that the 4pm service is being paused at present (see below)

Use of Zoom for on-line services: We have been experiencing quality and reliability issues using Zoom for our on-line services. **If you view our services on a larger screen (e.g. TV or PC monitor), we recommend that you use either the YouTube or Facebook platforms where the feed is of higher quality.**



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"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!"

Revelation 1:17-18 NIV



Greetings for 2021 from the Vicar, staff and PCC

4pm service in St. Peter's Church:

We have taken the decision to **pause this service until further notice**. This is to enable us to review resourcing for this service. We will discuss and review this decision at our next PCC meeting on January 18th. **The 10:30am service will continue as before, being live-streamed from church with both a worship band and congregation.**

Why not join our Alpha course starting soon? All are welcome.



The Alpha Course is a great way to find out more about the Christian faith and discuss any questions you might have. Each week we watch a video together then discuss it as a group.

We are starting a new group on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, running for 10 weeks, starting on **Thursday 21st January**. This course is being led by Steph Mawhinney and Simon and Jo Colvin.

If you want to understand what Christians believe or you're looking for a safe space to ask awkward questions, this could be for you, whether you've been coming to church for years or have never been.

Would you, or someone you know, like to join? Why not bring a friend?

Please call or e-mail the office to register your interest—office@stpetersparish.info or 0800 954 0781.

Repair and Build for the Future: We are currently working on replacing the decaying link corridors between St. Peter's Church and the Lounge.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our appeal so far—we have already raised about half the cost from donations and grants—but we have an immediate need to reach a further £120,000 by the end of January. We are currently inviting tenders for this project so that we are able to start this work once we have reached our target.

Can you help? What can you donate to help make our building fit for mission moving forward and for generations to come? For further details about this project and to find out how you can give, please go to www.stpetersparish.info/repairandbuild.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Day offering. The total received was £13,753 in donations and pledges of £20,000.



Rev. Craig and Elaine Watson: Next Sunday will be Craig's last service on



the staff at St Peter's. They have been around St. Peter's since 2004 and we will greatly miss them. Please pray for them as they prepare to go out to Kathmandu, to continue their work with the Kathmandu International Study Centre. *We are planning a farewell gift for them; further details about this will be available next Sunday.*

We are very sorry to inform you that **Arthur Jones** has passed away. Please keep Hilary and all the family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Mid-week coffee on Zoom: From next **Wednesday, 13th January**, there will be a



weekly Zoom drop-in from 11am to 12pm. If you're free, why not make yourself a brew and join us for a chat - come occasionally or every week, for a few minutes or the full hour. For the Zoom details, contact office@stpetersparish.info. If you'd like to join but aren't sure how to work Zoom, do call Steph on 07722 799872. See you there! *Everyone welcome.*



Youth Sessions will continue online during this time.

Tread starts again on **Tuesday 12th January at 7:30pm** - please contact Sarah (sarah@stpetersparish.info/ 07718 0330845) or Ben (benlatham27@gmail.com/07516 121788) for more details.

'Climb Any Mountain' challenge: For more details about how to get involved in this challenge **to raise funds for our CAP debt centre**, and also to donate on-line, see the CAP section on our homepage at www.stpetersparish.info or contact Sam on 07934 716509/ samwolstencroft@capuk.org. *Thank you.*



Currently, **Hilary Lee** is cycling to Everest on her bike to raise funds for CAP as part of our Climb any Mountain Challenge. Hilary is a **THIRD** of the way there! Please give her a wave if you see her, and consider sponsoring her by donating to the 'Climb Any Mountain Challenge'. You can sponsor her here: <http://www.stpetersparish.info/climb>



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

This Church of England initiative – available **24hrs a day** – was set up last year particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society. **Pass this number onto those who may not be aware of it.**