

## Prayer by Nigel Clarke on behalf of Smithills Fellowship

With the start of the new school year, let us remember and pray for pupils and parents. This is because pupils may feel anxious or afraid of the transition into their new school or new school year. In addition, there are also the continuing concerns regarding Covid.

Lord, we pray that you will help pupils, parents and teachers as they begin this new school year and allow every pupil to feel Your presence and blessings each and every day.

Father, we pray that pupils and parents will not fear because Your Word encourages us to be strong and courageous.

We pray that You will open the eyes of every pupil to receive new challenges, revelation and insight in Jesus' Name.

Allow every pupil and parent to support teachers as they educate children of all ages.

Give every pupil a spirit of enthusiasm, motivation and self-discipline. Give every parent a spirit of understanding so that they will effectively listen to the needs of their child.

Father, inspire every pupil to do the best they can this year and keep them and their teachers safe.

Amen

**Please pray for:** Dave Taylor, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Hardingham. E-mail [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info) if you want your name to appear on this list as consent must be given by the individual concerned.

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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 12th September 2021

**Church Without Walls - Livestreaming of services:** You are invited to join us

for our service at 10.30am each Sunday on Facebook and YouTube. Click on 'Church Live' at [www.stpetersparish.info](http://www.stpetersparish.info) to go straight to the service. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell>



**Parish-wide Services:** All welcome. No need to book, just turn up!

**Sunday 12th September:** Today is our vicar Paul's last Sunday in church.

**St. Peter's Church: 10.30am** - This is our livestreamed service, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/ZgxnEnZVFKI>. Today we look at Psalm 46: Confidence in God. Refreshments will follow this service, with a bring-and-share lunch at 12noon. Please bring what you can (savouries, cakes or soft drinks) so that we can enjoy lunch and fellowship together. **Everyone welcome.**

**6pm:** Today's reading is Revelation 3: 7-13 (Jesus addressing the Church in Philadelphia). This will be livestreamed as a one-off today, here is the link: [https://youtu.be/MC7UqA\\_Eqh4](https://youtu.be/MC7UqA_Eqh4). Coffee and cake will be available following the service (donations of cake will be gratefully received so please bring these with you if possible).

**Paul's sermon will be livestreamed today during the following services:**


**Smithills Fellowship: 10.30am, St. Andrew's: 10.30am, Barrow Bridge: 10.30am.**

**Goodbye from Paul:** Having announced my retirement before Easter, I can't believe that the time has now arrived. The last 17 years at St Peter's have also flown by, and both myself and Kathryn are so grateful for our time here. We have seen God do some amazing things among us and it's been a real privilege to have shared our lives with you. We will be moving from the vicarage to our own house in Bradshaw (when things there are ready), so we won't be going too far away. Do pray for us, as we settle into our new life and find a church which we can call home. I officially finish on September 18th, so I'm around for a few more days more!!



**The Coffee Room re-opens TOMORROW :** This church run cafe returns on **Monday (13th) from 10am— 12noon in the Parish Centre.** It is *open to everyone*, selling delicious home made cakes, tea and filter coffees. We look forward to seeing you there! Can you bake and are you happy to go on a rota to bake once/twice a term for the Coffee Room? Please contact Elaine Vincent—[elainevincent1@gmail.com](mailto:elainevincent1@gmail.com) / 07760 472366.



**FREE Strength and balance classes in the Parish Centre:** Starting on **Monday 20th September from 10.30am - 11.30am**, these classes are delivered by specialists in long term health conditions to enable people to continue progressing following physiotherapy. *You can also self-refer if you feel you need a little help to become healthier and more active.* The class will improve your strength, flexibility and posture, which in turn can help with your balance and co-ordination, reduce risks of falls and alleviate the symptoms of chronic conditions such as arthritis. All abilities welcome. Classes will be progressed on a weekly basis and exercises tailored to individual needs. *No need to book.* For details contact  [niallbradley@ageukbolton.org.uk](mailto:niallbradley@ageukbolton.org.uk) / 382411 or 07535641932.

**Open Door meetings:** These will resume in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 22nd September** with coffee being served from 10am to 10.20am. All are welcome. For more details, contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

**TOTS at St. Andrews:** This group will resume on **Tuesday 21st September at 9.45am** and plan to meet weekly during term-time. All welcome. For more details, contact Julie Walsh on 07835 014470

**Believe in Bolton 2021:** All are welcome at an evening of praise, worship and prayer for Bolton **THIS Friday (17th) at 7.30pm** at Bolton Parish Church.

**Youth sessions re-starting:** This week's sessions are as follows:  
**Monday 13th** 7- 9pm Bronze D of E training at the Parish Centre,  
**Tuesday 14th** 7.30 - 9pm Tread Youth at the Parish Centre (year 7+)  
**Wednesday 15th** 6.30 - 8:30pm Johnson Fold Youth at St. Andrews.  
For more details, contact [sarah@stpetersparish.info](mailto:sarah@stpetersparish.info) / 07718 330845



**Vacancy for caretaker/cleaner for St. Peter's Church and the Parish Centre:** Lewis is moving on after 6 years so **from 28th September** we require full-time temporary cover whilst this role is reviewed. A DBS check will be required. For further details, contact [amanda@stpetersparish.info](mailto:amanda@stpetersparish.info) / 599900. Please contact the office if you would like to contribute to a leaving collection for Lewis. Thanks.

**Meeting regarding 11am service changes:** At the recent focus meeting held to look at our Parish-wide ministry for faith in later life, it was agreed a follow up meeting to specifically discuss changes to the 11am service would be held. This will now take place **THIS Friday (17th) at 10.30a.m. in the Parish Centre.**

**Activities supporting faith in later life:** As we continue to plan what activities/sessions we can resource and practically start to deliver, across the Parish, to further missionally engage with older members in our church and community, a meeting is being held on **Thursday 23rd September at 10.30a.m. in the Parish Centre.** This is open to anyone who is interested in supporting and/or facilitating this *whatever your age*, so please come along and help us to move this forward.

**Twinklers in St. Peter's Church:** Twinklers will re-start on **Sunday 3rd October** in the church lounge for any pre-school child. A risk assessment will be undertaken each week to reassess the situation regarding the building work and plans may need to be changed to ensure the safety of everyone attending.

**LIGHTHOUSE at the Parish Centre:** We look forward to welcoming your children back to our LIGHthouse sessions on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, starting on **Sunday 3rd October.** If you would like to be part of the LIGHthouse team or for more details, please contact Ben Latham on 07512 753201 or email [lighthouse@stpetersparish.info](mailto:lighthouse@stpetersparish.info).

**Can you help on the coffee rota?** Immediately after our LIGHthouse sessions, we plan to serve refreshments in the Parish Centre but to do so we need help. Please contact [janette.daeth@gmail.com](mailto:janette.daeth@gmail.com) / 07982035706 if you are happy to go on the rota for this. Thank you.

**CAP Money Coaches:** As we run a debt centre, we can train new CAP Money Coaches for free. If you would like to learn how to run a CAP Money course, online training is available on 18th September, 16th October (9.15am - 12.45pm) or 6th November (1.30-5pm). Please contact Sam for details at [samwolstencroft@capuk.org](mailto:samwolstencroft@capuk.org). Thank you.



**Church High School supplementary form signings:** These will take place in St. Peter's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 19th October** from 7pm-9pm. Contact [office@stpetersparish.info](mailto:office@stpetersparish.info) / 599900 with the following information: your Y6 child's name, a parent's name and contact number, child's primary school and which church service you attend. You will then be allocated a time slot to attend.