

Prayer By Bernice Raw on behalf of St. Andrews Church (Hope Centre)

As we start this week, let us use this prayer from Manchester Diocese for the late H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh:

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
Through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The following are pointers for the whole parish for our own personal prayers :-

- The Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of a deeply loved member of their family ...
- For our own loss of family members and friends during the last 12+ months of Covid 19...
- For Paul and Kathryn Hardingham and Craig and Elaine Watson, as they move on to the next chapter in their lives...
- For safety and sensitivity as we ease out of lockdown and begin to see others (within limits) ...
- For the Leadership Teams for our 4 churches, as we consider how we re-open our churches and decide the way forward for all groups that use the various buildings...

As we finish with The Lords Prayer, let us concentrate on the words 'THY WILL BE DONE'

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come THY WILL BE DONE, on earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. **Amen**



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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 18th April 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/kY046U3T6FU>. Please subscribe to our channel - <https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell>

Our 10.30am service today: This service has a limited congregation and is being live-streamed from St. Peter's Church, with LIVE worship from our band.

Today is World Focus Sunday. We will be hearing from **Salim and Kay Munayer**, our Mission Partners in Israel. Salim works with *Musalaha*, an organisation that facilitates reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. Kay supports Palestinian families in need, through the work of the *Shepherd's Society*, as well as individually.

 **The service today includes a time for Communion.** You can join in at home, if you wish, by having some bread and red juice/wine available.

All are welcome to attend this service but seats must be booked in advance at www.stpetersparish.info/book. NB: Our 4pm service is paused at present.

'The New Vicar' survey—your opinion counts and is needed! As our vicar, Paul, is retiring on 18th September, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are currently compiling the Parish Profile. This document tells prospective applicants about us as a parish and what we are looking for in our new vicar. **An anonymous survey has been created to invite you to share your vision of what our church**

should look like going forward and what the essential attributes are for the new vicar. Simply go to www.stpetersparish.info/newvicar to complete the survey. This survey is open until **TOMORROW, Monday 19th April** so don't delay! Paper copies are also available in St. Peter's Church or can be requested from the Parish Office— call 0800 954 0781 or e-mail office@stpetersparish.info



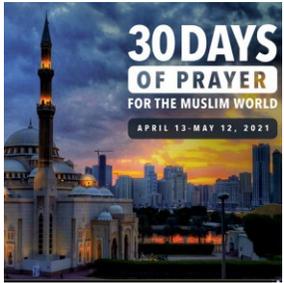
Raising Faith course starts TOMORROW: Would you like to spend some time



thinking through how we encourage our children to share our Christian faith? Research shows that the home is the greatest influence on children and Care for the Family have produced a great video-based course to help parents and carers talk about faith at home. You are invited to join a group on Zoom from **Monday 19th April, 8pm to 10pm for 6 weeks.** Please e-mail office@stpetersparish.info for details.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World: This annual

initiative started on 13th April and lasts until 12th May. The prayers are being uploaded daily to the homepage at www.stpetersparish.info where you can find more info. If you require a prayer booklet, these are available for collection from St. Peter's Church. If you would like one to be delivered to you, simply e-mail dowrm@aol.com or office@stpetersparish.info and leave your address.



Connect Groups Questionnaire: As part of her training, Steph Mawhinney

(Ordinand) is doing some research into small groups. If you are a member of St. Peter's please could you help by taking 5 minutes to complete a questionnaire at this link: <https://forms.gle/gH4MDMBUJKGCvyp38>. She needs responses from people who are, or have been, members of connect groups as well as those who have never been part of one. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Steph on 07722 799872 to request a paper copy. **The survey will be open until the end of April.** Your support is very much appreciated—thank you.

The Preachers' Notebook: To receive via e-mail every Wednesday a short reflection from a member of our preaching team, go to 'The Preachers Notebook' at www.stpetersparish.info and click on 'subscribe'.



Save the date—Believe in Bolton: Canon J John

will be heading up another exciting weekend of events taking place in September 2021. J John has an international reputation as an evangelist and has wide experience of leading missions to towns. Find out more about him and the Philo Trust at <https://canonjohn.com/>. Two evenings with Canon J John will be taking place at Victoria Hall in Bolton on **Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm.** The events will be free to attend—more info will be announced soon.



Repair and Build for the Future Fund: The latest update about our exciting project at St. Peter's Church has just been published. See our homepage at www.stpetersparish.info or go to the following link: <https://www.stpetersparish.info/documents/NewEntrancePublicity5.pdf>.



As with all building projects, there is a need for us to have a contingency fund, and there will be further on-costs to cover in church so, if you haven't given already and wish to do so, your donation will still be very gratefully received. To contribute, go to www.stpetersparish.info/donate. If you prefer, cheques made payable to 'St. Peter's Halliwell PCC' - with a separate note saying this is for the Repair and Build Fund - can be sent directly to St. Peter's Parish Centre, 347 Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5RR. Thank you

Midweek Coffee: All are invited to join a small group for chat over coffee, **11.15am to 12.15pm on Zoom every Wednesday** until 26th May. Join us every week or drop in when you are free. Contact Steph Mawhinney for details—stephmawhinney@gmail.com.



CAP Climb any Mountain challenge:

Sam Wolstencroft, Cath Hargraves, Philippa Perris and Fiona Saunders are undergoing a 'wild' challenge on **14th-15th May:** wild camping, wild swimming and climbing Scafell Pike! This is to raise funds for our CAP debt centre. Please find out more via the link below:



https://www.gofundme.com/f/girls-go-wild-for-cap-debt-centre?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5

Fundraising for Macmillan Nurses: Val Perris would like to say a big thank you to all who supported her with her knitting and selling of Easter chicks/bunnies. A total of £1165 was raised, of which the generous amount of £526 was donated from the Smithills Easter Event on Redcar Road. **Together with the donations she also received for the knitted baby hats she made earlier for Royal Bolton Hospital, the amazing total of £2620 has now been raised.** This has been sent to Macmillan to go towards the vital and invaluable work of their nurses. Thank you so much.