

## Prayer by Steve Walsh, St. Andrew's (Hope Centre)

*'When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons and daughters.'*

From Galatians 4

As we gather for worship today, Father, there is excitement in the air, a song on our lips and joy in our hearts. Help us to remember why we celebrate Christmas. May the Word made flesh be heard in our worship. May Christ be born again in this congregation and in the life of each person here. May the love of Christmas fill our church and the peace of Christmas fill our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray especially Lord for the bereaved and the lonely; we pray your joy and your peace will fill every heart that struggles particularly in this festive season. We remember too Lord Jesus those in difficult circumstances; those who suffer from illness or disease; those who are separated from loved ones; those whose finances struggle to make ends meet.

We pray too Lord for all those folks working in the healthcare sector, those involved with the vaccination programme, those involved with nursing the sick in hospital, those who work in care, either in nursing homes or by visiting individuals at home. Give them health and strength, encourage them as they work and give them peace and relaxation in their down-time.

We remember too Lord those in our families and communities for whom Christmas is just a time off work or school. May this year be the year when hearts and minds are opened to the wonder of all that Christmas leads too.

Accept all our prayers Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Please pray for:** Dave Taylor, Sandra Kennedy. *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**

## Sundays 26th December & 2nd January 2022



**Church Live! - 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 <https://www.stpetersparish.info> to go straight to the service. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/StPetersHalliwell>

**Parish-wide services today: Everybody welcome.**

**Sunday 26th December 2021—Boxing Day**

**St. Peter's Church: 10.30am** This is our **livestreamed service**, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/rItZsavOzOo>. **\*\*\*This is the only service taking place across our parish today.**

**Sunday 2nd January 2022**

**St. Peter's Church: 10.30am** This is our **livestreamed service**, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/NlvCVQyvKx0>. Today we welcome Rev. Craig Watson as our guest speaker. **\*\*\*Please note, there is no Lighthouse or Twinklers today.**

**Sister churches: 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out), 10.30am Barrow Bridge and 10.30am St. Andrew's (Communion).**



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**"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."**

**Isaiah 43:19**

Here is our text card for 2022 which will form the basis of our parish-wide sermon series during January. **The Interregnum team, staff and PCC pray that you have a blessed, happy and healthy New Year.**

### General activities this week at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Our activities are paused in the centre now until the New Year and most will resume the week commencing Monday 10th January. Watch this space for info.

### A message from Kristen Allen, Youth Minister:

' **THANK YOU!** It's been so great to be back together since September, we've loved hanging out with you all, and can't wait to see what God has in store for all of you in 2022.

**Tread** We will be back together on **Tuesday 11th January!**

**Johnson Fold** had a great Christmas party on the 15th December with 45 young people attending! JF Youth will be back open on **Wednesday 12th January!**

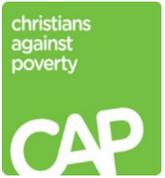
**Lighthouse** also had a fantastic Christmas party with 60 children attending! Lighthouse will be back together on **Sunday 16th January!**



We also want to say a huge thank you to our amazing Youth Teams and youth leaders across the parish, and to everyone who has volunteered to help serve our young people! We couldn't do it without you, this past 2 years has been a particularly difficult but you have risen to the challenge and young people's lives have been impacted as a result, so really a massive thank you to all of you!

**Christmas bookstall in St. Peter's Church:** Many thanks to everyone who has bought cards and gifts from the bookstall over the last couple of weeks. These items were from your local Christian giftshop - **Isaiah 53 (5 Crown Street, Bolton)** - who very much value your support. Thank you!

**A big thank you:** Sam, our CAP Centre Manager, says:



'Thank you to everyone across the parish for donating gift cards, toiletries and toys for CAP clients'. Here is Sam with the pile of presents wrapped and ready to go! Thank you for all your support throughout this last year.



**We are so grateful to everyone who contributes financially to the churches across our parish and our Big Vision, CAP, NIM and Youth Minister funds—THANK YOU!**

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office is now closed for the Christmas period and will re-open on **Tuesday 4th January 2021**. The staff and volunteer team wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to being of service to you in the New Year.

### Christmas Day Offering—it's not too late!

This year, our Christmas Day offering is going to support the brilliant work of **Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) in Nepal**. We are excited that our mission partners, **Craig and Elaine Watson**, who are currently based there, are now back in Bolton for a short time. *If you would still like to contribute to this offering, envelopes with cheques made payable to 'St. Peter's Halliwell' or cash can be posted through the letterbox at St. Peter's Parish Centre, 347 Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5RR. Alternatively, click on this link to go directly to the NIM giving page on our website: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12903#!/DonationDetails>.* Thanks for your support.



### Out and About Treasure Hunt:

Yes, at last, the Out and About walking group is restarting with a Treasure Hunt on **Saturday 8th January!** This will be a family and dog- friendly event based in the Chorley area. It is only 3.5 miles in length and mostly flat. See how good you are at solving the clues. There will even be a lovely coffee stop en-route. After the walk, why not have lunch and enjoy the pleasant shopping centre. To join us, please meet outside St. Peter's Church at 9.30am promptly. *Out and About will arrange walks on the first Saturday of most months in 2022.* Come, come, come! Contact Brian Johnson (01204 843746) or Dave Moffoot (01204 770994) for more info.



### Re-cycling ink cartridges for church funds:

A big thank you to everyone who has been dropping off their used ink cartridges in church and at the Parish Centre—**our last box has just raised £200 for church funds!** Please continue to support this very worthwhile initiative. Please pop empty ink cartridges from your desk top printers through the letterbox at the Parish Centre (in sealed bags or envelopes) or contact Amanda to arrange collection.



**Wearing of masks in our church buildings:** The wearing of face masks is **MANDATORY** in places of worship (unless you are exempt). Singing is still allowed and there are no legal requirements to wear face coverings whilst singing so this will remain a personal choice. *We thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.*

